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# Care and Support During Bereavement



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## the Wills and Estates service from Gordon Brown Associates

### access - coping with Bereavement

Bereavement is a sad and testing time. For those close to the deceased it is often stressful, and not one when those concerned are best able to cope.

At Gordon Brown Associates we understand the potential for distress. Our aim is to provide sympathetic guidance through the necessary legal technicalities and procedures.

### access - our help and support

We can offer help and advice as follows:

- an initial free telephone conversation to discuss what to do. You will have to make a start with the identification of the assets,

income and liabilities of the person who has died.

- if necessary, to obtain the appropriate legal document, known as a Grant, from the Probate Registry. The Grant is used to collect in the assets of the person who has died.
- acting on behalf of the relatives or friends of the person who has died, to administer the Estate:
  - identifying all the assets, liabilities and sources of income
  - informing the asset holders (e.g., banks and building societies) and income providers of the death, and obtaining valuations of the assets and debts as at the date of death
  - collecting and preparing the assets to pay off the debts
  - preparing Estate Accounts for approval and thereafter distributing the assets to those who are entitled to receive them

### access - our costs

A note of our fees and disbursements in connection with our Wills and Estates service is available on request.

### access - our Wills and Estates service

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