

“ in this world nothing is certain but death & taxes ”
(Benjamin Franklin)

do you want your family to face a 40% inheritance tax (IHT) bill?

here are the facts:-

- The Inheritance Tax (IHT) threshold is £325,000 per individual and there has been no increase in the threshold since April 2009.
- In April 2017 an additional allowance of £100,000 was introduced (the Residence Nil Rate Band) which will increase by £25,000 per tax year until it will stand at £175,000 in 2020/21.
- Inheritance tax receipts were around £4.85 billion in 2016/17. It is anticipated that additional revenue will be attributable to increasing house prices and new legislation.
- According to an accountancy website (unbiased.co.uk) £595 million could be saved each year by UK citizens through careful IHT planning.
- The number of deceased estates paying IHT is expected to double by 2020.

Strategic IHT planning is vital and ideally you should start at an early stage (assuming you can afford to do so). There are a number of steps, many quite simple, that an individual with an IHT problem can take.

At Latimer Hinks we have a specialist and dedicated team within the Private Client department who would be delighted to advise and help.

Details of the people heading up our dedicated Wealth Protection Team can be found overleaf.



The Wealth Protection Team

Anne Elliott

Andrew Way

Elizabeth Armstrong

Natalie Palmer

Welcome to the Latimer Hinks Private Client Department - the largest Department within Latimer Hinks and probably the largest Private Client Department in any firm operating between Newcastle and Leeds. Our team deals with wills, trusts, probate (including contentious probate) lasting powers of attorney (LPAs), Court of Protection and tax and succession planning, predominantly, but not exclusively, for high net worth Clients. There are four directors and ten assistants within the department.

- **Anne Elliott** - heads the Department and specialises in wills and succession planning (particularly for farmers and businessmen and very often through trusts), wills and trusts generally, and inheritance tax (IHT) planning
- **Andrew Way** - manages the Department and advises on wills, trusts, IHT tax planning and on all elderly issues.
- **Elizabeth Armstrong** - heads the Tax and Trust Section of the Department and advises Clients on all aspects of trusts, estate, wills, LPAs, on asset protection and tax planning generally.
- **Natalie Palmer** - heads our Court of Protection Department and specialises in wills and probate in long term care, elderly Client, Court of Protection work and asset protection.

For your peace of mind...

Most of the Latimer Hinks legal professionals are members of recognised specialist practice organisations, including:

Solicitors for the Elderly (SFE)

SFE are committed to providing and promoting robust, comprehensive and independent advice for older and vulnerable people, their families and their carers.

Society of Trust & Estate Practitioners (STEP)

STEP are the most experienced and senior practitioners in the field of trusts and estates.

as well as the above we also have a

Dementia Friends Champion (Natalie Palmer) - a volunteer who encourages others to make a positive difference to people living with dementia in their community.

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