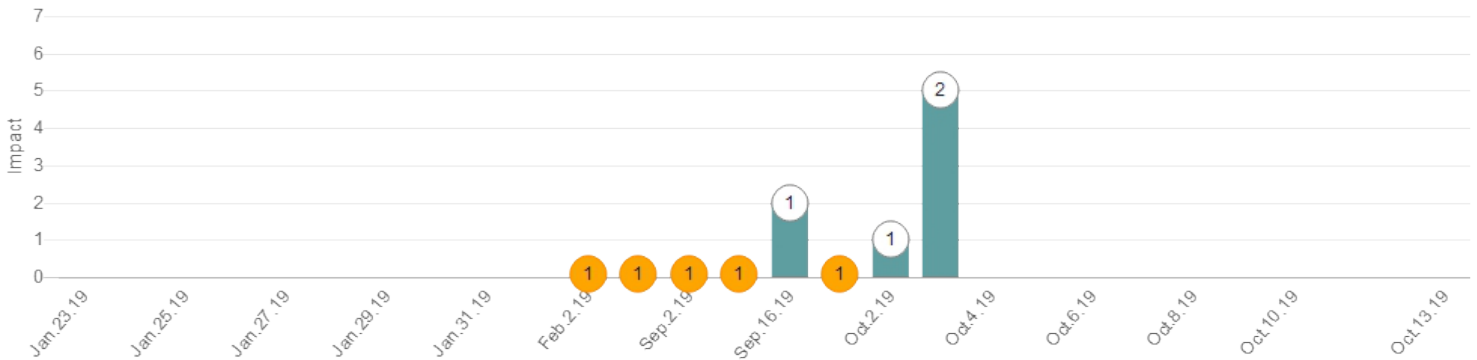


Court of Protection - An Other



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02/02/2019 09:00	203	Mother's power of attorney	0	

My brother is the attorney for our mother having signed the power of attorney about two years ago when our father died. Our parents had three children. My brother T is the eldest. He's an accountant and works for a big company in Surrey where he lives with his wife S and their two children who are teenagers and being privately educated. His wife doesn't work but is active in some charities. T earns a lot of money and lives in a very expensive house. They have a wealthy lifestyle. My sister came next and she's a teacher at a state school. She lives with her husband who's also a teacher at the same school and they have three children. They also live in Surrey. I'm the youngest and I'm a musician which takes me all over the world. I live alone in a small flat in London. My sister and I thought it was a sensible decision to choose T as the attorney and we had no qualms about it. T knows about finances, is organised and lives only 10 miles away from our mother. She was always clear that if possible she wanted to stay in the family home and was very opposed to the idea of a care home. Her greatest passion is music and she also loves the garden of the house which she'd designed and tended for years. Consequently it was decided that for as long as possible mother would stay put and T would arrange a live in carer who would also be supported by others as necessary. It was agreed that money would be spent on concerts and other trips to make mother's life as full and interesting as possible. As far as I was aware my father had left sufficient funds after his death for this plan to be possible for at least 4 years.

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Received a letter this morning with a copy of the Power of Attorney

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As far as I was aware everything was running smoothly. Mother was living in the family home and she really liked the carer. I visited at least once a month when I was in the country and she was being taken out and enjoying the concerts she'd gone to. The carer was saying all was going well and she was being supported by a couple of other carers so she had some respite. My sister visited frequently as she was nearby and when we spoke there were no concerns other than the fact that mother was deteriorating quite quickly. She has dementia and caring for her is becoming challenging. Today I heard from my sister that she'd read in the local paper that the company T works for is laying off staff. There was a hint the company might be in difficulties and facing closure. My sister said she'd phoned T who laughed it off and said there was nothing to worry about. He'd described the problems as short term. His wife however sounds more worried.

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13/09/2019 09:00	205	 Mother's power of attorney	0	

I rang my sister today to check on things. I'd tried to speak to T but he hadn't got back to me and I was worried he might be in difficulties. She said she didn't know anything. T was being evasive and she thought his wife was avoiding her. She's seen her in the High Street last week but S had raced off saying she was late for an appointment. I went online to find out if there was anything in the news about the company. There were reports of the possibility of it going into administration. I left another message for T saying I would be back next week and suggesting we met up.

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I managed to see T at his home. He refused to talk to me about anything important. I was so frustrated that I recorded part of our conversation


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17/09/2019 04:00	206	 Mother's power of attorney	0	

I rang my sister to tell her about yesterday. She said she'd seen T waiting at a bus stop a couple of weeks ago but had thought nothing of it. She'd gone to the house last night. Everything was fine and mother was looking forward to going to a concert.


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I received a call from my sister who'd gone to see mother this afternoon. She said she'd gone as the carer had called her to say mother was in a state and kept asking to see T. He'd gone to the house last week and spent ages in the office going through 'lots of paperwork' he kept there relating to mother's finances and father's estate accounts.

He'd been distracted by what he was doing and had ignored mother causing her distress. My sister had called T three times but he had switched off his mobile so she rang his work. She was shocked to hear T hadn't worked there since about March. She knew the receptionist who let slip there had been some kind of misconduct resulting in him being sacked. She didn't know what it was about but said it seemed to be unrelated to the company woes. My sister said that must have been why we hadn't seen his car as it was the company's. We discussed why we hadn't been told and wondered how they were all coping. My sister had seen the children recently and they were in their school uniforms so hadn't had to leave their school. It's all very worrying.

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03/10/2019 01:13	210	 Mother's power of attorney	2	

I went to visit mother and to see if I could find out what the carer knew. I didn't tell her about T's circumstances but just asked general questions. She hadn't taken mother out to a concert or other special trips for some time now. T said she wasn't benefitting from them and they were a waste of money. She'd disagreed but didn't push it thinking it was a family decision. She said she thought mother had worsened after that as she so enjoyed music and it made her calmer. She was making sure she had the radio on playing music a lot but it wasn't the same. She said her pay hadn't been on time for a while now and she always has to remind T. The amount she was getting for food and other shopping was half what it was making it difficult to get anything decent. She thought the money wasn't there to fund it and we would soon be making different less expensive arrangements for mother's care. Afterwards I met with my sister and updated her. We went round to T's house but no one was there.

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My sister and I went to visit mother. We'd both made attempts to speak to T by phone but his mobile was switched off continuously. I visited T's house again last night but there was no one there. We'd looked in again this morning on our way to mother's but the house was unoccupied. A neighbour appeared and said they'd gone off a couple of days ago with suitcases. Another of the carers was looking after mother today. We asked if T had visited and she said he'd not be visiting for a fortnight as the family had gone to Antigua. She looked surprised we didn't know. She said the holiday was arranged at short notice and T had needed a break as he worked so hard. My sister spent time with mother while I went to the office to see if I could find anything relating to mother's finances. The carer said T had taken a lot of papers away last time he visited saying he would be doing the accounts when he got back. The desk was clear except for some recent post which I opened. There were some bills and final demands. The council tax (£2545) and electricity (£365) and gas (£765) hadn't been paid. There was a bank statement showing a number of large withdrawals (image attached) amounting to £48500 over 4 months. These withdrawals had gone to T's personal bank account.