

Being Covid-19 Secure

Protecting our clients and our staff

Conducting valuations for Probate

At Byrne's we are committed to continue providing Probate valuation services for solicitors and executors. To comply with the guidelines surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic we have had to make some changes to how we do this in order to minimise contact and make the spread of the virus less likely. Our new procedure is explained below:

- The valuer will either need access by key to an empty property

Or if this is not possible then

- One person can attend at the property, but must not be in the same room as the valuer during the visit and the following will apply:
 - All internal doors will be open so that the valuer can freely move through the property.
 - Windows and external doors should be open, weather permitting, to allow increased ventilation.
 - The valuer will wear a face covering and gloves.
 - Any small items of high value, for instance silver and jewellery should be laid out ready for the valuer to look at.
 - It will also be useful for cupboards, cabinets, chests, wardrobes, drawers etc which contain general contents to be open so that their contents can be more easily valued.
 - Garden sheds, garages, summerhouses or other outbuildings should also be open and the same applies to cellars and attics.
 - Any vehicles to be valued should have keys present.
- The Probate valuation will be done in the usual way using audio dictation and will be sent to the client by e-mail. Up to two bound copies can be sent by post upon request.
- Unless otherwise notified the complete contents will be valued. Any items not to be included should be clearly communicated prior to the visit.
- Information such as commission rates, clearance charges and other useful information will also be sent at this time in the event that these services are needed once Probate is granted.

If, prior to the visit taking place, the client or any member of their household, shows any symptoms of Covid-19 then they must inform Byrne's and the visit will be postponed. This applies to the valuer too.