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Striving for the 3 E's when
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Anglia Research offers a no-hassle, no cost next-of-kin finding service on global scale

Founded in 1979, we are a well-established, probate genealogy company, supporting the needs of Local Authorities, care homes, Coroners, the NHS, housing associations, and other public sector bodies

Family-owned business

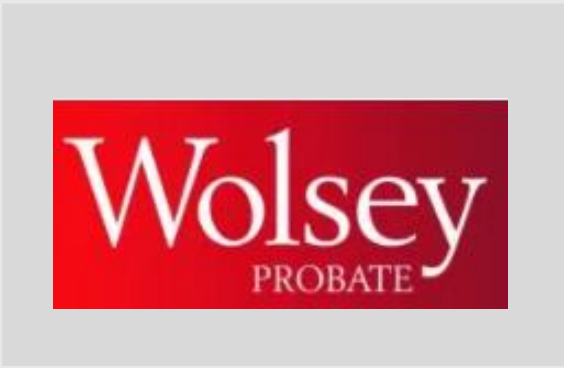
High levels of staff expertise & experience

Local and Global network for wide reach

In-house administration company



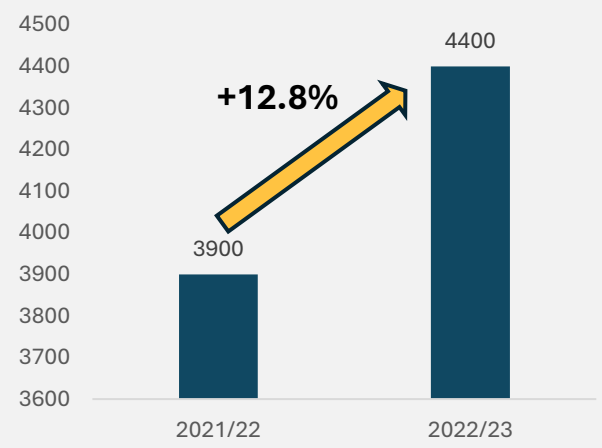
Accredited Genealogists
More accredited genealogists* and independently regulated staff than any other UK probate research company.



There was a significant increase in public health funerals between 2021/22 and 2022/23

Public health funerals rose by 12.8%, to an average of 15 p/a

No. of public Health funerals between 21/22 and 22/23*



£6m spent on public health funerals in 2022/23

Total amount spent in 2022/23

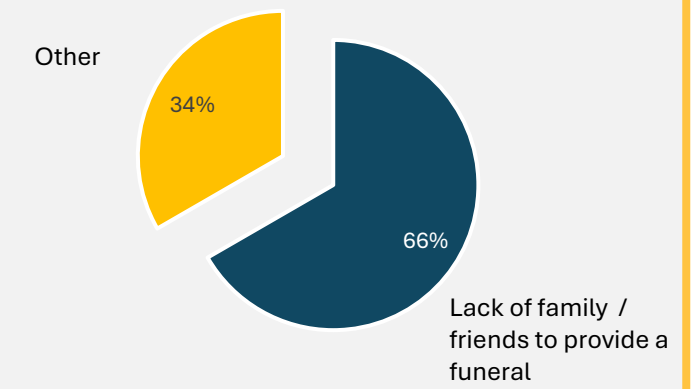
£6m

£20k average spend per council

50% reclaimed

2/3 of public health funerals due to lack of family/friends

Reason for public health funerals



* Local Government Association (LGA) survey of district and single tier councils March 2024. Sample size of 109 (37% of councils)

Whilst there is good knowledge of s.46 (Public Health Act) there are opportunities to improve efficiencies

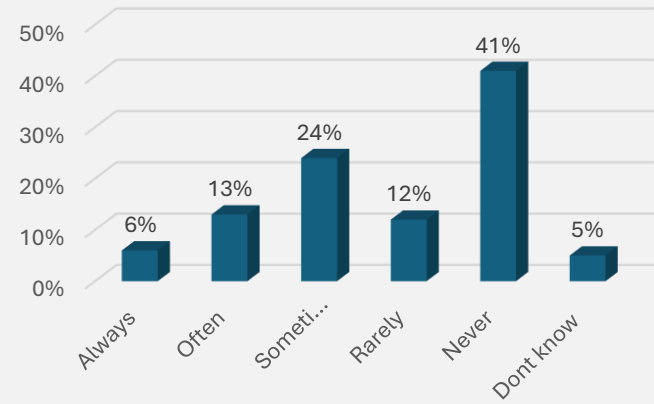
Over 4/5 of staff familiar with Government good practice to a great/moderate extent

84%

Flexible guidance which includes that wherever possible, steps should be taken to locate the next of kin

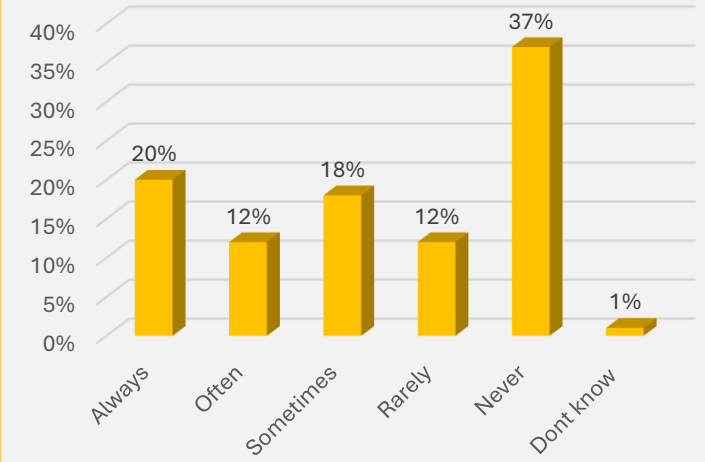
Over 50% of authorities rarely/never appeal for NOK on their website

% of Authorities that advertise missing NOK on their website



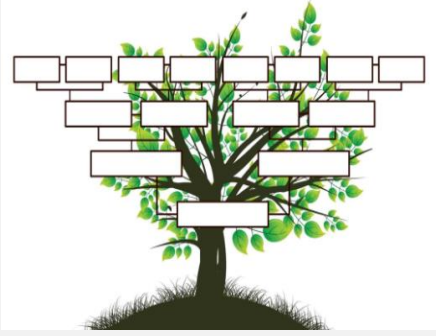
Only 32% of authorities regularly use genealogical research companies

% of authorities that use geneologists



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Local Authorities work in a variety of ways when there is no known next of kin - and for a variety of reasons



direct referral / rota / contract



Government
Legal Department

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Policy of specific authority

Dept. dealing with matter

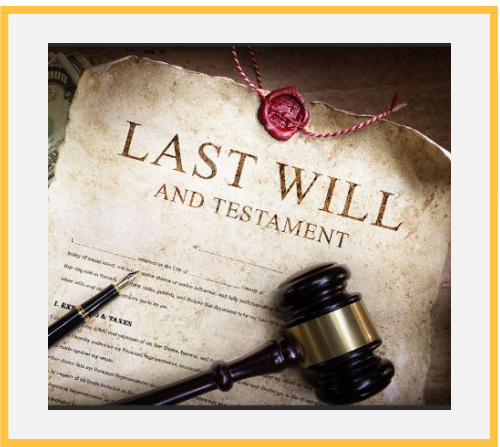
Historical ways of working

Existing relationships

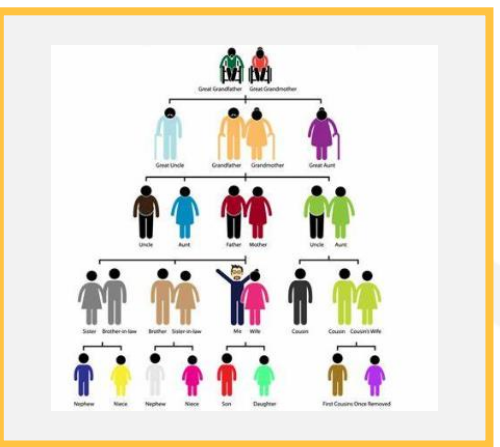
Personal preference

Understanding of process

The GLD will only deal with certain estates in England & Wales



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“if there are known or likely to be entitled relatives who survived the deceased, even if these have subsequently died, cannot be traced or do not wish to deal with the estate”

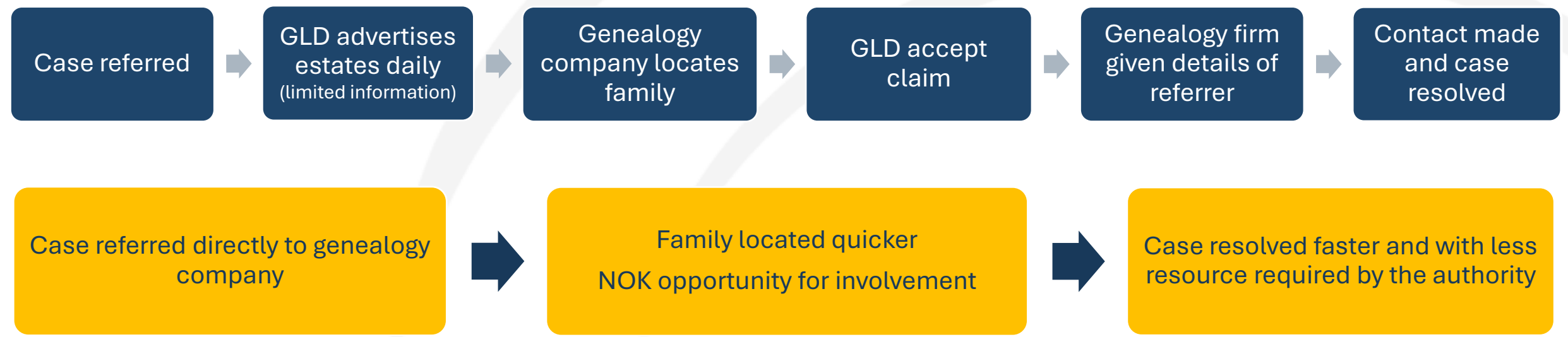
NOK is located in 95% of cases - although the process can be lengthy and take unnecessary time and resource

Government
Legal Department

CASE REFERRAL FORM

Before we can accept your referral, you must answer the following statements:

- | | |
|---|----------|
| 1. I confirm that the deceased did not leave a valid Will | YES / NO |
| 2. I have checked https://www.gov.uk/search-will-probate - no grant has been issued for this estate | YES / NO |
| 3. I confirm that the deceased lived in England or Wales (not including the Duchies of Cornwall or Lancaster) | YES / NO |
| 4. I confirm that I know of no known or likely to be entitled relatives who survived the deceased (even if these have subsequently died, cannot be traced or do not wish to deal with the estate) | YES / NO |



Using a genealogy company is more efficient and often allows for families to have greater involvement

- ✓ Efficient resolution with rapid results and saving time & resource
- ✓ Comprehensive search utilising advanced databases, worldwide records & specialised knowledge
- ✓ Detailed family tree
- ✓ Rightful heirs able to claim their inheritance
- ✓ Funeral funds recouped more quickly
- ✓ Thorough understanding of challenges faced, legal requirements for risk mitigation & reduced risk of errors and overlooked heirs
- ✓ Cost-effective solution for all involved inc. escalating costs associated with prolonged searches & potential legal issues

There are other benefits to having a direct relationship



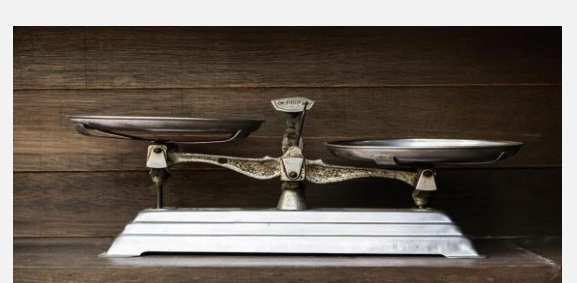
Humane perspective



Challenges with property & re-use of housing



50% of councils find ascertaining funds challenging



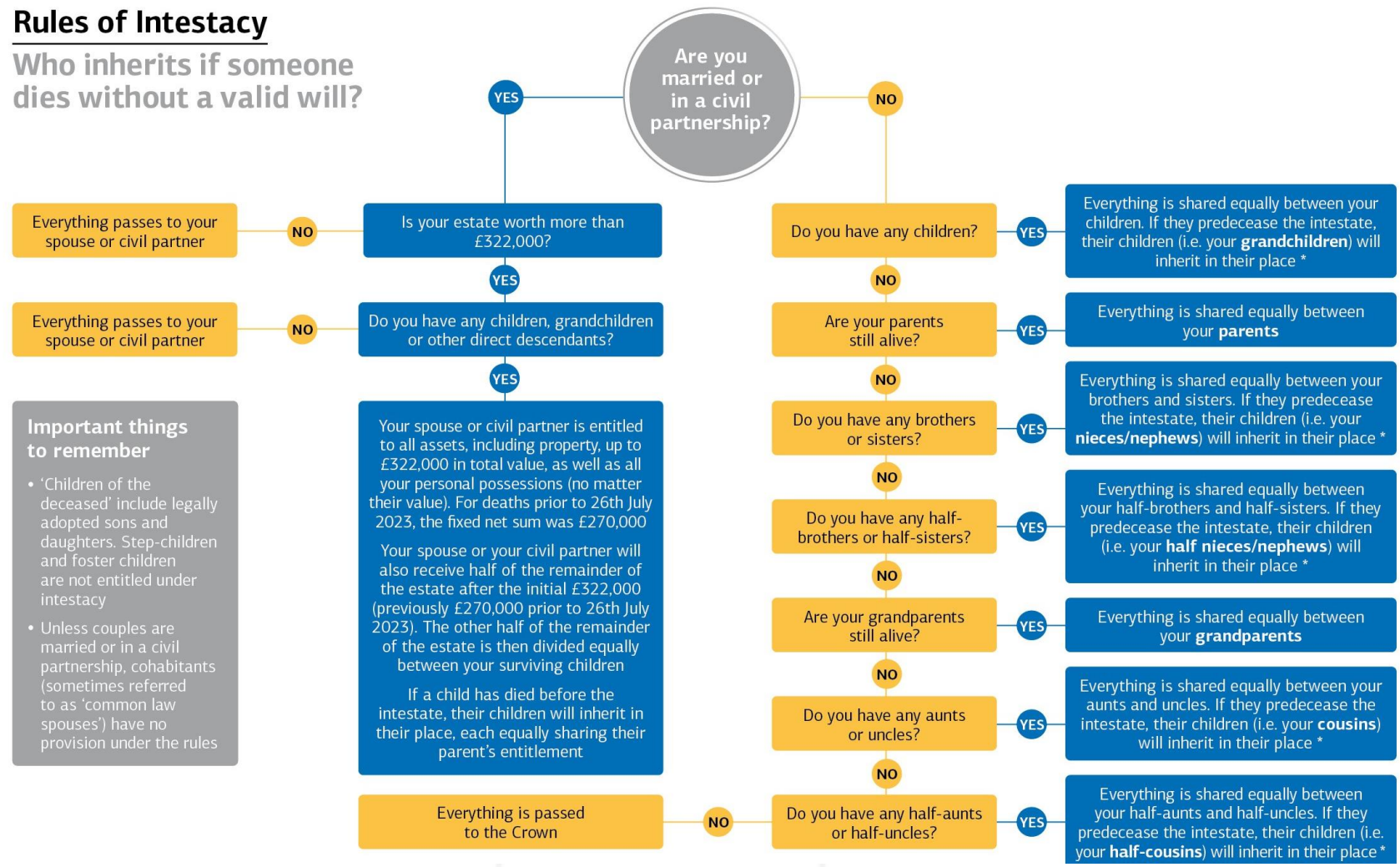
Support with insolvent estates & creditor grants

- ✓ Agreed & consistent way of working
- ✓ Solid relationships built on transparency & mutual trust

Even when NOK are believed to be known, caution is required

Rules of Intestacy

Who inherits if someone dies without a valid will?



Important things to remember

- 'Children of the deceased' include legally adopted sons and daughters. Step-children and foster children are not entitled under intestacy
- Unless couples are married or in a civil partnership, cohabitants (sometimes referred to as 'common law spouses') have no provision under the rules

Mrs 'A's' 'daughter' recorded as present at death on the death certificate, found not to be biological next-of-kin but step-daughter

Mr 'B's' aunt was actually his mother, having given him to her married sister to raise when he was born out of wedlock

Unofficial 'adoption' of Ms C's child resulted in her being sole beneficiary of her estate

Real life death examples

2020
Public health funeral

2022
Relative of his late wife
visited home

2024
NOK located & estate
being administered

2021
Public health funeral

2024
Residents Association
debt recovery

2024
Nieces / nephews
located & estate being
administered

2021
Public health funeral

2024
Sister located although
post-deceased

2024
Estate being
administered to sister's
widower

Died May 2023

2024
Relatives contacted
September and were
very sad to have not
attended the funeral

Deceased cremated and
scattered in an
unmarked garden of
remembrance.

Her son and daughter
were upset when
contacted, particularly
given there's a family
plot in a cemetery that
she was destined for

Moments of privilege

Unforgotten Pilot of the Caribbean



To be unveiled...



Anglia Research's public sector services are fast, free and failsafe

-  **LOCATING NEXT OF KIN & MISSING BENEFICIARIES**
-  **PUBLIC HEALTH FUNERAL ASSISTANCE**
-  **FAMILY TREE VERIFICATION**
-  **SUPPORT OF DEPUTIES & APPOINTEES**
-  **ASSET SEARCHES**
-  **TRACING PROPERTY OWNERS**
-  **EMPTY HOMES SERVICES**
-  **WILL SEARCHES & INSURANCE**
-  **COMPLETE ESTATE ADMINISTRATION**

We protect your reputation as carefully as we protect our own:

- ✓ Act with transparency & integrity
- ✓ Strive for excellence and efficiency
- ✓ Empathetic approach



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