

## **How Long Does it Take to Complete the Estate Administration?**

The timescale for completing administration of an estate varies depending on the size of the estate. Smaller estates may be finalised within 6 – 9 months of the date of death where, for example, there is no property to be sold or no other complicating factors.

Larger, more complex estates may take twelve months or longer to settle although we endeavour to do so within twelve months to minimise the risk of the estate incurring additional costs such as payment of interest on sums of money paid to beneficiaries of the estate which is payable after twelve months but this is not always possible

An estimate of time for completion will be provided at the outset of the estate administration and we will keep you fully updated as to any changes. The expected timescale can be influenced by the third parties such as the Probate Registry (where there are, currently, significant delays) and, where Inheritance Tax must be dealt with by HMRC.

Of course, adjustments to timescale do not always mean delay – there are often instances where the estate administration may be completed earlier than anticipated.