Estate of Mrs Smith, deceased

Mrs Smith lived in a small bungalow which she owned jointly with her husband. All their assets were jointly owned with the exception of her ISA account of £60,000, her jewellery which she leaves to her favourite nieces and her car. Mrs Smith's total estate is £250,000. Mr Smith is the sole executor and Mrs Smith has left everything else to him. Mr Smith is distraught and wants to pass on the practical aspects to us. There will be no Inheritance Tax. All we are required to do for Mr Smith is apply for a Grant of Probate , deal with the title to the jointly owned property, ensure all other assets are also updated into Mr Smith's sole name, collect in Mrs Smith's ISA account and ensure the nieces receive the jewellery. We would review Mr Smith's own estate with him and advise him of options he could take. For an estate of this nature, we would charge on a time only basis. Our estimate for time charges would be between 8 and 10 hours.

Applying current fee earner rates this will be equivalent to approximately £2,115 plus VAT or 1.015% of the value of the estate. Each estate administration will also attract third party expenses ('disbursements'). A selection of typical disbursements are shown below but we would provide you with the expected disbursements for your particular matter in our quotation or letter of confirmation of instructions.

<u>Disbursement Cost (as at July 2026)</u>

- Land Registry Title (electronic downloads) £7 each (VAT not applicable to this fee)
- Chartered Surveyor property reports (variable) £300 - £600 plus VAT
- Probate Registry Application Fees £526 (VAT not applicable to this fee)
- Sealed copies of the Grant of Representation £2 (each) (VAT not applicable to this fee)
- Executors' Legal Notices (variable) approximately £300 plus VAT
- Beneficiary bankruptcy checks £6 (each name checked) (VAT not applicable to this fee)