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Our Services & Fees

Background – The Purpose of this Document

It's great that you are considering taking advantage of our services. Before we complete any work for you there are some things that we want to tell you about our services and how we will charge for them. You can use this document to decide whether our services are right for you.

Please do take the time to read it - it only takes a few minutes, and it contains important information about our services. Please tell us if you need any extra help or support when using our services.

Are our services regulated?

Yes – most of what we do is regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. You can see full details of how we're regulated and what permissions we hold in Section 1.

Our services relating to protection and general insurance are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. You can also find more details about the compensation scheme in Section 1.

What kind of service do we offer?

We offer advice on life and health insurance products and buildings and contents insurance.

For most life and health insurances, we make recommendations from a range of insurers, which is based on a fair analysis of the whole market. For Buildings and Contents insurance, and for more specialist insurance products, we offer advice from a smaller number of insurers or from a single provider.

You can see details of our range of products, which providers we use and further details about our services in Section 2.

There are sometimes limitations to our advice. For example, we don't give tax advice. Section 2 also gives more information about this.

What do we charge for our services?

For insurance products we will receive commission from the product provider. We won't charge separate fees for these services. You can see more details about our charges in Section 3.

What if you have a complaint?

We hope that you'll love the services we provide. But if something does go wrong, then we'll work hard to put things right. You also have access to our complaints procedures. If you are still not happy when we respond, then you may be able to refer your case to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS). You can see more information about our complaints procedures and the types of cases that FOS can consider in Section 4.

How will we handle with your personal data?

We'll keep your personal information private and confidential, even when you are no longer a client.

As part of our service, we may make electronic checks with third parties such as Credit Reference Agencies to verify your identity and also for fraud prevention purposes.

You can see full information of how we will handle your data in our separate Privacy Statement. We can provide you with a copy of this or it can be accessed via our website. You can see more information about data privacy and electronic checks in Section 5.

Section 6 contains information about how we manage conflicts of interest and our procedures relating to client money.

1. Regulatory Status & Protections

Our Regulatory Status

We are an Appointed Representative of the PRIMIS Mortgage Network, a trading name of Personal Touch Financial Services Ltd, which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). The FCA is the regulatory body in the United Kingdom responsible for overseeing the financial services industry.

Primis is included on the Financial Services Register under registration number 187834. You can check this via the FCA website <https://www.fca.org.uk/consumers> or by calling them on 0800 111 6768.

PRIMIS Mortgage Network authorise us to advise and make arrangements in relation to:

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- Life and Health Insurance
- General Insurance
- Personal Accident

The Financial Services Compensation Scheme

We are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). You may be entitled to compensation from the scheme if we cannot meet our obligations. This depends on the type of business and the circumstances of the claim.

Further information about this scheme is available from the FSCS website www.fscs.org.uk or by writing to:

Financial Services Compensation Scheme
PO Box 300
Mitcheldean
GL17 1DY

Telephone: 0800 678 1100 or 0207 741 4100

2. Our Services

What type of service do we offer?

We provide an **advised** service. This means that we will assess your needs and make a personal recommendation for each of the insurance areas in which you have asked us to provide a service.

We act for you and not the insurer in connection with the services we provide.

Our advice is based on your circumstances at the time the advice is given.

Our recommendations are based on our understanding of current legislation, which is subject to change.

Whose products do we offer?

Insurance

We offer products from a range of insurers for: *term assurance, family income benefit, non-investment whole of life assurance, critical illness insurance and income protection insurance*. The range of insurers is based on a fair analysis of the relevant market.

We offer buildings and contents insurance products from Paymentsshield, Uinsure, 3XD, Assurant, First2Protect and LV.

We offer products for Personal Accident Insurance from MetLife.

Are there any limitations to the advice we are providing?

Our advice is limited to providing advice on appropriate protection and/ or insurance solutions from our range of providers.

We do not provide tax advice. If you are in any doubt, you should seek appropriate advice on any tax implication of the transactions that you enter.

When recommending life insurance we might sometimes suggest you consider placing a policy into trust. Where we do so, we are providing general guidance of the benefits of trusts and/or information on routes for placing your policies into them. We are not providing a specific recommendation about whether any individual trust is right for you. You should take specialist trust advice if you are in any doubt.

Your duty to provide full and accurate information

It is your responsibility to provide full and accurate information to us and to any product provider or lender that we might recommend.

Failure to disclose material information could invalidate any recommended insurance.

We rely on the information you have disclosed to us. We cannot be held responsible for any consequences arising from the information held on your file becoming inaccurate as a result of changes that you have not told us about.

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| 3. Our Fees and Charges |
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What are our Fees and Charges?

Insurance

We will not charge you a fee for our services relating to insurance, but we will receive commission from the product provider. The commission will be calculated as a proportion of the premiums paid for the insurance product.

You will receive a quotation which will tell you about the fees and charges relating to any insurance policy that we recommend.

4. Complaints

What to do if you have a complaint?

We hope that you will be satisfied with the service that we provide. If you wish to register a complaint, please contact us via any of the following methods:

In Writing: The Customer Resolution Team, PRIMIS Mortgage Network, 3700 Parkside, Birmingham Business Park, Solihull. West Midlands. B37 7YT.

By Telephone: 0121 767 1139

By Email: complaints.solihull@primis.co.uk

PRIMIS will aim to deal with your complaint quickly and impartially. You can find details of how to complain and what happens next, on our website <https://www.primis.co.uk/home/customers/complaints/>.

If we cannot resolve your complaint to your satisfaction, you may be entitled to refer it to the Financial Ombudsman Service. Full details can be found on its website at www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

5. Data Security & Privacy

Client Confidentiality

We will keep all your personal information private and confidential, even when you are no longer a client. This is in line with current data protection legislation. Our Data Privacy Statement provides full information about the lawful bases upon which we will process your data and how we will use your data including:

- What data will be obtained.
- Use of data and who it will be shared with.
- Your right to access the data.
- How long we will retain your data

We can provide a copy of our Data Privacy Statement on request or you can find it on our website www.phoenixlifeandmortgages.com.

Electronic verification of identity

We are required by law to confirm your identity. This means we need evidence of who you are and where you live. If the service is being provided to a legal entity (for example, a limited company or partnership) we are required to verify the identity of the beneficial owners, Directors, or partners. This is to comply with money laundering regulations.

We may attempt to check your identity electronically based on information we hold. We may also pass on and exchange information with appropriate agencies in order to carry out those searches and checks. Where the check is unsuccessful, we will require alternative proof of identification.

Electronic identity checks will leave an enquiry footprint on your credit file for each check carried out but will not affect your credit score. In making use of our services, you confirm your acceptance of our use of credit reference agencies which will result in such a record.

6. Other Important Information

Payments to us

You should not pay any monies to us as we do not charge for our protection and insurance services.

You should pay third parties, such as providers, directly.

We are not authorised to hold client money (*that is, money which is to be held or processed on your behalf*).

Conflicts of interest

We maintain procedures to prevent and manage conflicts of interest arising between you and us, or Primis, or between you and any other client of ours, or of Primis.

Circumstances might occasionally arise where we consider that these procedures will not be sufficient to ensure, with reasonable confidence, that the risks of damage to your interests will be prevented. In these cases, we may not be able to act for you or we may ask for your express consent to continue to do so. Where our procedures would allow us to act, we will clearly disclose the following to you in writing before we undertake any business for you:

- a specific description of the conflict of interest that has arisen;
- the risks to you that arise from the conflict of interest;
- confirmation that we do not consider that our normal organisational and administrative arrangements are sufficient to mitigate these risks.

Our disclosure will provide sufficient information to enable you to make an informed decision about the risks to you and whether you should proceed with the service.

Customer service

It is vital that you fully understand the advice and documents given to you. If there is anything which might prevent this from happening, or may act as a barrier to this occurring, such as your health or another situation, please let us know as soon as possible. Such information will be held in strict confidence. Depending on the circumstances, we will endeavour to ensure our service will be personalised so that you receive the best possible experience in our dealings. For instance, we can provide any documentation in a variety of formats to assist comprehension or arrange for a 3rd party of your choice to attend any meeting if this would help.

We are continually striving to maintain a high standard of service for all our customers so during our advice process we (our network Primis) will email you to seek feedback on our service and the advice provided.