

Information

Dying Intestate

Northern Ireland



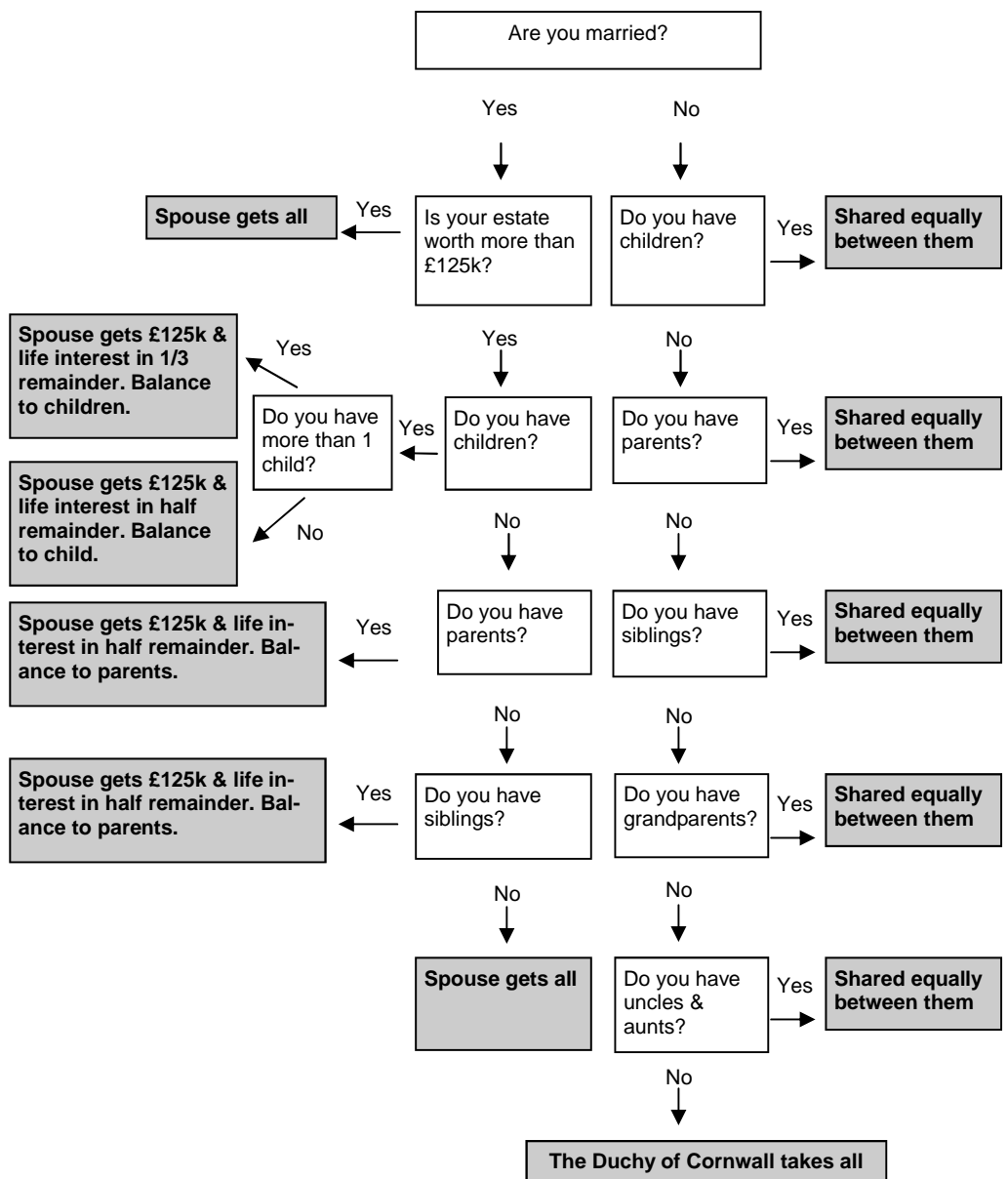
If an individual dies without making a will (known as “dying intestate”) it will take longer to put his or her estate in order with the Probate Service.

In cases where a valid will has been written, signed, and witnessed, the average time to process the estate is only six weeks.

Without a will, the estate may not be distributed in accordance with the deceased’s wishes. Legislation will dictate who gets what from the estate, depending on the amount of money involved and the deceased’s family circumstances.

A will is a legal document that establishes what you want to happen to your estate (assets and personal belongings) after your death. It is an important part of your financial plan.

This chart shows how your estate would be distributed on your death if there is no will.



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