

Conveyancing in London: FAQs

Banner Jones are a solicitors' firm based in the Midlands and north of England. However, our solicitors commonly deal with conveyancing in the London area. You might be wondering how this works, and whether this is a good decision for you. To find out more about how we can provide a simplified, easy transaction at great value prices, read more below.

I'm buying a house in London, does my conveyancing solicitor need to be local?



There is a myth that you must visit a local solicitor to sign your contracts during the conveyancing process. This is not the case and conveyancing is now very often done at a distance. It is quite normal for all documents to be sent to you via post and email, with conversations simply taking place over the phone. Solicitors can also use an online ID checking service which even saves you from having to send ID at the beginning of the transaction. All of this has helped to speed up the conveyancing process whilst giving clients more choice. The ability to work remotely also means that we can act for clients who are abroad and buying a property in the UK.



How do I know I can rely on the solicitor I've chosen if they are so far away?

We would recommend that you make sure you are given the name and the direct telephone number for the conveyance dealing with your matter, that way you know to call if you are unsure about anything. Many of the more proactive firms will also give you a log in to an online tracking service which will update you on the progress being made on your case. If you have found a cheaper quote from a solicitor who is not local and you are not familiar with the firm, have a look on their website and social media sites for client testimonials for some reassurance of the quality of work. One other way to gauge their calibre is to have a look at whether the firm is a member of the Law Society's Conveyancing Quality Scheme. To become part of this scheme the firm has to go through a rigorous application

Will a law firm outside of the area I'm buying in, be able to run the correct searches that I need for the property?



There will be no problem at all in making sure that the correct searches are done for the area you are moving to. This is because the searches are ordered based on your postcode, usually by national property search providers who cover the whole of the UK. When an order is placed, it will usually tell us what searches are required on the property and they do vary from region to region. Properties in London may need different searches to properties in Derbyshire but you will be advised at the time.

If you want to find out more information, or get a quote, just get in touch with our team of conveyancing solicitors at info@bannerjones.co.uk

 Members of the Law Society Conveyancing Quality Scheme	 One of the largest teams in the area	 4 Regional offices	 Experts in Help to Buy /Shared Ownership	 97% of our clients would recommend us to a friend	 Award winning team	 Competitive Pricing - we check our prices so you don't have to
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