Rules of intestacy in England and Wales Was the deceased married or in a civil partnership? -Yes -No-Did they have Did they have children? children?* No: No: The spouse or civil partner will inherit: Do they have Everything is Personal possessions living parents? split equaly and property between all children • The first £322,000 of the estate (if the estate is valued over The spouse or this amount) civil partner - No -• Half of the remaining will inherit estate everything The children will inherit: • The other half (shared Everything is Do they have living siblings? between them equally split equaly if there are multiple between children) surviving parents Yes-Do they have living Everything is grandparents? split equaly between full siblings** *Includes illegitimate and adopted children but not step-children No-**If there are no full siblings, then it will be split equally between half-siblings Do they have living Everything is *If pre-deceased, their aunts or uncles? split equaly issue inherits between grandparents No-Everything Everything is passes to the split equally Crown (known as between aunts/uncles* Bona Vacantia)