



The Royal Wolverhampton
NHS Trust



Your legacy makes
every moment
matter



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Registered Charity No. 1059467

What is a legacy donation?

It's a common myth that only the rich and famous leave money to charity when they die. This couldn't be any further from the truth. The reality is, that without gifts left in Wills by people like you, many of the charities we know and support wouldn't even exist.

Often donors have experienced first-hand the high level of care and expertise on offer at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust and want to ensure future patients continue to have access to cutting-edge technology and excellent facilities.

Over the years, the legacies left by compassionate donors have been a vital source of funding for our Trust Charity. A staggering £454,868.02 was donated in legacies in the year leading up to 31 March 2023 alone!

Leaving a legacy to our Charity allows you to play a supporting role in helping patients, staff and families long into the future. The money that the Charity receives from the wills of donors is used according to their wishes, to pay for research, fund projects and buy equipment.

Thankfully, 74% of the UK population support charities and when asked, 35% of people say they'd happily leave a gift in their Will once family and friends had been provided for. The problem is only 7% actually do. That's why, if we all leave some money in our Wills for charity as well as our family, we can make a huge difference.

Leaving a gift in your Will is a wonderful act of selflessness, and Your Trust Charity is extremely grateful to all those donors who consider supporting the Charity in this manner.

If you would like to know more about donating a legacy, please contact The Trust Charity Team on rwh-tr.fundraisingteam@nhs.net to discuss your plans, any wishes for how the money should be spent, and how the Charity can recognise your vital support.



If you haven't written a Will

The first thing to do is to decide what kind of gift you want to leave to your family and friends. Then think about what you would like to leave The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity.

If you already have a Will

If you already have a Will, you can simply add a codicil, by updating your Will. You can update your will as many times as you need.

If you, or your family have been supported by a certain area of The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust and would like your gifts to be directed to this particular area, please make sure that this is reflected in the wording of your Will.



*What you leave behind is not
what is engraved in stone monuments,
but what is woven into the lives of others*

-Pericles-

Get in touch

If you have any questions about any of the information you have read in this booklet or would like more advice about how to put a gift in your Will to our Charity, please get in touch on **rwh-tr.fundraisingteam@nhs.net**.

We will treat your information with confidence.

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A guide to making your will

Who can write a Will?

A Solicitor - the cost of using a solicitor can vary due to how complicated your Will may need to be. Please get a quote from your solicitor before you begin writing your Will.

If you do not have a solicitor you can find one in your area by contacting The Law Society on 0207 242 1222 or visiting www.lawsociety.org.uk

A Will Writer – there are a lot of companies who write Wills and this is another option. Please make sure you are using a reputable company checking they are members of the Institute of Professional Will Writers www.ipw.org.uk

Your Bank – a lot of the larger banks now offer the opportunity to write your Will in your local branch. Contact your bank to find out if they offer this service.

Why do I need to write a Will?

Statistics show 50% of adults in the UK haven't written a Will and 50% of those who have will never update it after the first time it has been written.

Whatever your age, an up to date, professionally written Will is incredibly important. It is the only way to ensure that your wishes are carried out after you die and that you provide for your loved ones in a way that you intend.

How do I choose an Executor for my Will?



A gift in your Will, will help patients like Lucas.

An Executor is the person named in your Will who has the responsibility of carrying out your final wishes. Executors can be your loved one or a professional like a Solicitor or your Bank Manager.

Please note that being an Executor does not mean that they are excluded from your Will.

Leaving a gift to your trust charity

How can I include a gift in my current Will?

If you are one of the 50% of adults who already have a valid Will then you would need to include a 'Codicil' in order to include a gift to our hospital.

What kind of gift can I leave to The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity?

The two most common gifts left to charity are:

- You can leave a fixed sum in your Will (Pecuniary Gift)
- You can leave a percentage of your estate (Residuary Gift). This amount would be decided after all debts and taxes have been paid. A percentage means that you won't have to keep changing your Will as circumstances change. This tends to be the preferred option when leaving a gift in your Will.

What kind of gift can I leave to The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity?

This is the wording we would recommend using when drafting your Will:

1. If you are leaving a percentage, you should word your document as follows:
2. I give% of the residue of my real and personal estate which I can dispose of by Will in any manner I think proper to The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity (Registered Charity No. 1059467) and the receipt of the Treasurer or the proper officer for the time being of The Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust Charity shall be complete discharge to my Executors.



A gift in your Will could help patients on the frailty unit like Graham.

Leaving a gift to your trust charity

If you are leaving a set amount in your Will, you should word your document as follows:

I give the sum of _____ pounds to The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity (Registered Charity No. 1059467) and the receipt of the Treasurer or the proper officer for the time being of The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity shall be a complete discharge to my Executors.



Gifts in Wills help create over and above what the NHS provides. Our sensory room provides a calming and sensory space for users those with autism, ADHD, sensory issues, as well as sufferers of anxiety and panic attacks.

We all shine on, like the
moon, and the stars, and the
sun

John Lennon

If you were to decide to leave a gift in your Will to The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity, you will

'Shine On' as part of our 'Legacy Wall of Stars'

This is a permanent reminder of those who have supported us through bequests.

By notifying us that you have made a pledge in your Will, we will be able to recognise you for your commitment to shaping the future of our hospital services.

Contact us

If you have any questions or would like more advice about how to put a gift in your Will to The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity please get in touch with us on:

rwh-tr.fundraisingteam@nhs.net

or visit our website: www.rwt NHScharity.co.uk



A gift in your Will, will help bring some festive cheer to patients in hospital away from their families

Your estate

You'd be surprised at how the value of things you own can add up. The checklist below will give you a good idea of what your estate is worth.

Everything I own – my assets

House value	£ _____
Car	£ _____
Jewellery	£ _____
Furniture/Antiques/Collectables	£ _____
Bank Accounts – current balance	£ _____
Building Society – current balance	£ _____
ISAs/savings certificates/ premium bonds	£ _____
Stocks and Shares	£ _____
Life Assurance policies	£ _____
Other possessions	£ _____

Everything I owe – my liabilities

Mortgage	£ _____
Overdrafts	£ _____
Credit card debts	£ _____
Bank Loans	£ _____
Other Debts	£ _____
Total	£ _____

Calculating how much your estate is worth

Total Assets	£ _____
Less Total Liabilities	£ _____

Jargon buster

You may come across some legal terms when making your Will. This jargon buster should help you to make sense of it all.

- **Administrator:** someone who is appointed to arrange a person's affairs if they leave no Will.
- **Beneficiary:** an individual or organisation who receives a gift in a Will.
- **Codicil:** a document which enables a simple update or alteration to an existing Will.
- **Chattels and moveables:** personal possessions, including furniture and car.
- **Estate:** all of a person's possessions at the time of their death, including money and property.
- **Executor:** the person appointed to carry out the instructions in the Will.
- **Intestate:** you are intestate if you die without making a will.
- **Legacy:** a gift left to a person or organisation in a Will.
- **Life Interest:** a two stage legacy, where the first beneficiary is given the use of an asset (i.e. a house) during their lifetime. After their death, the asset passes to the second beneficiary.
- **Pecuniary gift:** a gift of fixed amount of money.
- **Probate:** the legal procedure to decide whether someone's left a valid Will.
- **Residue:** the sum left from an estate when all debts, charges and gifts are deducted.
- **Residuary gift:** a gift consisting of the residue or part of the residue of an estate. This is particularly popular way to leave a gift to a charity.
- **Specific Gift:** a gift of a particular item e.g. jewellery
- **Testator (male or Testatrix (female):** the person who is making the Will.

Who to include in your will

Make a list of all the family and friends you want to remember and consider the types of gifts you might want to leave for them. For example, you might want to give a specific amount of money or an item with real or sentimental value.

Once you've provided for your loved ones, please consider supporting The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity. Whether you give a percentage of what's left of your estate, or a specific sum of money, your legacy will help to make a vital difference to the lives of our patients and their families.

Family

Friends

Charities/Organisations

Executors

Legal Guardian(s)

(if you have children under 18)

Funeral Instructions:

Care of my dependent relative(s)

Look after my pet(s)

Previous Wills and Codicils or foreign Will contact details:

Other:



How to change an existing Will

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Every gift to The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity, whether it is £10 or £50,000, will make a vital difference to the future of healthcare. Thank you for considering adding a gift to us in your Will.

To add a gift to The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity to your existing Will, you need to fill in 'a Codicil'. This is a supplement to your original Will that can make changes, amends and allow additions. Alternatively you can make a new Will entirely.

You will find advice on the right on completing a Codicil plus the form for you to fill in on the next page if you decide to take this action forward.

We recommend that you consult a solicitor prior to completing the Codicil, especially if the change you are making is a large one. Informing a Solicitor of your wishes may avoid legal disputes later and ensure your wishes are carried out as you intended.

If you do not have your own Solicitor and would like more legal advice about Legacies and creating Codicils you can contact the Law Society on 0207 242 1222 or visit its website at www.lawsociety.org.uk

Instructions for completing your Codicil

Please take time to read the instructions below to ensure your Codicil, once completed, is valid.

- If you have more than one Will please make sure that this Codicil is relatable to the most recently dated version of your Will
- If this is not your first Codicil, please outline which number this is
- You must have the form signed by two witnesses who are not family members or beneficiaries of your Will. The Executor of your Will would not count as a witness either
- You can keep the contents of the Codicil anonymous from your witnesses, it is your choice to show them its contents
- The witnesses must witness you signing the Codicil and then they must sign and complete all fields. All fields must be completed in order to ensure the Codicil's validity
- All of you must be present when each person signs
- It is important that you keep the completed Codicil form in a safe place and do not use paper clips, staples or any other item to attach it to another document. This may mark the paperwork and cause issues at a later date
- Make sure the Executor of the of your Will has a copy of this Codicil and that you have advised them where the original Will is held.
- The original Will and Codicil must be kept together but not attached to each other, and all those in receipt of your original Will must have a copy of Codicil



Codicil

I (Full Name).....

Of (Address).....

Postcode

Declare this to be a: First Second Third Codicil to my Will, dated and made on the:

Day/Month/Year.....

(date of original Will)

I give (Please tick one):

The following specific item(s), namely:

The sum of £:

to The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity (Registered Charity Number: 1059467) for its general charitable purposes, and I direct that the receipt(s) of the duly authorised officer of The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity shall be sufficient discharge of my Executor/Trustees.

In all other respects, I confirm my Will and any other Codicils thereto.

Signature: Date:

Signed by the aforementioned in our presence and witnessed by us in the presence of him/her and of each other.

Witness 1

Name

Address

Postcode:

Occupation

Signature

Date

Witness 2

Name

Address

Postcode :

Occupation.....

Signature.....

Date