

Your Guide
TO LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals' Charity
Charity No: 1058567

WRITE YOUR *forever thank you* TO AN NHS CHARITY





A forever thank you

As a member of NHS Charities Together, we're part of a national campaign involving over 230 NHS charities working to increase awareness about the difference that leaving a gift in your Will can make. Whether it's being there for our wonderful NHS staff, giving patients extra comfort and care, providing cutting edge equipment or driving innovative research to benefit future generations, your legacy can make a big difference for years to come.

When you leave a gift in your Will to us, you're saying thank you in a way that will carry on making a long lasting, positive difference long after you're gone.

Your gift will help us to continue delivering even greater care.

Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals' Charitable Fund is dedicated to helping the NHS go above and beyond.



We have helped deliver many projects to support and care for our staff, such as wellbeing spaces, peaceful gardens and rest areas away from the clinical environment. We have provided dedicated counselling support and wellbeing days away.

We have funded new specialist equipment, refurbished rooms, bought new waiting room chairs, and items that are outside of the finance budget. However, there is so much more to do, and support for our charity is more important than ever.

A forever thank you in your Will can make a huge difference to this vital work.



JOIN OUR AMAZING COMMUNITY OF SUPPORTERS

A gift in your Will is just one of many ways that you can choose to support our work. We have received some amazing legacy gifts from generous supporters.

More people are starting to ask about how they can help member charities do their vital work to help the NHS go further and do more.

Gifts in Wills to Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals' Charitable Fund provide so much to help support NHS staff, provide research and specialist equipment and address local health inequalities. So, every single gift is incredibly precious.



WHAT YOUR *forever thank you* CAN DO



Support for NHS staff

To help staff who are feeling burnt out, anxious or exhausted, we have, for example;

- Provided quiet spaces, like the QEII Staff Garden, the Multifaith Garden at St Peter's and the staff wobble room at Ashford. All of these are restful places away from clinical settings allowing staff to decompress and reflect in a safe space.
- Provided a gym and recreational centre at St Peter's and offered team wellbeing days out with the wellbeing councillors.
- Provided new cafes at both Ashford and St Peter's hospitals with great quality food.

Support for patients

We fund projects that make the hospital feel less like a hospital, we also provide specialist equipment, enable new technology and give vital support to families struggling with bereavement. To help the NHS care for us, we have:

- Supported the renovation of the larger, more functional and safer medicine room in A&E at St Peter's.
- Revitalised the Cafes at the front of each hospital offering hot drinks and good quality meals for both visitors and staff.
- Supported the Daffodil Room in Maternity where grieving parents can be with their babies.
- The Little Roo team created homely rooms for parents to be near their new babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) ward.
- Created the Eternal Garden, where families can have some privacy and quiet time to have conversations with their loved ones.

Support in the community

We support Community Days at our hospitals where our local community is able to come and see many parts of the hospital, climb in an ambulance or a fire truck and talk with staff from many different departments.



Why your Will MATTERS TO YOU

Your Will may be one of the most important documents you ever write. If you have last wishes, including them in your Will is a great way to be certain they're carried out. A Will is also an excellent place to record your funeral wishes.

Your Will can make sure that the right people get whatever you've decided to leave for them. It's a simple way to carry on looking after loved ones when you're no longer here.

If you die without a Will, the choices you've made may not actually be respected and your loved ones could be left with a lot of difficult decisions to make, which could lead to considerable distress.

Finally, your Will can also carry on your support for causes that are close to your heart. By including a gift to our Charity in your Will you can write a forever thank you with a gift that will carry on making a difference long after you're gone.

THREE TYPES OF *gifts to leave in your Will*

These are the three most common types of gift to leave in your Will

1 I'd like to leave what's left of my estate

After you've taken care of your family and friends and paid off any debts or taxes, you can gift either a portion or all of what's left – it's up to you.

For example, just 1% of what remains of your estate could make a real difference. Many supporters like this kind of gift because, as a part of your overall estate, it keeps its value over time.

2 I'd like to leave a specific amount

Another option is to leave a fixed amount of money, which you set aside in your Will. This type of gift is paid out before the residue of your estate is calculated. Over time, inflation can reduce its value and make it less impactful.

3 I'd like to leave a specific gift

A specific gift is a particular valuable item – like property, shares or a piece of jewellery.

With any of these types of gifts, you are free to restrict your forever thank you to a certain type of work we do. But, in fact, if you leave them unrestricted, it means we can use your gift to help where the need is greatest at the time.

If you would like to chat about restricting your gift, please email us at asp-tr.fundraising@nhs.net.



Gifts in Wills AND TAX

The good news is that any gifts left to charities are exempt from Inheritance Tax. On top of that, sometimes by including a gift to a charity you can reduce the tax on everything else you leave behind. But Inheritance Tax is a complex and often-changing area of law, so we advise you visit **www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax** for all the latest information and speak to a professional.

YOUR *Will writing* CHECKLIST



Step 1

Make a list of your most valuable possessions. Remember to include any property you own, any savings or investments, as well as any valuable items like jewellery or paintings.

Step 2

Add up what you think they're worth. A rough estimate is all you'll need to help work out what gifts you'd like to make.

Step 3

Family and friends come first. Start by working out who you'd like to look after and what you'd like to leave them.

Step 4

Then remember causes close to your heart. Make a list of the charities you'd like to support and think about how you'd like to make those gifts.

Step 5

Choose executors and write your Will. Many people choose trusted family members as their executors. And there are many ways available to write your Will, from consulting a professional to completing a simple template or using one of a variety of online services that can guide you through the process and verify your document.

It's sensible to keep your Will in a safe place – and to tell your executors where it is. Many professional Will writers and solicitors offer to store your Will. Don't worry if your life or decisions change. It is simple to write a new Will that can change your instructions, or to update your Will using what's called a 'codicil'.

USE THIS HANDY TEMPLATE TO WRITE *your forever thank you*

STEP 1 & 2: *List your valuable possessions and estimate their value*

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STEP 3: *List what you'd like to leave to whom*

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STEP 4: *List the charities you'd like to support and your gifts*

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STEP 5: *List your executors*

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Now you're ready to write your Will

the wording you need to use *in your Will*



When you want to leave what's left of your estate

Subject to the payment of my debts, funeral and testamentary expenses, I give the whole/_____ % of my estate not otherwise disposed of by this my Will to Ashford and St. Peter's Hospitals' Charitable Fund, Chertsey House, St Peter's Hospital, Guildford Road, Chertsey, Surrey KT16 0PZ. Registered Charity No 1058567 for their general purposes and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.

When you want to leave a specific amount

I give free of tax to Ashford and St. Peter's Hospitals' Charitable Fund, Chertsey House, St Peter's Hospital, Guildford Road, Chertsey, Surrey KT16 0PZ. Registered Charity No 1058567, the sum of £_____ for their general purposes and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.

"We understand that this is a big decision, and are therefore so grateful to you for considering this incredible way of supporting NHS Charities Together and writing your forever thank you."

Ellie Orton OBE
CEO, NHS Charities Together

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