

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T MAKE A WILL

If you die without a valid Will, you die 'intestate' and control of your estate is lost.

All of your assets will be divided up according to the strict rules of intestacy and tax may have to be paid. So by making a Will, you can ensure that your wishes for your estate will happen.

YOUR LEGACY WILL HELP PROVIDE

- The funding to ensure that future generations will be able to benefit from high quality end of life care and support, in a place of their choosing, at the time of their need, for as long as they need it.
- The funding to ensure that families and carers in the future also continue to benefit from our care and support, for as long as they need it.

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LEAVING US A GIFT IN YOUR WILL:

We recommend that you see a solicitor to draw up your Will or to amend your existing Will. You will need to mention that you wish to leave a gift to HospiceCare and give our address and charity number to your solicitor.

You have the choice of the Codicil to amend your existing Will, which you should complete and give to your solicitor.

When you do see your solicitor, you will need to give him our full details:

The North Northumberland Hospice, Unit 3,
Greensfield House, Willowburn Avenue, Alnwick,
NE66 2DG, Charity No. 1103635

Please let us know if you have left a legacy to HospiceCare in your Will. We don't need to know how much and we won't use your details for anything else, but we would like to send you a letter of thanks and acknowledgment. We would also like to let you know from time to time what's happening at the hospice, but if this isn't for you please let us know.

If you would like any more information about leaving a legacy to HospiceCare, please phone us on: 01665 606 515 or T: 01289 309997

or by email: fundraisingteam@hospicecare-nn.org.uk

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Leaving a Legacy in your Will

CARING

SUPPORTING

FAMILY



REMEMBERING US IN YOUR WILL

"HospiceCare is not about the building, but more about the way we deliver our care and support to people in their own homes at the end of their life. HospiceCare is always about dignity, comfort, compassion and quality of life to each unique individual whether they are the patient, their family or carer, to ensure that the Hospice care and support delivered is what patients and families tell us they need"

Our Hospice services continue to change and develop to meet the growing needs of our communities living in North Northumberland. By leaving a gift in your Will to HospiceCare your compassion and kindness will live on to ensure that we are able to continue to meet the growing demand for our Hospice at Home and wellbeing services.

HospiceCare services are provided from money which is almost totally raised by donation. We receive a small amount of funding from the NHS, the rest we have to find from fundraising, community donations, Trusts, legacies and our charity shops.

So should you chose to leave a gift in your will to HospiceCare, you can be assured your gift will stay in Northumberland to help local families.



"The HospiceCare is such a lovely thing to have. Such lovely people offering a massive amount of help and support. They were strangers, yet I felt like I had known each and every one of them forever."

HOW TO LEAVE A GIFT

There are three main ways you can support the work of HospiceCare in your will:

A **residuary legacy** is a gift of all or a percentage of what's left of your estate after all other payments have been made. It's an effective way of dividing an estate between the people and causes that are important to you and can be more beneficial to charities as it won't decrease in value due to inflation.

A **pecuniary legacy** is a gift of a sum of money of your choosing. It is possible to add a pecuniary legacy to an existing Will using a simple Codicil document. It's worth bearing in mind that this type of gift will decrease in value over time as the cost of living increases.

A **specific gift**. This could be anything from a piece of jewellery or a property to a selection of shares.

AMENDING YOUR EXISTING WILL

A **Codicil** - While many aspects of your Will may remain the same as you go through life, some things may change, prompting you to make changes. Rather than totally rewriting your Will, some people choose to write a codicil. A codicil is an amendment to an existing Will. Our suggested Codicil is included in this information pack.

WHY MAKE A WILL?

"Now the wealth did not weigh on me: now it was not a mere bequest of coin - it was a legacy of life, hope, enjoyment"

- Jane Eyre, Charlotte Bronte

A valid Will is the only way that you can be sure that your wishes are carried out after your death.

Making a Will is an easy, quick and generally inexpensive process. Whatever the size of your estate, a Will ensures that you can use it to maximum effect and provide for those you care for and the causes that you support. A Will is also tax effective. As making a Will is so important we strongly advise that you use a practising solicitor or a professional Will writer to write, or amend your existing Will.

"In those last few days she (my wife) continued to smile right through those final hours and at the end, HospiceCare was able to fulfil her wish to be at home in her own bedroom surrounded by her family."

- Eric