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for the future



Leave a gift in your Will today



University Hospitals Dorset
NHS Foundation Trust



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NHS Charity

your legacy

could help our hospitals save lives
for generations to come

If you are considering leaving a gift in your Will and would like to make a world of difference to our work and support our patients today, tomorrow and into the future, please leave a legacy to University Hospitals Dorset NHS Charity.

Any gift, large or small, has a real impact. It is a gift that will be remembered, celebrated and become a part of the history of our hospitals and its transformational developments.

Why your legacy could make such a difference:

- ✓ Our NHS staff is made up of over 9,000 people who selflessly dedicate their lives to those that depend on them, working long hours under such pressure. Your legacy could fund innovative equipment to help them do even more for their patients.
- ✓ Investing in our hospitals today helps us to provide leading healthcare services, state-of-the-art buildings and equipment for patients during their most unwell times and improving the environment for our staff.
- ✓ We are the charity by your bedside, going above and beyond for our patients by funding the extras that enhance and improve our healthcare services, but in ways that aren't covered by NHS funds. And you can too.



With your help, we'll keep delivering the very best care to our patients for future generations to come.

As Head of Nursing for Women's Health, Children's, Cancer and Support services at University Hospital Dorset, I regularly see the wonderful impacts that gifts in Wills can have on the lives of so many patients. From leading care to enhanced medical equipment – the gifts that people have left in their Wills to University Hospitals Dorset NHS Charity helps us continue to enhance the care and treatment of our patients and staff.

And these gifts are more important today than ever before. As the UK population grows and more of us are living longer, more people will only need the services of our hospitals in the future. We need to be able to plan ahead for new facilities and equipment. And continue attracting the very best staff who deliver this enhanced care.

You may be surprised to know that around two thirds of the Charity's funding is thanks to gifts in Wills. Without this type of support, we simply wouldn't be able to offer the standard of care that our patients deserve. They enable us to go beyond core NHS services to fund ground-breaking facilities and equipment and improve patient experiences overall.

Of course, I know that writing a Will, and deciding who you would like to benefit from it, is a very personal decision. But I hope that, if the time is ever right for you to gift a charity in your Will, you will remember University Hospitals Dorset NHS Charity.

This guide contains everything you need to know about writing or updating your Will, and we hope you find it useful.

And if there's anything you would like to discuss further; our legacy team are always here for you. You can contact them at **0300 019 4060/8449** or by emailing uhd.charity@uhd.nhs.uk.

thank you

Marie
Head of Nursing and Professions for Women's, Children's and Cancer Care



everyone

needs a Will

No matter what your age or circumstance, everyone needs an up-to-date Will. They are the only way to ensure that your wishes are made clear, and the people that you love will benefit from your estate in the way you want them to.



Alan Miller

Gerry Smith tells us about his friend Alan Miller, who very kindly left a gift in his Will.

"Alan was a lovely person, he lived locally in Westbourne and was very involved with the local rowing club. We both volunteered as guides on Brownsea Island for nine years. We were a bit of a double act, bouncing off each other and always having fun with the islanders and customers. Alan was so down to earth and was always wanting to help people, and I think that's what drove him to leave a gift in his Will to local charities.

To our shock, my wife and I were informed by his solicitors that we had been named as Trustees in his Will. Being Trustees of Alan's legacy allowed us to help The Royal Bournemouth Hospital with several amazing projects. Amongst others, these included supporting the Walkerbot to help patients relearn to walk after a stroke, a Butterfly Garden for patients having palliative care and a Telecytology Microscope to examine small lumps and bumps.

I know if Alan is looking down now at what his legacy has achieved, he would think it was so magical! He would be happy in the knowledge that his gift is helping so many people now and into the future. Like Alan, please consider leaving University Hospitals Dorset NHS Charity a gift in your Will to support local people needing our hospitals in the future."

So why leave a gift in your Will?

Many people choose to include a charity in their Will because it's a way of continuing their support of the causes they care about. It brings comfort and peace of mind to many people to know that the amazing work they have helped to support throughout their lifetime will still be carried out when they are no longer here.

The gifts supporters choose to leave our charity in their Will contributes to two thirds of our income every year. Gifts in Wills allow us to plan for the developing needs of our hospitals and know with confidence that we will be able to fund the next important piece of equipment or new facilities that have the potential to change the lives of our patients.

Of course, your family and friends always come first when it comes to writing your Will and we would not expect anything less. Any gift that you consider leaving to a charity comes after your loved ones have been taken care of.

In the last few years, our supporters have helped us to:

- ✓ Build our Butterfly Garden for patients at the end-of-life to enjoy a beautiful space outdoors.
- ✓ Provide an Extremities CT Scanner that can be moved to provide CT scans of arms and legs.
- ✓ Fund the Child Development Centre Playground at Poole Hospital.
- ✓ Fund a Walkerbot which is a revolutionary robotic trainer to help patients relearn to walk after a stroke.



As the world of medical care

changes, your gift will keep us leading the way

The world of medicine is transforming all the time, and that's why we invest so much effort into treating patients with new equipment and developing treatments.

With your help, we can continue to gain a better understanding of human health and wellbeing, so we can diagnose and treat conditions earlier, or prevent people from developing them in the first place.



Understanding and delivering medical care for the future

There are exciting possibilities for the future of medical care, and with your help, we will stay in a position to best understand them and implement them into meaningful change for our patients.

There are a few examples of this already. The most significant one to date is when our Stroke Team identified the opportunities that ground-breaking robotic equipment could do to revolutionise the therapy they could provide to patients. After understanding what the Walkerbot could do, we launched into action to fundraise for a Walkerbot machine at The Royal Bournemouth Hospital. This state-of-the-art piece of technology is the only one of its kind in an NHS hospital in England and is helping patients who are re-learning to walk again by assisting them in taking the thousands of steps needed a day to allow their brains to rewire during recovery.

Consultant Therapist at University Hospitals Dorset, Dr Louise Johnson said:

"We identified the Walkerbot as something that we wanted to provide within our stroke service because we know it's got a really strong evidence base. We know it works well for people with stroke. It is recommended in our national guidelines for stroke, yet as far as we were aware, no stroke services in the UK offer patients access to this kind of service. So, we wanted to do something about that and be one of the first hospitals to be able to offer patients access to such incredible technology. It is now so exciting for staff to be able to work in a service that can offer the most up-to-date technology and to offer that to our patients, so they get the best outcomes."

A gift in your Will allows our hospitals to be at the forefront of medical care for years to come.



"It is only with the support of gifts in Wills that we are able to go the extra mile for our patients."

**Debbie Anderson,
Head of Charity**



It's easier than you might think
to write or update

your Will

You should always speak to a solicitor or similarly qualified professional when writing or updating an existing Will. While we hope the information in this guide is helpful, it should not be considered legal advice and only a professional will know how to make sure your wishes are expressed in the right way.

Before you meet with your solicitor in person, there are a few things you can think about in advance, which can save you time and money later down the line. These include:

- ✓ Making a list of everything you own and estimating their value. For example, your house value, any vehicles you own, jewellery, furniture or antiques, and any stocks/shares you may have.
- ✓ Making a list of what you owe or are owed such as your outstanding mortgage balance, any overdrafts, bank loans or credit card debts.
- ✓ Consider listing your digital assets as well as physical. This includes your social media accounts, email addresses, online payment services or subscriptions.
- ✓ Deciding who you would like to benefit from your Will, and who your executor will be. Your executor should be someone you trust, who will take legal responsibility for carrying out the instructions in your Will when the time comes.

Creating all these lists may seem daunting, but it can make getting your Will written relatively straightforward from here and remove unnecessary stress for you and your family later.

**“Did you know
that you can leave
University Hospitals Dorset
NHS Charity 1% in your Will,
so those closest to you
inherit 99%.”**

**David James,
Senior Fundraising
Manager**

Write or update
your Will for

free

University Hospitals Dorset NHS Charity is a member of the National Free Wills Network, meaning our supporters can contact a solicitor to have their Will written or amended for free.

To take advantage, please email uhd.charity@uhd.nhs.uk with your name, address and postcode and we can pass on your details accordingly.

Alternatively, **scan the QR code below** or visit our website for more information and to register your interest at uhdcharity.org/freewill



Frequently Asked Questions



Here are some of the things supporters often ask us about leaving a gift in their Will to our charity. Of course, if you have any other questions, please feel free to contact us using the details on the back cover of this guide.

Can I write my own Will?

We would always recommend using a solicitor or similarly qualified professional to draw up your Will. They'll be able to take you through every step of the process and advise you on the correct wording to make sure all your wishes are expressed clearly.

What kinds of gifts can I leave in my Will?

There are three kinds of gifts you can leave in your Will. A pecuniary legacy is a fixed amount of money. A specific gift means a particular item, such as a piece of jewellery. And a residuary gift is made from the remainder of your estate after your debts have been taken care of and any other specified gifts to your loved ones have been made.

Is there a minimum amount I need to be able to leave in my Will?

No. We know that everyone's circumstances are different and are incredibly grateful for anything you choose to donate. Gifts of all shapes and sizes make an enormous difference to our work.

Could leaving a gift in my Will to charity reduce my inheritance tax liability?

Yes. If your estate is above the inheritance tax (IHT) threshold, and you leave at least 10% of your estate to a charity, this will reduce your overall IHT liability from 40% to 36%. We recommend discussing all inheritance tax threshold matters with your solicitor or Will-maker.

What details should I use to include University Hospitals Dorset NHS Charity in my Will?

Our registered Charity number is 1057366 and our registered address is as follows:

University Hospitals Dorset NHS Charity
Royal Bournemouth Hospital
Castle Lane East
Bournemouth BH7 7DW





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Contact us

We are here if you'd like to talk.

Contact our Head of Charity, Debbie Anderson on
0300 019 8449/4060 or email uhd.charity@uhd.nhs.uk.

Scan the QR code or visit uhdcharity.org/giftsinwills



**Together we can continue to enhance and deliver leading
medical care for the future.**