



Your Guide

**TO LEAVING A GIFT
IN YOUR WILL**



**Milton Keynes
Hospital Charity**

Registered Charity: 1048297



**WRITE YOUR
forever thank you
TO AN NHS CHARITY**



**WHY
LEAVING A
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**JOIN OUR
AMAZING
COMMUNITY
OF HOSPITAL
SUPPORTERS**

Whether it's giving birth, a minor injury or a serious medical condition, at some point in our lives we all need the support of our local hospital and the medical expertise it provides.

A gift in your Will to Milton Keynes University Hospital can help fund the latest medical equipment, or create welcoming, calming, and inspiring environments for patients of all ages.

Your kind gift goes directly towards making a positive impact on the lives of many generations to come.

Our fundraising enables wards and departments to go over and above what the NHS provides - funding items such as:

- State-of-the-art equipment
- Comfort items for patients
- Advanced training for members of staff
- Pilots for new patient experience initiatives
- New, welcoming, and positive environments for everyone treated in our hospital.

A gift in your Will is just one of many ways you can choose to support the hospital. You'll be leaving a meaningful and lasting legacy to a cause that's close to your heart.

Gifts in Wills to the hospital do so much to help our patients, their families, and our amazing staff. Whichever way you want to support the hospital, know that every single gift is incredibly precious to us.



WHAT YOUR *forever thank you* CAN DO

Leaving a legacy to our hospital will help patients, families, and staff in many different ways.

In your Will you can specify where your gift goes – either for a particular ward, department, or service, or wherever the need is greatest.

Here are just a few of the things we've been able to achieve thanks to the generosity of our supporters:



Supporting cancer patients

Donations to our Cancer Centre help us provide many special extras that enhance patient experience – comfortable reclining chairs for chemotherapy patients, snacks for patients on the ward, keeping our garden areas bright and colourful. These items and activities all come from charitable support.

Transforming young patient experience

We've enhanced, and continue to enhance, the experience of young patients and their families on the children's wards through new artwork, play equipment, and sensory items.

Helping save tiny lives

Through the Little Lives Appeal, £250,000 was raised to redevelop the Neonatal Unit and provide life-saving equipment for babies born too early, too small or very ill.

Funding patient day rooms

Donations to our general fund have supported the transformation of day rooms on wards which are spaces for patients and relatives to take time away from their bed or the ward, have a cup of tea, and some quiet time. Most recently, we funded a special day room for dementia patients.



Why your Will

MATTERS TO YOU

Your Will may be one of the most important documents you ever write. That's because if you have last wishes, including them in your Will guarantees they're carried out. A Will is also the ideal 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 means you're still looking after loved ones when you're no longer here.

If you die without a Will in place, the choices you've made may not 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 lasting Will can also carry on your support for causes that are close to your heart. By including a gift to our hospital in your Will, you can write a forever thank you with a gift that continues making a difference into the future.

THREE TYPES OF *gifts to leave in your Will*

The most common types of gift to leave in your

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 either gift 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 huge difference. Many supporters prefer this kind of gift because, as it's part of your overall estate, it keeps its value over time.

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. But over time, inflation can reduce its value and make it less impactful.

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're 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 talk about restricting your gift, please email fundraising@mkuh.nhs.uk.

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 to write your Will - from consulting a professional, completing a simple template, or using one of many online services that 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 circumstances or decisions change. It's simple to write a updated Will with new instructions, or to amend your Will using what's called a 'codicil'.

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

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

STEP 3: List what you'd like to leave to and to who

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

STEP 5: List your executors

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 Milton Keynes Hospital Charity, Milton Keynes University Hospital, Standing Way, Eaglestone, Milton Keynes, MK6 5LD, registered number 1048297 for their general purposes and I declare that the receipt of its 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 Milton Keynes Hospital Charity, Milton Keynes University Hospital, Standing Way, Eaglestone, Milton Keynes, MK6 5LD, registered charity number 1048297, the sum of £_____ for their general purposes and I declare that the receipt of its Treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.

We deeply appreciate the significance of this decision. That's why we're so immensely grateful to you for considering this incredible way of supporting Milton Keynes Hospital and writing your *forever thank you.*

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