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Hospitals Charity



Your free will guide

Understanding wills and legacies for supporting Derby & Burton Hospitals Charity.

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Thank you

for considering your lasting legacy.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about creating your free will and considering leaving a gift to Derby & Burton Hospitals Charity. We're pleased to offer this free wills service to ensure you have the support you need while providing peace of mind.

As the official charity of the University of Derby and Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, our mission extends beyond our hospitals to the wider community across Derby, Derbyshire, and Staffordshire. By offering this free will service, we aim to give back to the community, helping you make informed decisions about your estate while supporting our shared goal of improving health and wellbeing.

Your gift, if you choose to include one, will help fund the crucial extras that the NHS may not cover. These include advanced medical equipment, enhancements to hospital facilities, and vital community projects. Your generosity enables us to provide additional care and support, benefiting patients and their families at every stage, from neonatal care through to end-of-life services.

We appreciate your consideration and support. By using this service and thinking about a gift, you are not only securing your own peace of mind but also contributing to a lasting impact on our hospitals and community.

Understanding wills

What is a will?

A will is an important legal document that lets you express your wishes for how your belongings and assets should be shared after you pass away. It's your way of making sure that your loved ones, and any causes you care about, are looked after according to your wishes.

Why is having a will important?

- **Peace of mind:** A will gives you peace of mind knowing that your wishes will be honoured, and your loved ones will be cared for in the way you intend.
- **Care for loved ones:** It allows you to provide for your family, friends, and even pets, ensuring they receive what you wish to give them.
- **Support for causes you care about:** Through your will, you can leave a gift to charities like Derby & Burton Hospitals Charity, helping to continue their vital work.
- **Avoid family disputes:** By clearly stating your wishes, a will can help prevent misunderstandings and disagreements among those you care about.

Key parts of a will:

- **Executor:** This is the person you trust to carry out the instructions in your will. They will make sure your wishes are followed.
- **Guardian for minor children:** If you have children under 18, your will allows you to appoint a guardian to care for them if you're no longer here.
- **Beneficiaries:** These are the people, pets, or organisations you choose to leave gifts to. Your beneficiaries could be family members, friends, or charities.
- **Gifts:** These can include specific items, sums of money, or a share of your estate. Gifts can be given in a way that best reflects your values and priorities.



Creating a will is an act of care and responsibility. It's your opportunity to provide for your loved ones and make a lasting difference in the world. By taking this important step, you ensure that your wishes are respected and that your legacy lives on.

Types of gifts you can leave in your will

1
Residuary gift

'I'd like to leave what's left of my estate'
After taking care of your loved ones and settling any debts or taxes, you can leave a portion or all of what remains - this is called a residuary gift. Even a small percentage, like 1%, can make a significant impact and support our vital work. Many prefer this type of gift because it retains its value over time relative to your estate.

2
Pecuniary gift:

'I'd like to leave a specific amount'
A pecuniary gift is a specific amount of money that you decide to set aside in your will. This amount is paid out before the remainder of your estate is distributed. While straightforward, it's important to remember that the value of a pecuniary gift can decrease over time due to inflation, potentially reducing its impact.

3
Specific gift:

'I'd like to leave a specific gift'
This type of gift involves leaving a particular item of value, such as property, shares, or a piece of jewellery. Specific gifts are a meaningful way to contribute something unique and personal to Derby & Burton Hospitals Charity.



Restricted vs. unrestricted gifts

With any of these types of gifts, you have the option to specify how you'd like your legacy to be used. You can restrict your gift to a particular area of our work—whether it's purchasing medical equipment, enhancing patient care, or supporting staff training or to a specific area of care such as a ward or unit. However, leaving your gift unrestricted allows us to direct the funds to where they are needed most at the time, ensuring that your generosity has the greatest possible impact.

Tax benefits of leaving a gift

The good news is that any gifts left to charities are exempt from Inheritance Tax. Additionally, by including a charitable gift in your will, you may reduce the Inheritance Tax on the remainder of your estate. However, Inheritance Tax is a complex and frequently changing area of law, so we recommend visiting www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax for the latest information and speaking to a professional advisor.

How to create your FREE will

Derby & Burton Hospitals Charity have partnered with Octopus Legacy to offer a straightforward and expert service for creating your will. Octopus Legacy's experience ensures a professional approach to setting up your will, making it easier for you to manage your estate according to your wishes.

1 Choose how you want to create your will:

- **Online:** Scan the QR code to use the **Octopus Legacy online platform** to draft your will at your own pace.
- **Phone Appointment:** Schedule a phone appointment to discuss your will with an advisor, allowing you to get guidance from home.
- **In-Person Appointment:** Arrange a face-to-face meeting with a professional advisor for more detailed assistance.

2 Answer some initial questions:

The process begins with a few key questions designed to help determine the type of will that best suits your needs.

3 Provide more detailed information:

You will then provide information about:

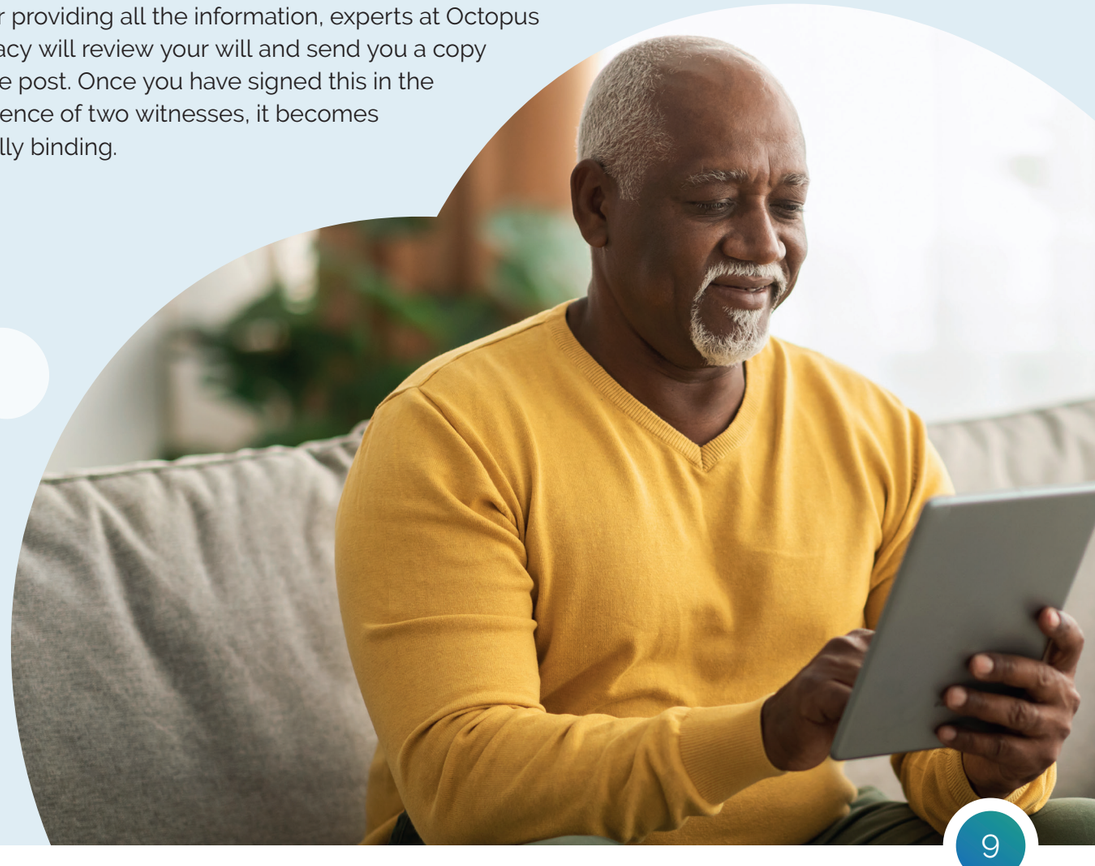
- **About You:** Your personal details, including name and address.
- **About Your Family:** Information about family members and their relationships to you.
- **Financial Assets:** Details about your assets, including property, savings, and investments.
- **Dividing Your Estate:** How you wish to divide your estate among beneficiaries.
- **Executors:** The individuals you appoint to carry out the instructions in your will.

4 Optional additional information:

You can also include optional details such as specific instructions for your funeral arrangements and any additional requests or gifts, including charitable donations.

5 Review and finalise:

After providing all the information, experts at Octopus Legacy will review your will and send you a copy in the post. Once you have signed this in the presence of two witnesses, it becomes legally binding.



Why leaving a gift to Derby & Burton Hospitals Charity matters

The impact of your legacy

Leaving a gift to Derby & Burton Hospitals Charity is a meaningful way to support essential services and enhance patient care. Your legacy can help us provide vital resources that go beyond what is funded by the NHS, making a significant difference in the lives of patients and their families.

Who your legacy helps

- **Supporting patients and their loved ones:**
  We are committed to caring for individuals through every stage of life. Your gifts bring comfort and joy during difficult times, ensuring patients and families receive the care they need. Whether enhancing newborn care, offering solace during illness, or providing compassionate end-of-life support, your contributions make a meaningful impact.

- **Supporting the wider community:**
  We extend our care beyond hospital walls to support the wider community. Your contributions help provide essential services to those recovering from illness, adjusting to life after hospital discharge, or facing limited access to care. By addressing gaps in community support and enhancing local health initiatives, your gift ensures everyone can receive the assistance they need for an improved life.

- **Supporting NHS staff:**
  Our NHS staff are the heart of our healthcare system, delivering exceptional care every day. Your support helps enhance their work experience by funding advanced training, providing resources to manage job-related pressures, and showing appreciation for their dedication. By investing in their well-being and recognising their efforts, we ensure they feel valued and continue providing excellent care.



Your gift, no matter the size, helps ensure that we can continue to provide these vital services and make a meaningful impact on the lives of patients, staff, and the community.
By including Derby & Burton Hospitals Charity in your will, you contribute to a lasting legacy of support and care.



Real projects, real impact

How your support has transformed lives so far.

Every year we see an increasing number of generous donations and legacies left to our charity. Here are some ways your money has been spent so far:

1 Improving patient care

- **Neonatal unit enhancements:**
  Donations have helped upgrade our neonatal units with new equipment and facilities, providing the best possible start for premature and critically ill babies. New incubators and monitoring equipment ensure these tiny patients receive top-quality care.
- **Patient comfort items:**
  Contributions have provided comforting items like blankets, sensory toys, iPads and TV's for children undergoing treatment. These additions help make their hospital stay more reassuring and less stressful. Other items such as rehabilitation chairs and buggy services enhance patient comfort and mobility within the hospital.

2 Advancing medical equipment

- **HIPEC machine:**
  The charity supported the purchase of a Hyperthermic Intra-Peritoneal Perfusion (HIPEC) machine. This advanced equipment provides heated chemotherapy to patients with advanced ovarian cancer, helping delay cancer recurrence and potentially extending patients' lives.
- **Cold caps:**
  Through charity donations and staff fundraising, the Oncology Unit now has cold caps to help reduce hair loss in chemotherapy patients. By cooling the scalp and protecting hair follicles, these caps lessen discomfort and anxiety, enhancing patient well-being during treatment.

> Thanks to the charity funding the provision of cold caps, I was fortunate to have access to cold cap treatment, which, in my case, was a great success. I kept my hair—it thinned a little, but no one else noticed. I felt like myself when I looked in the mirror, less like I was living with cancer. Keeping my femininity meant the world to me, and to the outside world, no one would have ever known what I was going through. **Karen**

3 Community projects

- **Support for local initiatives:**
  Donations have enabled the charity to support various community health programs, including mental health support groups and outreach programs. These initiatives provide essential services and support to those in need, such as our prostate cancer support group in Mickleover, Derby.
- **Emergency medical supplies:**
  Contributions have equipped local emergency services with vital medical supplies like bleed control kits and first aid equipment, ensuring immediate care is available in critical situations.

4 Supporting NHS Staff

- **Wellbeing initiatives:**
  The charity has funded dedicated wellbeing and break rooms where staff can relax and recharge during long shifts. These spaces help reduce stress and support staff in maintaining their health and well-being.
- **Recognising and thanking staff:**
  The charity celebrates our dedicated NHS staff through Long Service Awards for milestones of 25, 35, 45, and 50 years of service. The Making a Difference Awards honor exceptional staff who exceed expectations, appreciating their significant contributions to patient care and staff morale.

5 Enhancing hospital facilities

- **Facility upgrades:**
  Significant funding has been used to renovate patient wards and create new spaces for family support. These improvements help make hospitals more comfortable and supportive environments for both patients and their families.
- **The joy of art and music:**
  Air Arts, part of the Derby & Burton Hospitals Charity, enriches hospital facilities by integrating arts and music. Their visual displays and performances create a calming atmosphere, improving the well-being of patients, staff, and visitors.

6 Research and training

- **Training and development:**
  We've invested in crucial staff training, covering advanced care techniques and mental health support. A standout example is the new simulation training suite in the intensive care unit (ICU). This innovative manikin allows staff to practice real-life scenarios, ensuring high quality care and advanced skills for healthcare professionals.
- **Research:**
  We fund groundbreaking research to discover innovative treatments that improve patient outcomes. For example, we support vital work in diabetes care, helping to develop advanced therapies and management strategies that enhance the quality of life for those affected by this condition.



Your support enables us to fund essential projects that significantly enhance patient care, support NHS staff, and benefit our community. From improving facilities and purchasing specialised equipment to recognising the dedication of our staff and supporting local health initiatives, every donation makes a tangible difference. We are proud to ensure that 100% of the money given goes directly to these vital causes, making the most of your generous contributions. Thank you for your commitment and support in helping us create a positive impact on countless lives.



Frequently asked questions

Q When should I create a will?

A You can create a will as soon as you turn 18, but it's particularly important to do so when you acquire significant assets, start a family, or experience major life changes.

Having a will ensures that your wishes are clearly outlined and your estate is managed according to your preferences, providing peace of mind at every stage of life.

Q What if I already have a will?

A If you already have a will but wish to rewrite it, you can create a new one through our free service. The new document will override your existing will, ensuring that your current wishes are accurately reflected. This allows you to update any details or make changes to your estate plans at no additional cost.

Q What happens to my will if my circumstances change, and I need to change it?

A If your circumstances change—whether through marriage, having children, acquiring new property or any other significant life events, you can update your will to reflect these changes. Amendments can be made for free within the first year of creating your will. After that, there is a £10 fee for any changes. Keeping your will up to date ensures it accurately represents your current situation and wishes.

Q What if my estate is complicated?

A Simple wills are easy to complete online on your own. However, if your circumstances are more complicated, you may want to seek legal advice. If you think this applies to you, call the legacy team at 02045253605 and quote 'Derby & Burton Hospitals Charity.' They can help you find a solution that suits your needs.

Q Why is this will service free?

A We offer this free will service because our primary goal is to support people through the process of creating their will. We understand that making a will can be overwhelming, so we want to simplify it for our supporters. By partnering with Octopus Legacy, we've made it easier and more accessible. While leaving a gift in your will can significantly benefit charities like ours, there is no obligation to do so. Our goal is to ensure you receive clear and straightforward assistance, regardless of whether you choose to include a donation.

Q If I chose to leave a donation, how can I be sure it is used in accordance with my wishes?

A If your donation is intended to support a specific cause, hospital, or area, we are legally obligated to use it as specified. As custodians of your gift, we are committed to ensuring that every contribution is utilised effectively and transparently.

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“Your support means the world to us. Every gift, big or small, helps us to continue making a difference in the lives of our patients, staff, and the community. We are grateful for your commitment and honoured to be part of your legacy. Please don’t hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need assistance; we are here to support you every step of the way.”



Jill Matthews, Chief Officer,
Derby & Burton Hospitals Charity

We are dedicated to improving lives and supporting those in need. However, we can't achieve this without the generous support of people like you. By leaving a gift in your will, you ensure that your legacy contributes to meaningful change and supports our vital work.

Your Forever Thank You

Start your free will here:
https://bit.ly/octopuslegacyDBHC

For support regarding wills, please contact us:
Email: **support@octopuslegacy.com**
Call: **020 4525 3605**

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We understand that not everyone may want to or be able to leave a gift in their will. If you still wish to support our charity, contact us to explore other ways to get involved.

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