

Gifts in Wills

Frequently Asked Questions

Why should I make a Will?

If you die without making a will, the law will decide what happens to your estate and it may not go to your family and loved ones or the charities you wish to support. It could also lead to an unwanted and avoidable tax bill on your death.

How do I make a Will?

Making a Will is straightforward and relatively inexpensive. Any solicitor or legal advisor will be able to explain how to do this.

I would like to remember St Peter's Hospice in my Will but I want to remember my family and friends too. What should I do?

We understand that family and loved ones come first. After you have considered what you would like to leave them, if you feel you could leave the Hospice a share of what is left, we would very much appreciate your generosity.

I have a Will but would like to add a gift to St Peter's Hospice. What do I do?

If you currently have a Will, adding St Peter's Hospice usually requires a simple one page document called a codicil. Suggested wording for a codicil is listed below and your solicitor will be able to advise you.

Are there any tax benefits to leaving St Peter's Hospice a Gift in my Will?

Yes, if your estate is above a certain value (the inheritance tax threshold), your estate may be liable for inheritance tax. The tax threshold (currently £325k for a single person) and amount of tax you pay (currently 40%) may change over time but your solicitor will be able to advise you on inheritance tax. Gifts to charities are free of inheritance tax so a gift to us could reduce the amount of money paid to the government from your estate.

How could my Gift help St Peter's Hospice?

£500 will pay for our medical supplies for one week, including needles, dressings, gloves and creams

£1,500 will pay for a patient to spend two days in our inpatient unit

£5,000 will allow our community nurses to visit 25 terminally ill patients in their own home, offering support and care

£17,000 will pay for 10 patients to receive 7 days of 24 hour Hospice at Home care

£36,000 will pay to support a registered nurse for our Inpatient Unit

£133,000 pays for one week's running costs for the whole Hospice

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How to Include St Peter's Hospice in your Will

There are several types of Gifts your could include in your Will

A Residuary Gift - is a percentage of your estate once your loved ones have been provided for. This is one of the most valuable ways to support St Peter's Hospice in your Will because the value of your Gift is not reduced by inflation.

A Cash Gift - you can choose exactly how much you want to leave St Peter's Hospice by stating an exact sum of money.

A Specific Gift - you can choose to leave a specific item to St Peter's Hospice such as a piece of jewellery or a painting.

Suggested wording for these three types of Gifts

Residuary Gift

Subject to payment of my debts, funeral and testamentary expenses, I give free of inheritance tax to St Peter's Hospice, Registered Charity No. 269177, of Charlton Road, Brentry, Bristol, BS10 6NL, (...%) of my residuary estate to be applied to the general purposes of the said charity. I declare that the receipt of the treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.

Cash Gift

I give free of inheritance tax to St Peter's Hospice, Registered Charity No. 269177, of Charlton Road, Brentry, Bristol, BS10 6NL, the sum of (£...) to be applied to the general purposes of the said charity. I declare that the receipt of the treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.

Specific Gift

I give free of inheritance tax to St Peter's Hospice, Registered Charity No. 269177, of Charlton Road, Brentry, Bristol, BS10 6NL, my (insert item, e.g. furniture, jewellery etc.) to be applied to the general purposes of the said charity. I declare that the receipt of the treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.

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Suggested wording for a Codicil (an addition to an existing Will)

I, (insert full name) of (insert full address)

Declare this to be (indicate what number this codicil is, e.g. first/second/third) codicil to my will dated --/--/--.

In addition to any legacies given in my said Will, I give to St Peter's Hospice, Registered Charity No. 269177, of Charlton Road, Brentry, Bristol, BS10 6NL, a (insert %) share of my estate or the sum of £(insert figure and words) and/or (insert specific item) to be used for general purposes and I declare that the receipt of the treasurer or duly authorised officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.

In all other aspects I confirm my said Will and all other Codicils thereto.

Signed

Signed by the above names in our presence and witnessed by us in the presence of him/her and each other.

Witnessed by:

Signature

Name

Address

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Occupation

Date --/--/--

Witnessed by:

Signature

Name

Address

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