



Leaving your Legacy for Brighton, Hove and Mid Sussex

**Information about leaving a
Gift in your Will**



Your Legacy Matters

Leaving a charitable gift in your Will is a generous way to make a lifelong donation to a charity you care about. Of course, ensuring your loved ones are cared for comes first, but leaving a charitable gift in your Will can advance care for patients in Brighton, Hove, and Mid Sussex for generations to come.

How legacies help Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals Charity

Patients are diagnosed and treated faster, families and loved ones are more comfortable, and staff travel out of county for specialized training...all through generous support given to Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals Charity. Advancements and innovations in healthcare provision help return patients back to health quicker, yet are hard to predict. BSUH Charity capitalises on these advancements by providing:

- ✦ State-of-the-art equipment
- ✦ Patient-friendly environmental upgrades
- ✦ Innovative research project
- ✦ Specialised training for staff

The thoughtful support of supporters who leave donations for BSUH Charity in their Will advances care for the future beyond basic provisions at Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust's four hospitals and ten satellite sites (Hospitals: Princess Royal, Royal Alexandra Children's, Royal Sussex County, and Sussex Eye).

Gifts in Wills have made a life-long difference in the following ways:

- ✦ Upgraded dialysis machines for the Sussex Kidney Unit
- ✦ Glaucoma equipment and technology for the Sussex Eye Hospital
- ✦ State-of-the-art instruments for joint operations such as hip and knee replacements



Ways to Leave a Gift in Your Will

How you decide to support the charity is entirely up to you, for example, you may choose to leave the charity a sum of money or a share of your estate. You may also decide to allocate part or the entire residue of your estate to the charity so you do not have to decide on a specific sum. Either way, your legacy gift will allow BSUH Charity to carry on providing the very best diagnosis and treatment options discovered through ground-breaking research and innovations. Your legacy gift will support departments and wards which need it most. The main types of legacy gifts include:

Residuary legacy - This is the remainder of your estate after all other gifts have been made. This is often a popular way to leave a legacy as all other gifts have been given first, and it is expressed as a fraction of your estate so it retains its value over time. This can be anything from 1% to 100%.

Pecuniary legacy - This is a fixed amount of money left to the charity. The amount of money may fall due to inflation so we do advise you to review the amount regularly.

How does a solicitor help?

We would always recommend that you gain quotes from solicitors if you are unsure of the costs of producing a will and the cost can depend on how complicated your affairs and wishes are. A solicitor will ensure all legal procedures are followed and answer any questions you may have. If you do not already have a solicitor you can contact The Law Society on 020 7242 1222 or visit www.lawsociety.org.uk.

We also advise contacting your solicitor to make any changes to your Will or if you wish to include a gift to BSUH Charity. Once you have made your Will you need to keep it safe. Keep a copy for yourself and make sure your executors know where to find it, but we advise that you leave the original Will with your solicitor.



Suggested wording

A suggested form of wording for your solicitor to include in the Will is, "I give the sum of £... free of tax to the Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust, or its successor, as the trustees of the Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals Charity (registered charity number 1050864), to meet the greatest need of that charity."

If it is preferred that the gift be used for a specific purpose, the following wording should be added, "without imposing any trust, I desire such sum to be used for.....".

Contact us

If you have decided to leave BSUH Charity a gift in your Will, thank you. We would love to learn more about your decision to leave a charitable gift to improve care. Please get in touch to share your story with us.

Thank you for improving the experience of patients in the future for your family, friends, and all of Brighton, Hove and Mid Sussex.

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