



**St Oswald's  
Hospice**

# Make a Will Month

## A guide to writing your will

**Write your Will for a reduced fee this June and support St Oswald's Hospice.**

Thank you to the local solicitors who have donated their time and expertise so that every penny raised will benefit local families who rely on hospice care.

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# Writing a Will is one of the most important things you can do – for you and for those you love.

In the UK, 64% of adults do not have a Will, and of those that do, almost a third are out of date. For so many of us, writing a Will is something we put off, something that can wait till later. By reading this information you've taken the first step in getting this important job off your to do list. And thanks to support from local solicitors, you can make your Will for a reduced fee, all of which will be donated to support people at St Oswald's Hospice.

**£90 for a single Will**

**£125 for a pair of Wills**

## Step 1. Choose your solicitor

Please see the enclosed sheet for a list of participating solicitors.

## Step 2. Book an appointment directly with your solicitor

Please book all appointments directly with your chosen solicitor. Please quote 'St Oswald's Hospice Make a Will Month' when you call. Your appointment must be held during June 2023.

## Step 3. Things to think about before your appointment

- Who will you choose as Executors, the people who will ensure the wishes outlined in your Will are carried out? These could be a solicitor, family or friends.
- Who you wish to inherit your money, belongings and assets. For most people this will be family and loved ones. You may also decide to remember a cause or charity close to you.
- What assets do you have? It may be useful to make a list including your home, car, bank accounts, pensions and life insurance policies.
- What kind of gifts do you wish to leave and to whom? This could be set amounts of money, a percentage or share of your estate or a specific item.
- Who you would like to be your children's guardians?
- Are there any other things to consider, such as provision for care of pets, your funeral arrangements?

You might want to discuss your Will with your loved ones. It is an emotive subject which can be hard to broach, but making your intentions known will prevent surprises at a later date.

## Step 4. Attending your appointment

Your solicitor will discuss your wishes with you and draft your Will. The Make a Will Month scheme covers a basic Will, so if your circumstances are more complex your solicitor will advise you of any extra costs involved before you proceed. Any donation you would like to make to St Oswald's should be made at your appointment where your solicitor will ask you to complete a donation form.

# Why make a Will?

- To give you peace of mind
- To have control over what you would like to happen to your belongings, your money and your home.
- To name guardians for your children.
- To update a change in your circumstances.
- To leave thoughtful gifts for friends, family or causes you care about, like St Oswald's Hospice.
- To reduce your inheritance tax bill

## How your Make a Will Month donation will make a difference at St Oswald's

As a local charity we rely on the generosity and support of our community to continue to provide our specialist care services, free of charge, to those who need us. Although we receive some funding from local authorities we still must raise over £8.5 million each year through voluntary giving and legacies. To date St Oswald's Hospice Make a Will Month has raised over £230,000 to support local people who require hospice care.



**£90** could pay for two bereavement support for adults or children, and help them come to terms with the loss of a loved one. You'd be helping someone who might be feeling vulnerable and afraid, by giving them access to caring support which can have a huge impact on their life.



**£100** would provide four hours of specialist nursing care to our patients and their families. As well as expert care, our nurses are a listening ear and a hand to hold at what could be the most difficult time of people's lives.



**£200** could go towards creating special memories for our younger patients receiving care within our Children's Service. Arts and crafts materials, baking ingredients, music therapy sessions and sensory toys are just some of the ways your donation can create magical moments.

# Your lasting legacy: leaving a gift in your Will to St Oswald's Hospice

What if your Will could change lives for the better in years to come?

**Once you have taken care of family and loved ones would you consider leaving a gift to families at St Oswald's Hospice? Even a gift of 1% can make a big difference.**

A gift from you would bring care, comfort and a hand to hold at the most difficult of times for someone needing hospice care in the future. What an amazing legacy to leave. Thank you.



**"Leaving a gift in my Will was an easy decision. I want the special kind of care that is delivered by St Oswald's Hospice to still be there for other people in years to come"**

**June**

**"I left a gift in my Will following the incredible care my Aunt received. It's a lovely feeling to know that I can keep on making a difference to a charity close to my heart, even after I have gone"**

**George**



**Don't forget**, you can make a **Free Will** all year round thanks to our partnership with Beyond, the online Will experts and Accord legal services.

Visit [www/stoswaldsuk.org/free-wills](http://www.stoswaldsuk.org/free-wills) for more information or call us on **0191 246 9123**

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