

Your Will could be a lifeline for children like Delilah

A LEGACY GUIDE





Your support will help children like seven-year-old Ava now and in the future. Through research and specialist care, we aim to pioneer better treatments and cures for a wide range of complex and life-threatening illnesses.

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Front cover:
One-year-old Delilah on Giraffe Ward.

How your legacy could help sick children in years to come


At Great Ormond Street Hospital, gifts left to the charity in people's Wills are a vital part of our funding. Once you've considered all the important people in your life, any contribution you make, no matter how large or small will help us to provide new ways to give sick children the treatment they so desperately need, now and in the future.

With your help, we will be able to fund groundbreaking research to treat the untreatable. Pioneering work will allow us to give more critically ill children the chance of a fulfilling life. Many of the children that we see at the hospital have very complex, life-threatening diseases, but a gift in your Will can help us to give hope and support to those very sick patients and their families.

Will-writing isn't my forte, so my colleagues in the Legacy team have put together this guide to help you. You'll find useful information on making or amending a Will, as well as learning about our work and how we'll honour your memory. Should you need to get in touch, the Legacy team's contact details are on page 10. Thank you.



Dr Paul Veys
Director of Bone Marrow Transplants



“My greatest belief is that there's a cure for everything, we just don't know it yet.”

Dr Paul Veys

Photo: David Harrison

By developing radical new bone marrow transplant techniques, Dr Veys was able to help little Oscar beat a particularly aggressive form of leukaemia.

Making a Will for the first time

If this is your first Will, we recommend you use a solicitor to have it drafted. The cost is relatively modest and a professionally drafted Will means that your wishes will be honoured, minimising the potential for disputes and a potential drain on the value of your estate. We will be happy to help you find a solicitor near you.

A solicitor will give you professional advice and hold a copy of the Will for safekeeping. Before visiting the solicitor it is worth making a list of your assets and liabilities – what you own and owe – in case of inheritance tax considerations. Also, identify and agree the people you would like to be your executors. If you don't know anyone suitable, your solicitor may be able to help.

Choose the type of gift you want to leave

The two most common options are: to leave a fixed sum, or to leave a percentage of your estate. A percentage means you won't have to keep changing your Will as circumstances change, and that your loved ones won't miss out. We find it's the option most people prefer. Your solicitor can give you more details.

Zoe was six months old when she had an operation to reduce a large cyst on her brain. Research helps the hospital carry out complex operations on tiny patients like her.


Making a straightforward change to your Will

You can easily update your Will using a codicil. This is a separate document that makes a simple amendment to your current Will. It's witnessed in the same way as your Will and stored with it, but your solicitor will be able to advise you. We've provided legal wording for your use at the back of this guide, but you may want to check with your solicitor to ensure your wishes will be met.

Making a significant change to your Will

Unless the change you are making is very straightforward, we recommend that you consult your solicitor and consider having your Will redrafted. Wills inevitably become outdated, so adding a new beneficiary is also a good opportunity to review your assets and liabilities. There may be other alterations you wish to make, as things like names and addresses in the Will may also have changed.





Gifts in Wills help pioneer new techniques to give children like Samaviya a better future.

Making sure you include Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity in your Will

When you visit your solicitor to draft or amend your Will, you must include the important details listed below. At the back of this guide, we've also included some specific wording for your solicitor to use.

Our full name, address and charity number

Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity,
40 Bernard Street,
London WC1N 1LE

Our registered charity number,
which is 1160024.



Our dedicated team is here to help you

If you have any questions about any of the details or choices we've talked about, you can contact us directly on **020 3841 3131** between 9am and 5pm.

We can also give you information about:

- Finding a local solicitor or trust and estate planner.
- Our free no-obligation Will-writing service.
- Focusing your gift on a specific area, for example redevelopment or research.
- Gifts in kind.

We'd love to hear from you

If you decide to include a gift in your Will to Great Ormond Street Hospital, we'd really like to hear from you. We'll treat your information with complete confidence. It's not binding in any way, but it will give us a chance to say thank you today. We'd also love to hear your story about why Great Ormond Street Hospital has a special place in your heart.

Come and hear about our work

From time to time we hold open days here at the hospital, where we invite guests to hear our professionals talk about their latest groundbreaking work. It's a wonderful opportunity to hear first-hand about patients and discover how we're developing our life-saving work for the future. To find out when the next open day will be taking place, please contact the Legacy team on **020 3841 3131** between 9am and 5pm.





Our chapel is a place for contemplation, where many people find the inner strength they need to take them through difficult times.

Honouring your memory

People who leave us gifts in their Wills mean a lot to us, so a Book of Remembrance is kept on public display next to the Children's Book of Remembrance. These can be found in the ante-room to the splendid St Christopher's Chapel at the heart of the hospital. Should you decide to leave us a gift in your Will, your name will be entered into the Book of Remembrance as our way of saying thank you.

St Christopher's Chapel was described by Oscar Wilde as "the most delightful private chapel in London". It has been at the heart of the hospital since 1875 and is arguably the most magnificent hospital chapel in the country.

Specific wording for your Will

When leaving us a gift, you can use this wording for drafting or amending your Will.

1. Wording if you're leaving a percentage (also referred to as a **residuary gift**)

I give ____ per cent (____%) of the residue of my real and personal estate to Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity of 40 Bernard Street, London WC1N 1LE (registered charity no. 1160024) and the receipt of a duly authorised officer for the time being of Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity shall be sufficient discharge for my Executors.

2. Wording if you're leaving a set sum (also referred to as a **pecuniary gift**)

I give ____ pounds (£____) to Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity of 40 Bernard Street, London WC1N 1LE (registered charity no. 1160024) and the receipt of a duly authorised officer for the time being of Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity shall be sufficient discharge for my Executors.



Two-year-old Gabriela, on Lion Ward. She has acute myeloblastic leukaemia and had a bone marrow transplant.

Thank you



Six-year-old Scarlett has rare birthmarks called congenital melanocytic naevi (CMN).

Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity. Registered charity no. 1160024.