



**GREAT
ORMOND
STREET
HOSPITAL
CHARITY**

**Your Will could be a lifeline
for children like Delilah**

A LEGACY GUIDE



Your support will help children like 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.

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

Left: **Ava**, age eight, has cystic fibrosis and comes to Great Ormond Street Hospital regularly for treatment. When she's not in hospital Ava loves doing ballet, gymnastics and singing.

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How your legacy could help seriously ill 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 seriously ill children the treatment they so urgently need, now and in the future.

With your help, we will be able to fund groundbreaking research to help 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. A gift in your Will can help us to give hope and support to those very sick children 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, and you'll learn 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Veys". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dr Paul Veys
Director of Bone Marrow Transplants, Great Ormond Street Hospital



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

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

Dr Paul Veys

Making a Will for the first time

We recommend you use a solicitor or professional Will writer to have your Will drafted. The cost is relatively modest and it can help reduce the likelihood of your wishes being challenged after you pass away.

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, Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity has Trust Corporation status and can be named as the executor of your estate.

Choosing the type of gift you want to leave

The most common types of legacy gifts left in Wills are:

Residuary gift: the residue (or a proportion of the residue) of an estate after all other gifts, debts and expenses have been paid.

Pecuniary gift: a fixed sum of money.

Specific gift: a particular asset, for example an investment or property.

Reversionary gift: a two-stage gift where assets are first held in a trust to provide some benefit to an individual. This could be a property for them to live in or income generated by investments. Once that individual's need for the property (or trust) ends, the assets then pass to a second beneficiary, such as a charity.

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 young babies like Zoe.



Making a straightforward change to your Will

You can easily update your Will using a document called a codicil. This makes a simple amendment to your current Will. It's completed in the same way as your Will and should be stored with it. We've provided legal wording for your use below, (page 14) but you may want to check with your solicitor or professional Will writer to ensure your wishes will be met.

Making a significant change to your Will

If you would like to make significant changes to your Will, we recommend that you consult your solicitor or professional Will writer and consider having it redrafted.

If you have any questions about the kind of gift you'd like to leave in your Will, please contact our Legacy team on **020 3841 3131** or speak to your solicitor.

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

When you draft or amend your Will, you must include the important details listed below.

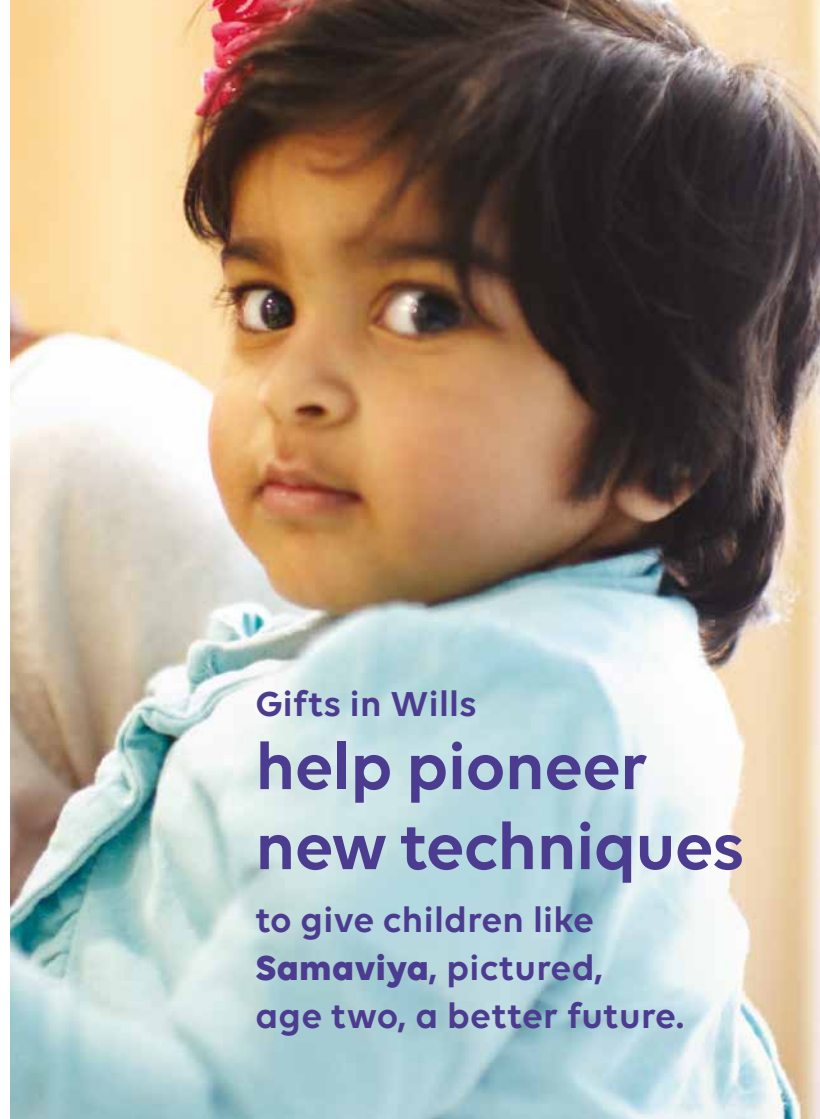
At the back of this guide, we've also included some specific wording for your solicitor or professional Will writer to use (page 14).

Our full name and address

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

Our registered charity number

1160024



Gifts in Wills

**help pioneer
new techniques**

to give children like
Samaviya, pictured,
age two, a better future.

Our dedicated team is here to help you

If you have any questions about leaving a gift in your Will, you can contact us directly on **020 3841 3131** between 9am and 5pm.

We can also give you information about the following:

- 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 learn 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.

Some of the
nursing team at
Great Ormond
Street Hospital.



The image shows the interior of a highly ornate Gothic chapel. The architecture features intricate gold leaf carvings, pointed arches, and a vaulted ceiling with a blue background and gold stars. A large, multi-tiered chandelier hangs from the ceiling, casting a warm glow. In the foreground, a dark, ornate metal stand holds a black eagle-shaped object. The altar is covered with a red cloth and has a sign that reads "ALLELUIA". The background shows a series of stained glass windows and a large archway leading to another part of the chapel. The overall atmosphere is one of grandeur and historical significance.

Our chapel is a place for contemplation

where many people find the inner strength
they need to help them through difficult times.



THANK YOU

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 one of the most magnificent hospital chapels in the country.

Specific wording for your Will

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

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."

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."

Wording if you're leaving a particular asset (also referred to as a **specific gift**)

"I give my _____ (include a description of the asset here) 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."

If you're considering leaving assets in trust which will pass to the charity once any life interest has ended (also referred to as a **reversionary gift**) please consult your solicitor. They will be able to provide you with an appropriate form of wording, as this can be complex depending on how you wish the trust to operate.

Two-year-old Gabriela (right) needed a bone marrow transplant to treat acute myeloblastic leukaemia.

Back cover: Six-year-old **Scarlett**, who has rare birthmarks called congenital melanocytic naevi (CMN).





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Thank you.

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