

# Leaving a gift in your Will for Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group (CCLG)

Loved ones always come first, but you can choose to leave a lasting legacy by remembering us in your Will. You can make a difference by helping to shape a future where all children with cancer will survive.

We have answered some common questions that you might have but we recommend that you seek professional advice from a solicitor.

## Why our work matters

Every single gift, no matter what size, can make a real difference to our important work so we can continue to influence positive change.

Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group (CCLG) is a leading national charity and expert voice for all childhood cancers. We are proud to have helped nearly 40,000 children and young people survive their cancer over the last 40 years. But there is still more to be done - cancer is still the biggest cause of death by disease in children.

## Gifts in Wills have allowed us to:

- save future lives through better knowledge, treatment and care
- fund and support innovative and world-class research into finding a cure
- improve early diagnosis of cancer so that there is a better chance of survival
- support families from throughout the cancer journey with our award-winning information resources to help lessen the anxiety, stress and loneliness commonly felt by families

**We receive no permanent funding and are reliant on our valued supporters.**

## Why making a Will is important

Making a Will is the only way you can be sure that your wishes will be followed after you die. Without a valid Will, part or all of your estate may go to people whom you never intended to benefit. Without preparation, it is possible that part of your estate may go to the state.

## Inheritance Tax

Making a Will can also help to reduce your tax liability as Inheritance Tax may be payable on your estate after your death depending on your assets (see here for more information: [www.gov.uk/topic/personal-tax/inheritance-tax](http://www.gov.uk/topic/personal-tax/inheritance-tax)). If you leave part or all of your estate to a registered charity, then the amount of tax payable may be less. Any gift to charity such as CCLG is currently free of tax.

## How to make a Will

There are a number of ways you can make a Will. We recommend that you use a solicitor when making or updating your Will to ensure that all the right legal procedures are followed.

### Checklist

It helps to prepare some facts and figures before seeing your solicitor and we have put together a checklist to help you do this:

#### 1) Think about what you have to leave

Your assets include everything that you own such as property, savings, personal possessions and pensions.

Your liabilities include anything that you owe such as debts, mortgage, credit card debts, and loans.

The sum total of your assets is called your estate. Before any gifts in your Will are given out, any liabilities need to be paid first. Drawing up your assets and liabilities will help give you a better picture of what your final estate might look like.

Other things to think about are who will take care of dependents and pets, or if you have specific instructions for your funeral that you would like to be carried out.

#### 2) Decide who gets what

It is important to take your time and think about who you would like to remember in your Will as your 'beneficiaries'. These can include family, friends, causes and charities.

#### Gifts in your Will can include:

A '**residuary gift**' – this is a share of your estate after you have provided for your family and friends.

A '**pecuniary gift**' – this is a cash gift where you can leave an exact sum of money.

A '**specific gift**' – this is where you leave a specific item such as an antique, house, land or jewellery.

Leaving a gift to CCLG in your Will is an easy and straightforward process. Simply add a paragraph that follows the correct legal description of us which includes our full name and charity number. An example is:

“I give to Children’s Cancer and Leukaemia Group (CCLG), of Century House, 24 De Montfort Street, Leicester, LE1 7GB, registered charity number 1182637 (England & Wales) [ \_\_\_% of my estate] or [the sum of £ \_\_\_\_ ] or (specific gift), to be used for general charitable purposes absolutely and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or duly authorised officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.”

### 3) Choose your Executors

Executors are people who you trust to carry your Will in accordance to your wishes. They can be friends, family or professionals.

### 4) Keep your Will safe

Once you have signed your Will, you will need to keep it in a safe place. Your solicitor may offer to keep a copy for you and you will need to let your Executors know.

#### Changing your Will

If you already have made a Will, you can easily make changes with the assistance of a solicitor.

We are extremely grateful for any gift you leave us in your Will and would like to thank you for supporting our charity.