

Thank you

Thank you for your interest in leaving a gift in your will to Airedale Hospital & Community Charity. We hope you have found this information useful.

If you would like to discuss your choices of support with a member of our fundraising team or hear more about our work we would love to hear from you:

Email us: airedalecharity@anhst.nhs.uk

Call us: 01535 294870

Write to us: Airedale Hospital & Community Charity,
Fundraising Office, Location C33, Airedale General
Hospital, Skipton Road, Steeton, West Yorkshire, BD20 6TD

Connect with us on social media: @airedalecharity

Find out more online: www.airedale-trust.nhs.net

Gifts in wills provide an opportunity for us to continue to give our community the best patient care they deserve.



Leaving a gift in your will



Your legacy – our future

We all receive some kind of assistance from our local hospital at some point in our lives, whether it is for a serious medical condition, a minor accident or the birth of our children. It is at times like these that we really value the best possible care being available.

Leaving a donation to Airedale Hospital & Community Charity in your will won't cost you a penny now, but every donation helps to provide the best possible care for local people for many years to come.

It's something many of us avoid, but making a will is worthwhile and can be easier than you think. For Airedale hospital and community services, gifts in people's wills are a vital part of the charity's funding to help provide that very best care. Contributions made in this way make a huge difference, allowing the hospital to offer the best treatment, delivered by the best staff, with state of the art facilities using the very best equipment.

A legacy can be as large or small as you like; you could leave a set amount, a percentage of your estate or simply what is left once your family and friends have been cared for.

Leaving a gift in your will is a very special thing to do

Making a will not only provides you with a chance to remember the people and causes you hold dear, but allows you to dispose of all assets owned personally on the date of your death, helping to avoid the often unfortunate consequences of intestacy.

We appreciate that families and friends always come first. Many people have limited opportunity to make significant gifts to causes close to their hearts during their lifetime, even if they would like to do so. A bequest in your will can be an ideal way and also ensure your kindness is remembered.

Donations received through legacies help over 200,000 people. That is the number of people Airedale Hospital and its community services care for every single year; and that number keeps on growing. It is a lot of people – an entire community. **Your community.**



What if I already have a will?

It is very important to keep your will up to date. Altering an existing will can be done simply by adding a codicil. This is a separate legal document witnessed in its own right. Consulting with a solicitor is the best way to add a codicil and ensure it is legally binding. A codicil must be kept with your will but not attached to it.

What type of gift or bequest would you like to leave?

If you have included a bequest in your will or intend on doing so, thank you on behalf of everyone who will benefit from your support and generosity.

One of your first steps will be to decide the type of gift you would like to leave. You could decide to leave a cash gift in your will, but there are other choices you may wish to consider. Opposite are the main types of gifts found in a will.

We always recommend that you consult your solicitor or a professional advisor if you plan to change your existing will.

This also provides a good opportunity for you to review your assets and liabilities.



Charitable donations in your will are exempt from tax, including inheritance tax, and therefore a very effective form of giving.

Residuary gift or share of your estate

A residuary gift can either be the remainder of your estate after all other gifts have been made and debts cleared, or a portion of your estate. You can give as much or as little as you like. You can also choose more than one charity you care about. As the value of residuary gifts tend not to lose money over time, it's useful for planning future gifts and can be the most valuable way to give through your will.

Pecuniary gift (also known as a cash gift)

A pecuniary gift is a fixed sum of money. There is no minimum or maximum value attached to this type of gift. You simply need to detail your chosen cause(s) and amount(s) you wish to make in

the future. It is possible to index link a cash gift meaning it will retain its value over time. You can ask your solicitor to index link a gift when discussing your will.

Specific gift

A specific gift is a personal possession or a particular named item left as a gift in your will such as land, buildings, businesses or shares.

Codicil

If you have already made your will and are happy with it, adding Airedale Hospital & Community Charity couldn't be easier – this can be done via a codicil. A codicil is a supplement to a will that can make changes or amendments to allow additions.

If you wish to direct your gift to a particular ward or an area of work that is of special interest or importance to you, we will, where possible, ensure your wishes are respected and carried out.

Choosing your support



To fund the hospital's main priorities at the time your gift is received, we recommend the following wording in your will or added to a codicil:

For a pecuniary gift or a specific gift:

I give to Airedale Hospital & Community Charity, registered charity in England and Wales (No. 1050730) of Airedale NHS Foundation Trust, Skipton Road, Steeton, Keighley, West Yorkshire, BD20 6TD, the sum of £x to be used for its general charitable purposes.

For a residuary gift:

I give all/fraction/% share of the residue of my estate to Airedale Hospital & Community Charity, registered charity in England and Wales (No. 1050730) of Airedale NHS Foundation Trust, Skipton Road, Steeton, Keighley, West Yorkshire, BD20 6TD, to be used for its general charitable purposes.

Whatever type of legacy you leave, we will liaise with your solicitor or executor to ensure your gift is dealt with in a timely, effective and cost efficient way.

Our promise

Our community and supporters are at the heart of everything we do and we therefore promise:

- We will always respect confidentiality and your right to privacy.
- We will never put you under any pressure and we respect your choice.
- We will always work in a timely, effective and cost efficient way.
- Family are often the closest people in our lives, we know their need will always come first.
- We will always use gifts wisely. We respect our position of custodians of supporters' donations.
- Even though we don't know what the future might hold we will always do our best to uphold any wishes you have about the use of a gift in your will.

We recognise that the decision to leave a gift in your will is an important one, a personal matter, and usually takes time and careful consideration.

If you choose to support Airedale Hospital & Community Charity we would love to know, but there is no obligation for you to inform us. If you choose to tell us, we will treat your information with complete confidence and it is in no way binding. We would love the opportunity to show our appreciation.

