

The logo for Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice features a stylized bird icon above the text. The text is split into two lines: "Greenwich & Bexley" in a light blue font and "Community Hospice" in a darker blue font.

# Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice

## Leaving a gift in your Will - Frequently asked questions

### Is there any specific wording I need to include in my Will?

We do have some suggested wording that might help, and this varies depending on the type of legacy you choose to include. Many people choose to leave a residuary gift: a percentage of what is left of their estate once they have provided for their loved ones, because it ensures that their gift does not lose its value over time:

#### To leave a share of an estate (a residuary gift) use this wording:

I give to Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice of 185 Bostall Hill, Abbey Wood, London, SE2 0GB registered charity number 1017406 [all/ \_\_% of the residue] of my estate absolutely for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the Legacy Administration Manager or other proper officer at the Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge to my executor(s).

#### To leave a cash gift (a pecuniary gift) use this wording:

I give to Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice of 185 Bostall Hill, Abbey Wood, London, SE2 0GB registered charity number 1017406 [£x specify words and figures] free of tax for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the Legacy Administration Manager or other proper officer at Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge to my executor(s).

### How much should I leave to Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice in my Will?

This is entirely up to you. You can leave a share of your estate after your loved ones have been provided for (a residuary gift), or specify a particular amount you want to leave (a pecuniary gift). You can even bequeath a specific item, such as jewellery or property (a specific gift).

### What happens if I've made a Will already?

You can still leave something to Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice by adding what is known as a codicil – a document that is attached to your Will. We recommend that you run this past your solicitor and have it witnessed, just as you would do for your Will.

It is also good to review your Will from time to time, as you may want to make some other changes if any of your circumstances have changed.

### **How will the gift in my Will be spent?**

The money we raise will be spent on ensuring that local people with terminal illnesses have the best care and support. Our income from legacies will go towards achieving our goals so that in the future we can reach more people in our community and provide more care and support.

### **Can I specify where I want my gift to go?**

Ideally we would like to use the gift you leave in your Will wherever it is most needed at the time. While some people do ask about leaving a legacy for a specific project or service, this can prove restrictive in the long run.

### **We're here to help you**

If there's anything you need to know, please get in touch. We understand that most people require further information before they include a gift their Will. While you may prefer to discuss some of these things privately with your solicitor, please remember that we are also here to help.

We will be extremely happy to answer any specific questions you may have about how to go about it and how your gift will be spent. Whatever your questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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