



Evelina
London
Children's
Charity



A gift in your Will
can transform
children's care



“I would not be the person I am today if it was not for Evelina London. I hope that when I pass away, my gift will help others receive the same great care that I have had since I was a baby.”

Lee Ward, former Evelina London patient.



Do something amazing today that will support young lives



Thank you for considering leaving a gift in your Will to Evelina London Children’s Charity.

We help Evelina London provide compassionate, trailblazing and pioneering care for children and their families.

A gift in your Will means we can go beyond what the NHS can provide – investing in the latest equipment, funding innovation and supporting the amazing Evelina London team.



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This guide explains how to make or amend your Will. If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Discover the
amazing things a gift
in your Will can do





Leaving a gift in your Will is an amazing way to support the 104,000 children and young people who receive wonderful care at Evelina London each year. Any gift – however large or small – will enable us to continue providing the extras that the NHS can't.

Thanks to people like you, we're helping Evelina London transform children and families' experience of care:

- **Making Evelina London feel more like home**, with wards that provide a sanctuary for families and a play space for children.
- **Investing in innovative equipment and technology** that brings comfort to children and their families.
- **Supporting pioneering research** which allows the expert Evelina London team to discover new ways to deliver care.
- **Looking after the Evelina London team**, making sure they get the care and support they need.

On average, 8% of Evelina London Children's Charity's total income each year comes from gifts in Wills.

We've come so far but there's so much more we can do. A gift in your Will can help ensure we're there for every child and family who need us, whenever they need us.

Together, we can transform young lives.



The amazing neonatal team that were there for baby Margot



In May 2022, baby Margot unexpectedly arrived 17 weeks premature, weighing only 1lb 3oz.

Mum April said: “When I went into labour prematurely, it was a huge shock for us. Margot was delivered at our local hospital and was eventually transferred for specialist care at Evelina London.

“Margot needed emergency surgery to repair her bowel. However, when we arrived she was so poorly, the emergency surgery took place on the neonatal intensive care unit as there wasn’t time to transfer her to a theatre. They saved her life.”



This was the start of a long stay at the hospital for Stuart and April, whose lives had been turned upside down. “We didn’t know this world existed until we were just thrown into it,” recalls Stuart. “It was incredibly daunting and overwhelming at times.”

But the amazing neonatal team were there for them every step of the way. “We were on the unit for four months and the staff became our family,” said Stuart. “They made us experts in caring for a premature baby.”





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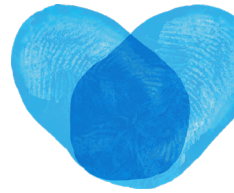
Margot's father, Stuart.

Fuel the incredible for
children without spending
any money today





If you would like to support young lives, a gift in your Will is an incredible way you can support Evelina London Children's Charity.



Many people are daunted by the thought of making a Will, but it's not difficult, nor does it have to be expensive.



We've made the process even easier by teaming up with the National Free Wills Network to enable you to make a simple Will free of charge. For example, you're leaving your estate to your husband, wife, children or someone else, with some simple cash gifts and/or gifts of personal property.

If you use the National Free Wills Network, there's no obligation to leave a gift to Evelina London Children's Charity in your Will, but if you do choose to leave a gift to us, we will be extremely grateful.

Once you've looked after your loved ones, you could consider giving some or all of the remainder of your estate to a good cause.

It's thanks to supporters like you that we can help the everyday heroes at Evelina London go beyond what NHS provision allows.



For more information on writing your Will for free, visit our website: evelinacharity.org.uk/will

Your support for Evelina London can live on with a gift in your Will

Here are the different types of gifts you can leave in your Will:

Specific gifts

A specific gift is any item(s) of value such as personal possessions, property or shares.

Cash gifts

(known as pecuniary gifts)

A pecuniary gift is a fixed sum of money that you leave in your Will. It's a good idea to review pecuniary gifts regularly, as their face value can be reduced by inflation and turn out to be less powerful than you intend. Your solicitor can draw up a pecuniary gift clause to ensure that a cash gift does not devalue over time.

Residuary gifts

Residuary gifts are a share of your total estate (everything you own that is of value) after all other payments – such as lifetime debts, tax, administrative expenses and cash gifts – have been deducted. As a residuary legacy is a percentage of your estate, it will keep its value over time.

Reversionary gifts

This type of gift gives named beneficiaries the right to benefit from it during their lifetimes, either by allowing them the use of an asset (e.g. occupation of a house) or by receiving the income from it (e.g. rent from a house or income from an investment fund). Another beneficiary, often a charity, receives the asset after the named beneficiary dies.



Trailblazing technology is bringing comfort and joy to children like Ellie



“We’re so grateful we now have the VR headsets. I’ll definitely be using them with more patients in future. But none of these benefits would be possible without your help – thank you.”

Sarah Stephenson, Play Specialist

Our five-step guide to preparing your Will

Wills are very important documents. Here are five steps to make the process as easy as possible:



List your assets

Before your appointment, list all your assets and their value. This includes your house (and any other property you own) shares, savings and valuable possessions. The sum of these assets is called your estate.



List your debts

Make a note of debts you owe, including outstanding mortgage, loans, credit cards and bills. Debts are paid out of your estate in priority (i.e. before any gifts in your Will can be paid).



Beneficiaries

List the people, organisations or charities you want to benefit from your Will, either from a cash gift or percentage of your estate. Ensure you give the correct names, addresses and charity numbers (where applicable).



Choose your executors

These are the people who will prove your Will and carry out your final wishes. They can be solicitors, family members or friends.



Keep your Will up to date and in a safe place

You should revisit your Will every few years to ensure it still reflects your circumstances and wishes,



and store the original in a safe place (e.g. solicitor's office). Give a copy to your executors.

I already have a Will – can I still support Evelina London Children's Charity with a gift in my Will?

For a simple change to an existing Will (e.g. adding a cash gift) you can make a codicil. For more complex changes, we recommend discussing it with your solicitor.

To include Evelina London in your Will you need these details:

Evelina London Children's Charity
The Grain House, 46 Loman Street, London SE1 OEH
Registered Charity Number 1160316-8

Your questions answered

Why do I need a Will?

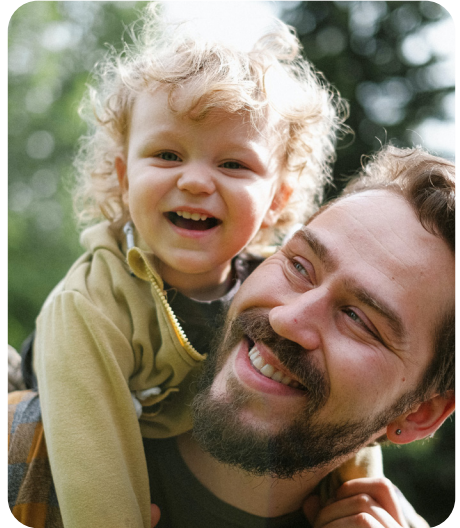
It isn't a legal requirement, but it's the only way to ensure your final wishes are carried out, and your estate is distributed as you would want. You can specify a guardian for any children under 18 and give peace of mind to your loved ones.

When should I make a Will?

As soon as possible (particularly if you have children or own a house). Once made, review it regularly, and alter it promptly if your circumstances change. Remake it if you marry or divorce, or to include children or grandchildren.

What happens if I die without a Will?

This is called intestacy. If you die intestate, the courts will decide how your estate is distributed. This can be confusing and stressful for your grieving loved ones.



Is making a Will expensive?

A simple Will for one person costs about £100, but solicitors' charges will vary, and a more complex Will costs more.

If you have access to legal services via work, insurance or union membership, it could reduce the cost of making a Will, or you could make a Will for free via our partner, National Free Wills Network.

Can I write my own Will?

This is not recommended. Mistakes in drafting the Will could invalidate it, effectively





leaving you intestate.
Please use a solicitor or a member of the Institute of Professional Willwriters.

Are there tax advantages of leaving a gift to charity?

Gifts to charity can reduce your estate's liability for Inheritance Tax (IHT) which is payable at 40% if your estate exceeds £350,000. Gifts to charity are exempt from IHT and their value is deducted from your estate before IHT is calculated, reducing the liability.

Another IHT reduction is possible by leaving a gift amounting to 10% or more of your chargeable net estate to charity. This can reduce IHT payable from 40% to 36%. You should discuss this with your solicitor.

Can my gift buy equipment or fund specific research?

We'll always follow your wishes, but the medical landscape changes rapidly in terms of equipment and treatments.

To ensure the charity benefits from your gift it would help if your request was stated as a preference and not a condition of your Will. For further information, please contact us.

Should I tell you about the gift in my Will?

If you include Evelina London in your Will, we'd be grateful if you'd let us know, because we'd like to thank you and keep you up to date with hospital news. We know your Will is personal and private, and there is no obligation to tell us your intentions. Advising us about your gift is not binding in any way, and you can change your mind at any point.

If you have any other questions, we're happy to help. You can either email us at hello@evelinacharity.org.uk or call us on 0208 106 5435.



Together,
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amazing things

