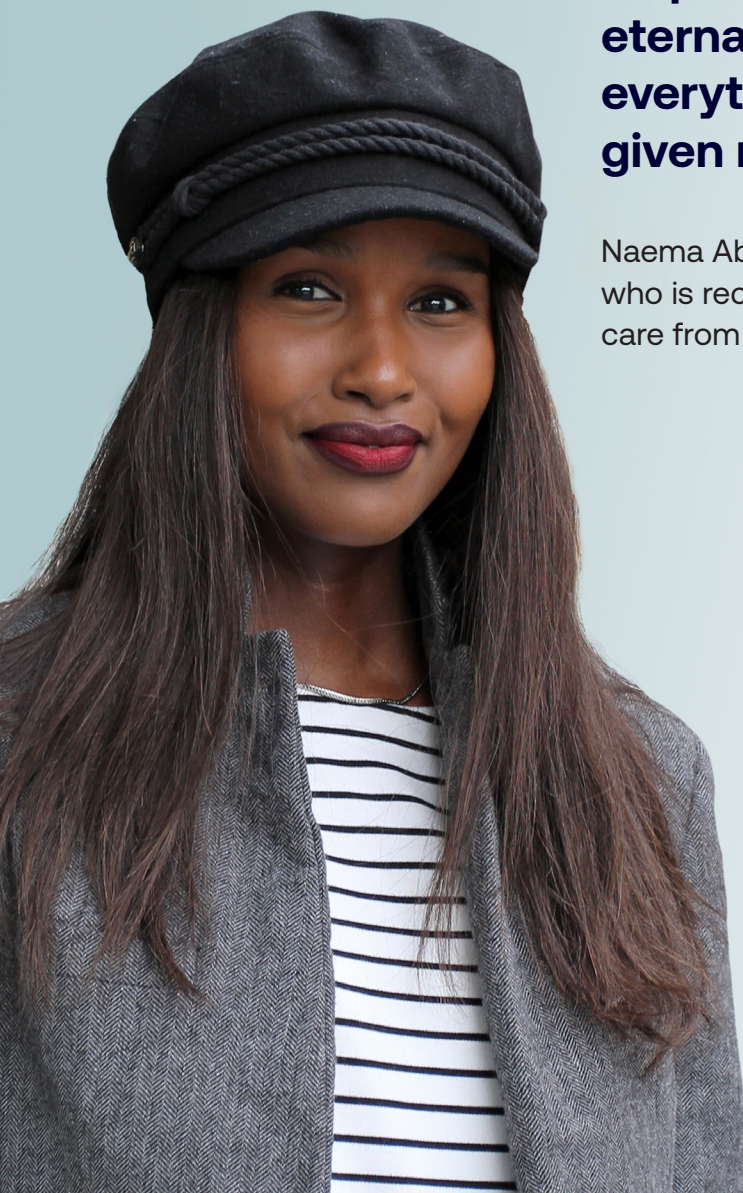


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**Guy's Cancer
Charity**

**A gift in your Will can
advance cancer care**



I can't put into words how much all of the extra support I've received has helped me. I will be eternally grateful for everything they've given me.

Naema Abubakar,
who is receiving ongoing
care from Guy's Cancer.

Your decision today will help advance cancer care and enhance lives tomorrow

Thank you for considering leaving a gift in your Will to Guy’s Cancer Charity.

We help Guy’s Cancer provide seamless, personalised care for every patient, that’s as unique as they are. A gift in your Will means we can go beyond what the NHS can provide – funding pioneering

research, innovative ideas and new technologies, as well as supporting the inspiring individuals behind every moment of progress: the dedicated Guy’s Cancer 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 advances we can make with a gift in your Will

Leaving a gift in your Will can help Guy's Cancer to advance cancer care and enhance people's lives, today, tomorrow and for years to come. Any gift – however large or small – will enable us to continue creating more moments of progress and providing the extras that the NHS can't.



To minimise the risks that cancer patients faced during the pandemic, Guy's Cancer Charity funded a mobile cancer service, enabling patients to see a specialist team of nurses and phlebotomists at community sites closer to their homes.

Thanks to people like you, we're transforming cancer care, one person at a time:

- **Supporting personalised cancer care** every step of the way, however long it takes.
- **Fuelling innovation and advances in cancer care** by bringing ground-breaking ideas to life.
- **Enhancing support for the cancer team** and helping them be at the forefront of cancer care.
- **Funding pioneering new approaches** from enhancements in treatment to major medical breakthroughs.

We've come so far but there's so much more we can do. With your legacy, we can make sure Guy's Cancer is there for everyone who needs them, when they need them.

Together, we can advance cancer care for the next generation.



On average, 15% of Guy's Cancer Charity's total income each year comes from gifts in Wills.

Shahnaaz's Guy's Cancer Charity

Three generations of Guy's Cancer patients – Shahnaaz's story

**“My family history with Guy's Cancer spans three generations. I want to raise awareness and fund research in memory of all my family, but especially my two nieces Nadia and Safiya.”
– Shahnaaz Hoare**

Meet Shahnaaz, a patient at Guy's Cancer. Shahnaaz's family have Lynch Syndrome, an inherited disorder that increases the risk of many types of cancer. Here Shahnaaz tells us why she's leaving a gift in her Will to Guy's Cancer Charity.

In 2011, Shahnaaz's niece Nadia was diagnosed with brain cancer. As she recovered from surgery and came to terms with her diagnosis, Nadia's sister, Safiya, was diagnosed with advanced adrenal cancer.

Devastatingly, Safiya died in December 2011 and Nadia passed away the following year.

“My nieces were bright, beautiful young ladies, whose lives were cut short by Cancer. Nadia was fascinated with science from a young age. She secured a PHD Studentship at Kings College London (sponsored by the Health Protection Agency) and on completing her Doctorate, joined the HPA as a full-time Researcher and Molecular Biologist. Safiya had been studying for a degree





I'm leaving a gift in my Will to Guy's Cancer because cancer is a cruel and indiscriminate disease and I have watched my beautiful family succumb to its cruelty.



in Sociology. Just four weeks before undergoing surgery at Guy's Cancer, she graduated with a First. The girls were inseparable, sharing a flat and many of the same friends. They were incredibly supportive of each other as friends as well as sisters" - Shahnaaz

Sadly, Shahnaaz herself was treated for bladder cancer at Guy's Cancer in 2008 and has recently started chemotherapy for ovarian cancer.

Will you help advance cancer care and transform the lives of patients like Shahnaaz?

By leaving a gift in her Will, Shahnaaz wants to raise awareness and support research into Lynch Syndrome. Her whole family have received exceptional care from the dedicated Guy's Cancer team "who went above and beyond for us," says Shahnaaz. "They are a credit to their profession and to the NHS." With a gift in your Will you can help Guy's Cancer provide the very latest in personalised care and support the inspirational team of doctors, nurses, and staff behind every moment of progress.

Help advance cancer care – without spending any money today

If you would like to advance cancer care and enhance lives, a gift in your Will is an incredible way you can support Guy's Cancer 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.

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.

If you use the National Free Wills Network, there's no obligation to leave a gift to Guy's Cancer



Charity in your Will, but if you do choose to leave a gift to us, we will be extremely grateful.

It's thanks to supporters like you that we can help the exceptional Guy's Cancer team go beyond what NHS provision allows.



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

Your support for Guy's Cancer 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 amount 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 lose value 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 and administrative expenses – have been deducted. Because 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.

James (right), Guy's Cancer Clinical Trials Manager was inspired to fundraise after his mum's cancer diagnosis and wanting to enhance patient experience.

James's Guy's Cancer Charity



I know from first-hand experience how scary a cancer diagnosis can be for a family.

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:



1

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.

2

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).

3 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).

4 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.

5 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
Guy's Cancer 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 Guy's Cancer Charity in your Will you need these details:

Guy's Cancer Charity

The Grain House, 46 Loman Street, London SE1 0EH

Registered Charity Number 1160316-16

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.



Rex told us; 'I would like to thank Guy's Cancer for all the things they've done for me, the kindness they have shown to me. Without their care, I wouldn't have been able to make an album.'

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 with 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 Guy's Cancer Charity 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@guyscancercharity.org.uk
or call us on 0208 106 5434**



With the help of specialist robotics equipment funded by supporter donations, Rachel was able to be back home with her two week old baby, Phoenix, just 25 hours after surgery to remove a kidney tumour.

**It's thanks to supporters
like you that we can
transform cancer care**