



St Catherine's
hospice care

Will writing information pack



Why make a will?

A properly executed will ensures your loved ones are provided for and all of your wishes are formally recorded; without a will your assets could go elsewhere or to people you never intended to benefit.

Writing a will also provides peace of mind to your loved ones that other wishes are being carried out, such as funeral arrangements, legal guardians for your children, donations to charity and more. It makes a difficult and emotional time less stressful for your family and friends if your affairs are in order.

What to expect from a trusted solicitor when writing a will

- Solicitors explain all of your options to help you make informed decisions about your will, offering confidential, expert advice
- Using a solicitor means that your will meets all legal requirements, containing no errors or omissions
- Your will is protected and stored safely, and is accessible for amendments as required in the future

Contact a solicitor:

Below is a list of local, reputable solicitors which support St Catherine's Hospice, who you may wish to contact to book a will-writing appointment. Please mention St Catherine's Hospice when you book.

Birchall Blackburn Law - Chorley 01257 263676 / Leyland 01772 433775 / Preston 01772 561663

Forbes Solicitors - Chorley 01257 260600 / Preston 01772 220022

Harrison Drury - Garstang 01995 607950 / Preston 01772 258321

Marsden Rawsthorn Solicitors - Buckshaw Village 01257 279511 / Fulwood 01772 799600

Roebucks Solicitors - Leyland 01772 421748

Vincents Solicitors - Chorley 01257 267014 / Garstang 01995 606442 / Longridge 01772 785313 / Penwortham 01772 751775 / Preston 01772 555176

Worralls Solicitors - Longton 01772 612494

Points to consider



It's worth considering if you'd like to discuss any of the following points at your appointment:

- Passing on your assets (see below)
- Specific requests / funeral arrangements
- Legal guardians for your children
- Executors - these are the people who will ensure your wishes are carried out
- Business interests
- Personal effects – heirlooms, paintings, jewellery etc
- A donation to a charity (please see overleaf to find out what a difference gifts and donations in wills make to St Catherine's Hospice)

We also recommend that prior to your appointment, you make a list of your assets and debts, taking the following into consideration:

- Mortgage
- Loans
- Credit cards
- Property
- Cash savings
- Bank/Building Society/
Savings Accounts
- Shares
- Bonds
- Life policies
- Pension funds
- Household contents
- Personal effects



Supporting St Catherine's Hospice with a gift in your will

Making a donation to St Catherine's in your will won't cost you a penny now, but will help support the specialist care of local people long into the future.

Leaving a gift in a will can be a way for people to extend the support they have so generously given in life.

Gifts in wills are hugely important to St Catherine's and on average fund the care of 1 in 5 of our patients.

If you wish to leave a donation to a charity such as St Catherine's Hospice in your will, you can leave a specific amount of money, business shares, personal effects such as jewellery, or property such as a house.

If you would like to consider supporting the specialist care of St Catherine's or support any other charities whilst writing your will, please discuss this with your solicitor. Thank you for considering donating to St Catherine's in this very personal way.

Leaving a donation in your will

Check out our myth-busting fact-file to find out more about the process of leaving a gift to charity in your will, and discover how you can do something amazing for St Catherine's without spending a penny now!

MYTH vs FACT

MYTH

Only the rich and famous leave money to charity when they die

FACT

The care of one in five of our patients is funded by donations in wills of people like you. Every donation, no matter what size, makes a vital contribution to our work.

MYTH

I can only give a fixed sum of money in my will

FACT

You can choose to leave a specific item, fixed sum of money or a percentage of your estate to St Catherine's. A gift of just 1 per cent of your estate can make a big difference.

MYTH

I will have to rewrite my whole will if I leave a gift to charity

FACT

If you already have a will, your solicitor can simply amend it using a codicil form, which lists all changes to your will.