



Gifts in Memoriam

One way of supporting our work is by remembering *Volunteering in Health* when making your will or by amending your existing will to include a gift for *Volunteering in Health*.

We do not receive any statutory funding and rely solely on grants, donations and community fundraising. An important way that we can increase our sources of income is in the form of gifts made by supporters in their wills (called a legacy).

Why do I need a will?

When thinking about your will, your first priority will be to make sure that the people you love and care for are provided for in the future. This can only be done with certainty by making a valid will. If you don't have a valid will, then the law will decide who should receive your assets (called your estate) on your death and this may mean that your assets are divided in a very different way from what you intended; so it is best to be certain and to make a will.

Although it is possible to make a will without one, it is a good idea to get some advice and seek the help from a qualified solicitor.

A gift in your will for Volunteering in Health

After making provision for your loved ones in your will, we would like you to consider supporting our work in the future by making a gift in your will to *Volunteering in Health*. This can be done by leaving a set amount in your will. This gift is called a legacy or you may decide to leave a share of your estate to *Volunteering in Health*.

It is usually a simple matter to leave a gift to *Volunteering in Health* in your will and need not be expensive. Just ask your solicitor to include a paragraph (clause) in your will or, if you have already made a will, ask the solicitor to add an amendment to it called a codicil.

Gifts in a will to Charities such as *Volunteering in Health* can also help to reduce any Inheritance Tax liability which may arise on your death and a solicitor will be able to give you advice on this.

It is often mistakenly thought that a gift has to be for a large sum of money. This is not the case and *Volunteering in Health* would be grateful to receive any donations, large or small, to help us continue our work and to reach out and support the people in our community who need a helping hand.

If you would like to talk to someone about these matters before you consult your solicitor then do please contact me in the Volunteering in Health office; I will be happy to help you in any way I can.

Thank you.

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