

Legacy FAQs for staff at UHS

"It takes a huge weight off your mind, it's like having one room in the house all beautiful and tidy in case you ever need it. It's the peace of mind that you have prepared it and shut the door and it's ready for anyone who needs it. You don't have to worry then." Sue Jameson , New Tricks Actress and Southampton Hospital Charity Ambassador

What is a legacy gift?

A legacy is any gift (monetary or asset) left in a person's Will; an instruction for part of your estate to be given to an individual or organisation after your death.

Why are legacy gifts important for the hospital?

Gifts left to the hospital enable the charity to enhance facilities for patients in the care of Southampton General Hospital, the Princess Anne Hospital and in outreach services, so that the very best can be provided for all.

How much are legacy gifts worth annually to the hospital?

The amount we receive in legacy gifts varies year on year and is difficult to predict. Only 1% of people who have left a legacy gift let the charity know. This year to date (2015/2016) we have received over £300,00.00 in legacy income to benefit wards and departments across UHS.

I don't feel comfortable talking to people about death....

People think legacies are all about death but they're not. Legacies are life driven and only death activated. If people cannot afford to support a charity during their life-time, they may wish to consider including a charity in their Will so that the gift is fulfilled when they pass away. Southampton Hospital Charity is proud to support the annual National Dying Matters Awareness Week which encourages people to talk, plan, live: www.dyingmatters.org.

What is Write Your Will Month and how does it work?

Each September, Southampton Hospital Charity invites supporters to have their Will professionally written or updated in exchange for a small donation to the charity.

The donation buys supporters the time to sit and discuss their requirements with a professional solicitor who provides honest recommendations suited to their needs. Money raised throughout the month is directed to the area of the hospital that is closest to the supporters' hearts.

Who can I go to with my questions / for further information?

The Southampton Hospital Charity team are here to help with any of your queries. Please email jacqui.cammish@uhs.nhs.uk or call the charity team between 9-5pm Monday to Friday on 023 8120 8881.

Alternatively – you can download a legacy giving brochure from the charity's website here: <http://www.southamptonhospitalcharity.org/login/uploaded/articles/Southampton-Hospital-Charity-legacy-gift-brochure.pdf>

