



Bolton Hospice
caring from the heart

Make a Lasting Difference

Leave a gift in your Will



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Our consultant-led team of doctors, nurses and other professional staff provide specialist care and support for local people with terminal or life-limiting illnesses and their families, in the hospice, at our Wellbeing Hub and at home. We're an independent charity and all of our services are free of charge.

We provide the very best hospice care for everyone in need, enabling people to live well with a life-limiting illness.

“Our mum's final days were spent at the hospice. The staff and the volunteers were all marvellous. They looked after her, kept her comfortable and made sure mum reached the end of life peacefully and with dignity.”

– Family member

A gift to be proud of

We're an independent charity mainly funded by the people of Bolton. To continue providing free care and support we need to raise over £4 million a year through donations, fundraising and Gifts in Wills.

1 in 5
of our patients
is cared for by
Gifts in Wills



72p
from every £1 we
receive goes
directly to caring
for patients and
their families



Without people
like you, over
700
local people a year
would go without
vital care and support



With your help, we can keep our vital services running and continue providing specialist care and support for local people with terminal or life-limiting illnesses and their families, in the hospice and at home.

Ciaran's story



"A diagnosis of cancer changes your perspective on life and brings into sharp focus the importance of love, family and friends."

After I received the disappointing news that the cancer had gone into my bones, including a worrying detail that there was evidence of cancer in my spine, I developed severe pain and was prescribed morphine. My GP tentatively suggested he refer to Bolton Hospice as he knew the expertise the hospice medics had in managing pain and maximising quality of life. I received an appointment with a doctor and what impressed me was how carefully he listened to my story, taking time to do so and thinking carefully about the best balance of medication to manage my pain.

Immediately I felt welcomed, a guest rather than a patient. I was in a lovely big room, such a contrast to a noisy ward in the hospital. The view outside of the garden and Queen's Park beyond was a welcome sight each day as I woke. I was seen on an almost daily basis by one of the doctors who gradually adjusted my medication so that I became pain free and able to improve my mobility. Imagine my delight when after 3 weeks of being bed bound, bed pans and bed washes, I was able to be wheeled into the bathroom and have a hot shower. Bliss!!

I was overwhelmed by the kindness and individual attention of the staff and volunteers. I was always treated as an individual and as if I was the only person that mattered. The hospice team, medical and non-medical, administration and support staff work as one team with the focus on the individual patient and their family to provide the best quality of life possible in each individual's circumstances."

Will FAQs

Q. Does Bolton Hospice really need a gift from me?

Yes! We're an independent charity mainly funded by the people of Bolton. Our aim is to be there for everyone who needs us, now and in the future, but to continue providing free care and support we need to raise over £4 million a year through donations, fundraising and Gifts in Wills.

Q. Will my gift actually make a difference?

Yes! 1 in 5 of our patients is cared for by Gifts in Wills, so your gift really will make a difference! Many people choose to support Bolton Hospice by leaving us a gift in their Will, in the knowledge that they will be helping us to be there for the growing number of local people who will need our care and support in the future.

Q. Do I need a solicitor?

You can write your own Will, however, to ensure it's legally binding and accurately conveys your wishes, it is recommended to have a Will written professionally by a solicitor.

Q. What is an executor?

Your executors are the people who execute your wishes from your Will, making sure everything goes to the right person/place.

Q. How many executors can I have and can it be a friend or family member?

You can have as many executors as you require and, yes, they can be a friend or family member. However, being an executor is extremely complicated and can be stressful for friends or family members who are grieving, therefore there is also the option of a professional executor, such as a bank or solicitor.

Q. Can I change my Will at a later date if I change my mind?

If you want to make a change, you can do it by adding a 'codicil' (a separate document to your Will, which explains, modifies and revokes). You can change and update your Will at any time.

Q. What type of gift can I leave in my Will?

A share of your estate:

This can be a percentage of what is left over once loved ones are taken care of, or it can be any percentage you like of your overall estate. This is known as a residuary gift, and follows the rate of inflation.

A fixed sum of money:

This is a specific amount, also known as a pecuniary gift. You can pick whatever set sum you like.

A specific item:

You can also choose to leave a specific item such as a piece of jewellery, a handbag, a prized collection or even a property.

It can also be a combination of the above, and your solicitor will help you organise this correctly.

It's now down to you

With your support we can be there for families in Bolton when they need us most, now and in the future

If you want to leave a gift to Bolton Hospice, it's as simple as adding the details below in your Will:

Example-;

*"I would like to leave a gift of .
estate to Bolton Hospice."*

Followed by-;

*Bolton Hospice – Queens Park Street,
Bolton, BL1 4QT;
Charity Number – 518704*

If you do decide to include Bolton Hospice in your Will, please take a moment and let us know.

Email us at fundraising@boltonhospice.org or call us on 01204 663055. You don't have to tell us, but we'd love to thank you properly for helping us to continue caring from the heart!

Thank you!

If you have any questions about leaving a gift in your Will, or want to know more about how your gift will help, please get in touch using the contact details below.

 **Tel: 01204 663 055**

 **Email: fundraising@boltonhospice.org**

 **Visit: www.boltonhospice.org.uk/will**



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