

Leaving a Legacy

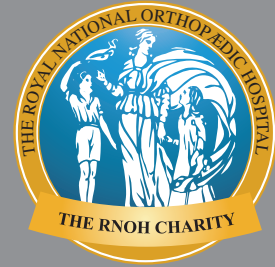


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transform lives

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**Royal National
Orthopaedic Hospital**
NHS Trust

The RNOH Charity is a vital partner in the way the RNOH delivers care.



Since its inception in 1997 the Charity has received and administered millions of pounds' worth of donations, which have funded numerous essential projects around the hospital, including the equipping of a new Children's High Dependency Unit, an extension of the hospital's Adolescent Unit, an expansion of our Spinal Cord Injury Centre, and a number of pioneering research projects.



Caitlin at the age of seven

Caitlin at the age of 15

Caitlin Kydd is just one of the many people your support can help. At the age of seven Caitlin underwent a life-saving operation to remove a tumour from her femur, and received an extendable, 'bionic' prosthesis, whose revolutionary design was developed by RNOH specialists in 2003. Four years later, she was given a similar prosthesis in her arm. Like so many of our patients, Caitlin will continue to receive treatment at the RNOH for years to come.

Why leaving a legacy to The RNOH Charity is so important



“Since the establishment of the RNOH in 1905, gifts left in people’s Wills have been a vital part of our funding. Today they help us to finance cutting-edge research and develop new clinical and medical treatments. They also make it possible for us to buy state-of-the-art equipment and improve our facilities, for the comfort and benefit of patients, in ways that could not be achieved within the limits of normal NHS funding.

The RNOH is a recognised national and international centre of excellence. It is at the forefront of work in orthopaedic diagnosis, treatment, surgery, rehabilitation, research, and in training future doctors and nurses for the NHS. Please help us to keep it there.

Any contribution you make will be of great value to the hospital; even a small amount can make a big difference. Thank you.”

Professor Tim Briggs CBE
Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery
Director of Clinical Strategy
& External Relations, RNOH



Investing in the future of the RNOH

A deferred gift

For many people, one of the most effective ways of supporting a charity is to leave a legacy. Funds may not be readily available to make gifts during their lifetime, but a legacy is sometimes the greatest gift that they can afford.

Please read on for further information about making a legacy donation.

Leaving a legacy

There are three types of legacy:

Residuary legacy – what remains after specific bequests to family, friends etc.

Pecuniary legacy – a fixed sum of money.

Specific legacy – e.g. property or other specific item.

Assessing your estate

Before you draft your Will, you should:

1. List everything that you own – your property, shares, investments, life insurance policies, bank balances, and all your valuables and possessions.
2. Make a rough calculation of the value of all these assets.
3. Decide which people and/or charities you would like to benefit from your estate.



Drafting your Will

It is always best to ask a legal adviser to draft your Will. He or she will know the appropriate wording to use, and can avoid ambiguities and minimise the potential for misunderstandings. In the meantime, these three basic rules may be helpful:

1. Two witnesses must be present when you sign your Will. They must be of sound mind and vision. You must also be present when they sign the Will.
2. Your witnesses do not need to know the content of your Will, but you must not use as a witness anyone who will benefit, or whose spouse will benefit, from your Will.
3. The Will should set out the arrangements for distributing all your estate. It should appoint between 1 and 4 people as executors. It should also dictate who is to receive any residue after the specific sums have been allocated.

Let people know what you have done

It is essential that your executors know their role and where to find your last Will, which should be somewhere safe, e.g. with your legal adviser or your bank.

It is therefore helpful if you brief your executors about this and also provide them with key contacts in respect of your bank account, insurance, investments etc.

Adding to an existing Will (codicil)

You can easily update your Will using a codicil. This is a separate document which makes a simple amendment to your current Will. It is witnessed in the same way as your Will and stored with it. To add a 'codicil' to an existing Will, you will need to contact your legal adviser.

A word on inheritance tax

If the total value of your estate is more than £325,000 (the current inheritance tax threshold), your beneficiaries will have to pay 40% inheritance tax on the amount over £325,000.

Gifts to charities in your Will are generally exempt from inheritance tax. If you leave a charitable gift it will be deducted from your estate before inheritance tax liability is calculated.

Including The RNOH Charity in your Will

When you visit your solicitor to draft or amend your Will, you must include the important details listed below.

Our full name, address and charity number:

The RNOH Charity,
Fundraising Office,
Royal National Orthopaedic
Hospital NHS Trust,
Brockley Hill,
Stanmore,
Middlesex,
HA7 4LP

Registered Charity Number
1166129.

The RNOH Charity's Living Legators

Letting The RNOH Charity know you have left a legacy is important and extremely helpful because:

- It helps us plan for the future.
- It allows us to work with you in directing your legacy to the area of the hospital's work that is most important to you.
- A 'Living Legacy' means that, in consultation with you, The RNOH Charity can express its gratitude and arrange appropriate recognition of your generosity.

Our pledge of discretion

We respect the fact that giving is a very personal and entirely voluntary decision. Please be assured that any personal information you provide us with will always be treated in line with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), and The RNOH Charity's Privacy Policy. Our Privacy Policy can be viewed on our website, rnohcharity.org

Pledge Form

If you have included The RNOH Charity in your Will, and if you feel it is appropriate, please complete and return this legacy pledge form.

I want to invest in the future of the RNOH, and have left a gift to The RNOH Charity in my Will.

I would like my gift to go towards
..... at the RNOH.

My name

My address

..... Postcode

Email Telephone

Please tick here if you would prefer NOT to be recognised as a Living Legator

If you feel able to provide the following information it would be a tremendous help in our long-term planning:

My legacy to The RNOH Charity is:

A specific sum of money (pecuniary legacy)

A specific item (assets, shares)

All, or part, of the residue of my estate

Please use this space for any further details you would like to add (e.g. the sum of money, the specific item etc.).

.....
 I consent for my details to be added to The RNOH Charity database so that I can be sent occasional updates by post.

Please note that you have the right to withdraw consent to receiving information from The RNOH Charity at any time by writing to the address overleaf, stating your details, or by emailing **rnoh.fundraising@nhs.net**.

Please return your completed pledge form to:
The RNOH Charity
Fundraising Department
Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Trust
Brockley Hill
Stanmore
Middlesex
HA7 4LP
Telephone: 020 8909 5362
Email: rnoh.fundraising@nhs.net
Web: www.rnohcharity.org



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