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Welcome

“ When we look back on our lives we'd all like to feel that we've made a difference and that the things we've achieved along the way won't be forgotten when we are no longer around. We will also want the people and causes closest to our hearts to know how much they have meant to us; one way for us to show this is by the gifts we leave to them in our will.

What happens to our money and the things that are most precious to us when we're gone shouldn't be left to chance – this is why writing a will is so important. Of course, making sure our loved ones are provided for will be top of the priority list but

if Myton is one of the causes you have cared about in your life time – I would ask that you consider leaving us a gift too.

It may surprise you to learn that one in four of our patients are cared for with money left to us in wills. You don't have to be wealthy to make a difference to peoples' lives; large or small, a gift from you can help our patients at a time when they need us the most.



Please take the time to read the information in this leaflet – if you need any further help or advice please don't hesitate to “ contact me.”

Ruth Freeman
Chief Executive Officer

Make a difference to someone's life

Since Myton Hospice first opened in Warwick back in 1982 we have cared for thousands of terminally ill people, their families and their friends. We now have three day hospices, two inpatient units and a growing Myton at Home service in Warwick, Leamington and Rugby. These form an important part of the community in Coventry and Warwickshire.



We know that making someone feel better isn't just about medicine

Often holding someone's hand or listening to their stories can make the biggest difference of all.

We're here for families and loved ones too, ensuring there is always support and advice available as well as a cup of tea and a hug when it's needed.

We rely on voluntary contributions to fund our work and even a small gift in your will could make a difference to someone's life. We think that's a fantastic legacy to leave and a wonderful thing to do.

We hope you think so too.

How you could help...

£135

will fund 10 children's bereavement counselling sessions

£535

is the cost of an inpatient bed for a day

£4,380

will fund a patients meals for one year

£30,000

will fund recruitment and training of one nurse for a year

£125,000

is the running cost of our inpatient unit for one month

£220,000

funds Myton at Home service in Rugby or Warwick for one year

Myton Stories Yvonne's story

Most people wouldn't expect to see a Christmas tree in May, but for the Hall family a Christmas tree was the perfect addition for the wake of someone who loved Christmas as much as Yvonne.

In March 2011, Yvonne Hall and her family's lives dramatically changed. Yvonne was diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumour and was initially given between 9 to 15 months to live. However, following 6 weeks of intensive chemotherapy and radiotherapy, Yvonne's tumour had shrunk by half and Yvonne went straight back to work as a Higher Teaching Assistant at St Laurence C of E school in Foleshill where she had worked for over 25 years. Yvonne's family describe her as a determined and inspirational individual who battled her illness endlessly.

Yvonne first came into contact with Myton when she started attending the Day Hospice every Friday after being referred by her GP. Yvonne attended Myton for over a year and enjoyed being able to take part in arts and crafts as well as receive complementary therapies.

Yvonne also stayed in the inpatient Unit at the Coventry Myton Hospice on two separate occasions. During her second stay, Yvonne and her family enjoyed a family BBQ in the hospice grounds thanks to help from Myton staff. Yvonne's family were also given the opportunity to use the relatives' accommodation, a service which the family said meant a great deal to them.

Before Yvonne began attending Myton her family said they had a dim perception of hospices, believing that they were purely a place to die. Now they say they don't know what they would have done without Myton. Their experience

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has completely changed the way in which they perceive hospices in general, stating that “here [at Myton] they don't treat you as a patient, they see you as a person'. They said that if they find themselves in a similar situation to that of Yvonne, they themselves would like to die with dignity at a hospice.



Why should I make a will?

Making a will ensures that your wishes are followed and gives you peace of mind that the people and causes that matter to you will benefit when you die. Making a will is the only way to ensure that your wishes are carried out.

A will makes it easier for the people appointed to deal with your estate because they can be sure that they are carrying out your wishes. If you don't make a will, the whole process can be very stressful and time-consuming.

A will protects the rights of your partner if you are not married or in a civil partnership, as the same rights do not apply to married couples. By making a will, you will ensure that your partner is provided for.

In some circumstances, if you do not make a will the whole of your estate could end up going to the Crown or government. It is vital that in order to keep control of who benefits from your estate when you die, that you write a will.

How do I change my will?

Firstly, it is important to review your will every 2 to 3 years and at least every 5 years. We all have major changes in life, for example

marriage automatically revokes a will. If you only want to make minor changes then you can make those changes by preparing a codicil.

FAQ

How do I make a will?

We strongly recommend using a solicitor, professional advice is often less expensive than you might think and will ensure that your will is both valid and accurately reflects your wishes. You can have peace of mind when your will is professionally drawn up. This booklet outlines the information you will need to take to your solicitor.

The Myton Hospices cannot recommend a solicitor to you but if you would like us to help you find solicitors in your area who offer a will writing service, please feel free to contact us. We also run an annual 'Make a Will Week', when you can visit a participating firm of solicitors and make a will in return for a donation to The Myton Hospices.

Can I save on tax by leaving a gift to charity?

Yes. By leaving a gift to The Myton Hospices you could reduce your inheritance tax bill because the value of your gift is not taken into account when inheritance tax is calculated.

the inheritance tax threshold to charity. Also, if you include a gift to charity of at least 10% of your net estate, this reduces the rate at which inheritance tax is payable from 40% to 36%.

You could even avoid paying inheritance tax on your estate completely by pledging to give everything over and above

When you speak to your solicitors they can advise you further on this. For more information visit www.hmrc.gov.uk

How can I leave a gift in my will?

1

You can leave a residuary gift which is the remainder of your estate after all other gifts and debts have been paid. This ensures that your family and loved ones are looked after first and what is left over can then be donated.

2

You can leave a pecuniary gift, which is a cash lump sum. You might like to ask your solicitor to index-link any cash gift to ensure its relative value stays the same over time.

3

You can leave a specific gift such as personal possessions (a piece of jewellery or furniture for example), land, buildings or specified items such as shares or the contents of a bank account.

We receive all kinds of gifts in people's wills, and we're grateful for all types of support. Speak to your solicitor if you're interested in leaving an alternative type of gift.

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Despite it being such a devastating time in my life, the real overriding feeling I had was gratitude - I was so grateful mum was at Myton.

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Laura, a patient's daughter

Myton Stories Michael's story

With its plush interior, flat screen television and views over beautiful green fields it could easily be mistaken for an upmarket holiday apartment - but the place where Sienna and Jack Mac spent special time with their dad Michael was actually much closer to home.

The youngsters aged 9 and 10 were the first family members to stay in the new relatives' rooms at Myton Hospice in Warwick to allow them to be close to their dad in his last weeks and days.

Their mum Emma was spending every night by her husband's side at the hospice and the new accommodation allowed the

children to play, watch television and do their homework while staying just a few steps away from their parents.

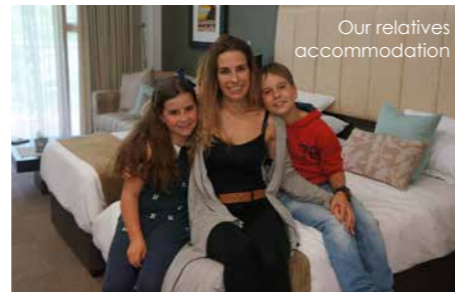
Emma said: "It is amazing that we are able to use this facility. The

"To be able to accommodate the children and keep them together especially at this late stage was really important."

children were very excited. They feel so at home here. It is like a little haven away from the reality of it all and it is a bit of respite. It's available through the day so they can come and go and still be children in there despite everything that is going on inside the hospice."

Emma and former British Show Jumping chairman Michael had been together for over 14 years when they got married on 20th June 2013.

After finding out Michael's cancer was terminal, the couple organised a wedding and reception at their Stratford Home in just two and a half weeks. They were joined by 200 friends and family members including Michael's two grown up children Jenna, 28 and Westley, 21.



Michael, 52, first came to Myton in May after Emma was struggling to care for him at home.

She said: "The minute we got here I knew it was right. At home I was quite stressed and worried all the time about how to keep him out of sickness and pain and also how to protect the children from seeing too much. I stayed with Mac one night and from then on it was very clear he didn't want me to leave his side so without even having to ask the nurses moved us to a bigger room with space for me to stay. They then moved us again when we had the nice weather to a room which opened out onto the garden so that Michael would be able to see the children playing together outside which was perfect."



Preparing for your solicitor

Before you visit your solicitor, there are a few key points you should consider.

It is helpful to calculate the value of your estate. You should take into account the value of any property, cash, savings and other possessions or items of value. Also, provide a list of any mortgages or other money you owe. The checklist opposite is a good starting point.

Who will be your Executors? An Executor is charged with carrying out the instructions in your will. Ideally you would appoint two. They must be people you can trust, such as family, friends or professional advisers.

Who do you want to leave money or gifts to? You may like to make a list of the beneficiaries and gifts you have in mind. You may wish to leave a gift to charities you care about, as well as to family and friends. You can bequeath personal items as well as money or property.

Don't put off making your will!

“We wouldn't dream of letting someone else decide where our money goes in our lifetime so we shouldn't do so when we die. Making a will and keeping it up-to-date gives you peace of mind because you know that those who mean the most to you will be sure to benefit when you die. Including a gift to charity can have benefits both for your estate and the charity concerned.”

Martin Green, Senior Partner, Ladders Solicitors LLP.

Your estate checklist

Please complete this checklist and take it with you to your solicitor when making your will. It is a good idea to keep the checklist with a copy of your will and let your next of kin and your Executors know where to find them.

What is the value of your major assets?	£
Your home (or share in it)	
Other property or land	
Cars and other vehicles	
Home contents (furniture and fittings)	
Items of particular value (jewellery, art)	
Money in banks and building societies	
Shares/investments/National Savings	
Insurance and Pensions	
Other savings and assets	
Total Assets	

What are your major liabilities?	£
Your mortgage	
Loans and overdrafts	
Your credit cards	
Credit of HP agreements	
Other liabilities	
Money you are owed	
Total Liabilities	

Assets - Liabilities = Total Estate Value	
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Names and addresses of executors	
Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:
Postcode:	Postcode:
Telephone Number:	Telephone Number:

We are the **only** hospice providing inpatient beds in Coventry and Warwickshire

In the last 12 months, we have worked with and supported over **2,300** patients and their families

We welcome everyone including **pets!**

We provide all of our services **free** of charge



We have hospices in **Coventry, Rugby & Warwick** and specialist nursing teams that care for people in their own homes

We care for people with a wide **range of terminal illnesses including** cancer, heart failure, motor neurone disease, Parkinson's & dementia

We care for people aged **18 years & over** living in Coventry and Warwickshire

We need to raise over **£8,000,000** each year to provide our care

Let us know...

Leaving a gift in your will is a highly personal and special decision. It is entirely up to you whether or not you inform us of any gift you have made. However, knowing about your bequest will help us to plan ahead and thank you. It will also enable us to keep in touch with you about our work, which we would very much like to.

This form is confidential to The Myton Hospices and is in no way legally binding. (Please complete as appropriate in BLOCK CAPITALS and delete where necessary)

- I intend to remember The Myton Hospices in my will
- I have remembered The Myton Hospices in my will

I plan to leave / have left: **(optional)**

- a specific sum of money
- a share of the residue of my estate
- a gift in trust
- all of the residue of my estate
- a specific item
- other:

Title: First Name: Surname:

Address:

..... Postcode:

Telephone: Mobile:

Email: Date:

Once completed, please return this form to **The Myton Hospices, Legacy Office, Myton Lane, Warwick, CV34 6PX**

For further information please contact Charlotte on **01926 838 837** or email **legacy@mytonhospice.org** We would like to keep you updated on the work of The Myton Hospices from time to time. If you would prefer not to hear from us please tick this box.

Glossary

Here is an explanation of some of the legal terms you may come across while making or changing your will.

Administrator - the person appointed by law to deal with your estate if you die without leaving a valid will.

Beneficiary - anyone who benefits from a gift in a will.

Bequest (legacy) - a gift left in a will. It can be:

Specific - a definite object or property

Pecuniary - a cash gift

Residuary - a specific share or percentage of your estate, the value of which is ascertained once the legacies, liabilities and administration expenses have all been paid.

Codicil - a document that amends an existing will. It must be executed in the same way as a will.

Estate - the value of your assets when you die less any liabilities that you owe at the date of your death.

Executor - the person or people who you choose to distribute your estate in accordance with your will. You can appoint a relative, friend or a professional person.

Grant of probate - the document issued by the court which proves

the validity of a will and confirms the legal authority given to an executor allowing them to distribute the assets in accordance with the terms of the will.

Guardians - people appointed in a will to look after minor children should both parents die before the children reach 18.

Intestacy - the name given to a situation when someone dies without leaving a valid will.

Inheritance tax - this is the tax payable on your estate if your estate is valued at more than the tax free allowance. If you leave money to your spouse or a charity these gifts are exempt for inheritance tax purposes. If your spouse predeceases you and does not use up their full tax free allowance, this can be transferred to your estate at the prevailing rate when you die.

Testator/Testatrix - the name given to the person making a will.

Trust - a provision you can include in your will which appoints trustees to look after certain assets or cash for beneficiaries for example young children and/or grandchildren.



Our promise to you



We will keep any information you share with us confidential and won't pass it on to other organisations



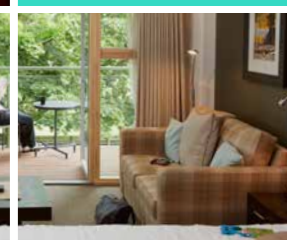
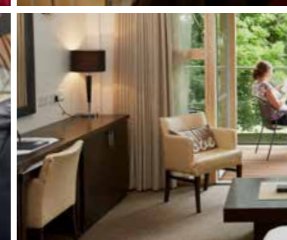
We will use your legacy in the most efficient and effective way possible



If you choose to share details of your gift, we will look forward to saying thank you and keeping in touch with you



We value all the gifts that are left to us. No matter what size, your gift will make a huge difference to people's lives





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