



St Luke's
Hospice Plymouth



Free Will Writing Service
A gift in your will can change lives

A gift to St Luke's Hospice will make a difference not only now, but in the future

Make or Update your Will for Free

Leaving a gift in your Will will have no financial impact on you during your life, but it will help our patients after you have gone.

Around a quarter of our income comes from Wills, meaning the care of one patient in every four is made possible due to a gift in a Will.

The Free Will Writing Service is available to people over the age of 35. We hope that this service will encourage you to leave a gift to St Luke's Hospice in your Will.

St Luke's will contribute a maximum of £100 towards the solicitor's charge for any Will. If you wish, you can also have an existing Will amended (a codicil) using this service.

It is not compulsory for you to leave a gift to St Luke's but we would be grateful if you did so. A gift will enable us to continue our life changing work for over 2,000 patients each year.

If you would like to help fund Specialist Palliative Care at a local level, you should make your gift payable to

'St Luke's Hospice Plymouth'. Please note that gifts made payable to Macmillan Cancer Support, means money will go into a central, national fund and the St Luke's Local Community Home Nursing Team will NOT benefit in any way.

Why a gift in your Will means so much to St Luke's Hospice

When faced with the reality of coping with life-limiting illness, we believe that all patients should be entitled to the very best care available. St Luke's has been providing specialist palliative medical and nursing care, free of charge, to patients from Plymouth, South West Devon and East Cornwall since 1982.

A registered charity, we are passionate about offering our patients dignity and choice at a time in their lives when they may feel they have none. Our vision is to provide the best end of life care to all patients wherever their 'preferred place of care' might be - Hospice, Hospital or Home.

Statistics show that the number of people living with life-limiting illnesses is increasing year on year. Alongside that,

...Only with your help

the need for high quality specialist palliative care increases also. When patients come to St Luke's Hospice, they are often in great pain and their needs are critical. The challenge we constantly face is actually paying for that care.

Government funding covers less than 30% of the cost of caring for patients. We therefore have to raise at least £3.5 million from the local community every year, so the fundraising never stops! That is why your support means so much.

How a gift in your Will can benefit St Luke's Hospice

There are three main ways you can help us, by leaving:

A share of your estate - Once you have looked after your family and friends, the remainder (or 'residue') of your estate could be used to help the work of St Luke's Hospice. This is the most valuable type of bequest as it is not eroded by inflation.

A set sum of money - To prevent this bequest being eroded by inflation, consider leaving a percentage of the

residue or index-linking your gift.

A specific gift - For example a property, painting or antique.

Donating a gift in your will could help provide **specialist care, new equipment, home cooked meals and comfortable surroundings**. No matter how much it is, it all makes a difference.

What to do next

- 1.** Select a solicitor from the list on the back of this form and contact them to arrange an appointment. Please mention the 'St Luke's Hospice Plymouth Free Will Writing Service' when you call.
- 2.** At your appointment, your chosen solicitor will discuss and draft your will. Please make sure you fully understand the advice you are given.
- 3.** You must ensure that you complete ALL sections of the application form attached to this leaflet, and give it to your solicitor who must then send it to us with the appropriate invoice which you should also sign.



**“It’s a haven,
and there is a
great deal
of love”**

...Poignant words from a patient eloquently describing the way so many people feel about St Luke’s Hospice in Plymouth.

Free Will Writing Service Application Form

Please take this form with you when visiting the solicitor.

- This form must be fully completed to use our Free Will Writing Service and to process payment.
- Your solicitor will send it to us with the invoice signed by you.
- You can have an existing will amended (a codicil) using this service.
- You are not obliged to include St Luke's Hospice in your will but we would be extremely grateful if you are able to do so.

Title First Name(s)

Surname

Date of Birth / /

Address

Postcode Telephone

Partner for Mirror Wills

Title First Name(s)

Surname

Date of Birth / /

Address

Postcode Telephone

Please tick the relevant box

This is my/our first Will Updated Will Codicil

I/We have benefited St Luke's Hospice as follows

A set sum of money (please specify) £

A share of my/our residuary estate (please estimate) £

A specific possession (please estimate) £

A contingent gift (please estimate) £

I/We have not benefited St Luke's Hospice in my/our Will

To be completed by the solicitor - Date of Will: _____

Declaration: I/We confirm that I/We understand and accept the terms and conditions of the Free Will Writing Service contained in this leaflet. I/We have received independent legal advice, I/We have approved and signed My/Our solicitor's invoice and I/We consent to the information on this form being disclosed to St Luke's Hospice, Plymouth.

Partner 1 Signed

Partner 1 Date

Partner 2 Signed

Partner 2 Date

Terms and conditions: It is a condition of the service that for your solicitor's costs to be covered you must complete sign and date this form and give it to your solicitor who must then send it to us with the appropriate invoice which you should also sign. Your solicitor's costs are subject to a maximum limit agreed between St Luke's Hospice Plymouth and your solicitor. You may be liable to pay any costs that exceed this agreed limit. Please note that your solicitor alone has control of and is responsible for preparing your Will and you will be primarily liable to pay your solicitor's costs until these conditions have been met. You are not obliged to leave a gift to St Luke's Hospice, Plymouth as a condition of this offer, but any gift given will be gratefully received to help with our life changing work. Paid staff of St Luke's cannot use this service.

Your Local Solicitors

Providing the St Luke's Hospice Free Will Service

St Luke's Hospice is grateful to the Solicitors who are taking part in the Free Will Service. If you have any queries or would like to receive more information about the Hospice, please contact us on: **01752 401172** Email: info@stlukes-hospice.org.uk or visit our website: www.stlukes-hospice.org.uk



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