

# Legacy Donation Information Pack



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Hospitals  
Sussex

Thank you so much for considering a gift in your will for **My University Hospitals Sussex**. It means so much to us. Your kindness really will make a difference to people in Sussex for years to come.

## About Us

We are the dedicated charity supporting **University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust**, and we raise funds to enhance the Trust's care and services across Sussex, helping our hospitals to go above and beyond what is possible with core government funding alone.

Gifts in wills (otherwise called legacies) are vital to us in making transformational improvement to the experience of every patient who visits our hospitals.

With your support, we are able to fund state-of-the-art medical equipment, innovative clinical research, specialist staff training and wellbeing programs, and enhanced hospital environments.

## Our Vision

We raise money for all wards and departments across our seven hospitals:

- Worthing Hospital;
- St Richard's Hospital, Chichester;
- Southlands Hospital, Shoreham-by-Sea;
- The Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton;
- The Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital, Brighton;
- The Sussex Eye Hospital, Brighton;
- The Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath.

You can leave your gift to all the hospitals by instructing it to be made to **My University Hospitals Sussex**; this way it will be spent where the need is known to be greatest. Alternatively, you can specify a hospital or ward closest to your heart.

These details of your instruction can be specified in your will.

## What next?

Decide what kind of gift you want to leave. There are three options to consider:

- **A share of your estate (a residuary legacy)** - you can give a percentage of what remains of your estate after all other gifts and expenses have been paid. This popular method of leaving a charitable donation means your gift to charity is calculated after all your loved ones are cared for.
- **A specific sum (a pecuniary legacy)** - this is a gift of a set amount of money
- **A specific item** - this could be something of value such as jewellery, a painting, property or shares

Then talk to your solicitor, or other preferred will-writing service, to make the appropriate arrangements within your will.

If you have not yet made a will, it may be simpler than you think. Writing your will is the best way to ensure your wishes are carried out after you die. It's usually best to get advice from a licensed legal professional such as a solicitor.

If you need help finding a solicitor, contact **The Law Society** on **020 7320 5650** or visit **[solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk](https://www.solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk)**

If you've already made a will and you want to include a gift to **My University Hospitals Sussex**, you might be able to add an amendment so that you don't have to rewrite it. Talk to a qualified professional such as a solicitor about this.

In most circumstances, the value of your gift to us will be deducted from your estate before Inheritance Tax is applied, so it could reduce the amount of tax paid. Your solicitor will also be able to discuss how this may affect your estate and beneficiaries.

## Contact Details

Here are our registered charity details for your solicitor - these will be needed to formalise the gift within your will.

Address: **My University Hospitals Sussex**, Chief Executive Office, Washington Suite, Worthing Hospital, Lyndhurst Road, Worthing, West Sussex BN11 2DH

Registered charity number: 1050864

## Questions

If you have further questions or would like to find out more about leaving a gift in your will, get in touch with our friendly charity team at **[uhsussex.charity@nhs.net](mailto:uhsussex.charity@nhs.net)** **01273 664708** **[www.myuhsussex.org](http://www.myuhsussex.org)**

Thank you again for supporting **My University Hospitals Sussex**. Your generosity will make care and services better for the people of Sussex for years to come.

