

WILL **Y(0)** IT OFF ONCE AGAIN **MONTH?**

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Don't put it off any longer

Having an up-to-date Will is incredibly important, no matter your age or health. Not only does it ensure that your estate and belongings are distributed according to your wishes, but you can also use it as a way to specify more personal preferences, such as arrangements for your children or details for your funeral. Throughout October, East Cheshire Hospice will be holding its annual Will Month, during which local solicitors kindly donate their time and expertise to support the Hospice.

Participating firms are waiving their usual fees and asking people to make a donation instead. When you book your appointment, your chosen solicitor will outline their usual fees and it is suggested that you donate a similar amount. All the solicitors are providing their time and expertise at no cost in order to raise vital donations for the Hospice, so please consider the value of your solicitor's time when making your donation.

So if you are thinking of getting your Will written or updated due to a change in your circumstances, now is the perfect time! By taking part in Will Month, you can ensure you and your family's future is secured whilst making a valuable contribution to the Hospice.

Follow these simple steps to take part:

1. Choose your solicitor

A number of local solicitors have kindly agreed to take part in Will Month, and will be waiving their fees in return for a donation to the Hospice. A full list of participating solicitors is available upon request at www.eastcheshirehospice.org.uk/will-month. Once you've chosen your solicitor, simply call them directly and make an appointment for October.

2. Make or update your Will

At your appointment you will discuss your situation and preferences with the solicitor, who will then draft your Will accordingly.

3. Leave a legacy

Gifts in Wills, known as legacies, are a vital source of funding to East Cheshire Hospice. In fact, legacy gifts provide care for one in three of our patients. Your gift could mean that no matter what challenges the future holds, we can be there for anyone in East Cheshire with a life-limiting illness. There is no obligation to leave a gift to the Hospice in your Will but if you would like to do so, your solicitor can help.

4. Make your donation

At the end of your appointment, your solicitor will give you an option to pay via cheque/cash in an East Cheshire Hospice donation envelope, or via card. They will also be able to tell you how much a Will would usually cost. All you need to do is fill in your details and put your donation in the envelope, making any cheques payable to East Cheshire Hospice. Then simply pass the envelope to your solicitor and they will return it to the Hospice. If you would rather pay online via a card/Apple Pay, each solicitor will have a scannable QR code available for payment.

5. Help the Hospice

All of the money donated during Will Month will be given directly to East Cheshire Hospice by your solicitor. As a local charity, East Cheshire Hospice relies on the generosity of our community to pay for more than 80% of our costs, so you can be sure that your donation will make a real difference to our patients and their families.

Want to know more?

If you would like more information about taking part in our Will Month, please contact the fundraising team on 01625 433477 or email fundraising@echospice.org.uk. You can also find out more by vising our website at www.eastcheshirehospice.org.uk/will-month.





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