

Our Will-Writing Service

Help beat cancer for future generations

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CANCER RESEARCH UK

Together we are beating cancer

How our Will-Writing Service works

Use one of our trusted legal partners to write a simple Will and we'll pick up the bill. We hope that, in return, you'll choose to leave a gift in your Will to Cancer Research UK, so we can continue to save and improve lives through cancer research, information and influence. Most people do. In fact, over a third of the money we raise to beat cancer is from gifts in Wills.

The service is straightforward and easy to use. Anyone aged 18 or over can write or update a simple Will in person, online or over the phone. For more complex Wills, your solicitor will discuss any additional costs beforehand.

Why having an up-to-date Will is so important:

1. It makes sure your wishes are carried out.
2. It makes it easier for your friends and family.
3. It allows you to support causes you care about.

Every gift matters

Every gift we receive helps to power our pioneering research. Right now, we're finding out if artificial intelligence, a simple breathalyser and even a smartphone could help detect cancer sooner. **Innovations like these could save millions of lives in the future.**



Tackling rare cancers

“I’m leading DETERMINE, a clinical trial to accelerate the development of new treatment options for people with rare cancers.

A rare cancer is one that affects a small number of people, but once you add them all up, they account for 24% of all cancers diagnosed in Europe and the UK – that’s around 1 in 4 cancers. So this trial has the potential to help so many people.

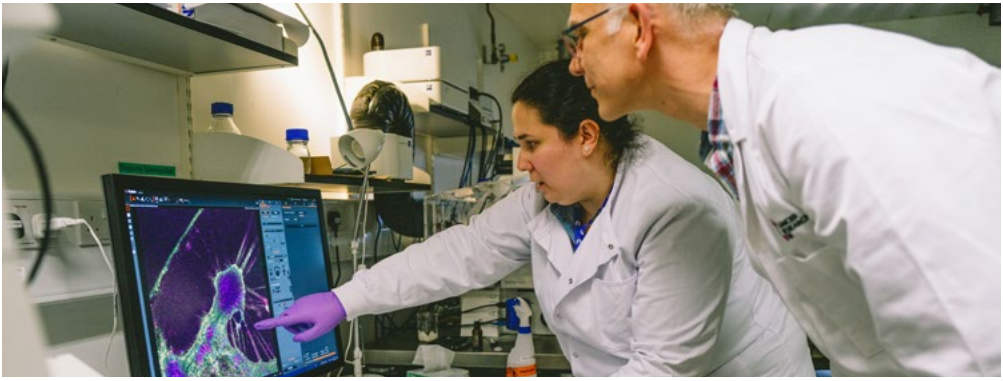
It’s thanks to people like you that this research is possible. Gifts in Wills fund over a third of Cancer Research UK’s work, which includes life-changing research like this trial.

Nearly 1 in 2 people will get cancer in their lifetime.* But thanks to research, cancer survival in the UK has doubled over the past 50 years. The more research we fund, the more progress we’ll continue to make.

With your pledge to support life-changing cancer research, and our dedication to finding better ways to prevent, detect and treat the disease, together we will create a future free from the fear of cancer.”



Dr Matthew Krebs
Chief Investigator of the DETERMINE trial,
The University of Manchester



*cruk.org/lifetimerisk

How to use our Will-Writing Service

1. Choose to write or update your Will with one of our trusted legal partners in your local area either:

   - In person with your local legal professional by visiting **cruk.org/find-legal-professional**
   - On the phone with our trusted partner Co-op Legal Services by calling **0330 606 9627**
   - Online with Farewill or Wills by Brodies by visiting **cruk.org/will-writing**

2. If you want more information ahead of your appointment, visit **cruk.org/will-writing**

3. Write or update your Will with support from your chosen legal partner. Most people who use the service choose to include a gift in their Will to Cancer Research UK and we hope that you will too.

4. After you've written or updated your Will, we'll pay the solicitor directly for their time so you don't have to.

Frequently asked questions

Can anyone use the Will-Writing Service?

Anyone aged 18 or over can use the service to protect their wishes and help beat cancer. Your use of the Will-Writing Service is subject to terms and conditions.

How will my gift be used?

Gifts in Wills help to fund our world-class research into the prevention, detection and treatment of cancer through the work of more than 6,000 scientists, doctors and nurses. We also use evidence, insight and our influence to shape and inform government policy changes that will lead to better cancer prevention measures, tests and treatments.

Why does Cancer Research UK pay for Wills?

We pay for our supporters to write or update a simple Will in the hope that, in return, they'll choose to support our work to beat cancer by pledging a gift.

I already have a Will. Can I still pledge a gift to Cancer Research UK?

It's a good idea to review your Will to make sure it still reflects your wishes. Making a pledge is a simple amendment, which your solicitor can make for you. Remember to always keep a copy of your Will yourself, especially if you amend it.

To find out more about pledging a gift, visit **cruk.org/giftsinwills**

What are the different types of gifts I can leave in my Will?

After taking care of your loved ones, you may want to support a cause close to your heart.

Here are the most common types of gift people choose to leave us in their Will:



Percentage share

You choose a percentage share of your estate to gift to charity. This type of gift is the most valuable because it's inflation-proof.



Lump sum

A fixed amount that can lose its value over time as costs increase.



Specific gift

A particular item, such as a car, jewellery or property.

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A moment with Jo

Jo used our Will-Writing Service in 2016 and decided to leave a gift to Cancer Research UK.



"I'm passionate about helping to beat cancer and I hope my legacy gift will help find a way of treating people around the world."

Jo Williamson, leaving a legacy of longer, better lives

What made you want to leave a gift to Cancer Research UK?

"My wife Sue was diagnosed with a very rare cancer in 1993. We were told she had six months to live. Fortunately, Sue was able to have treatment and live a normal life. Sadly, she passed away in 2003."

Was it easy to use the service?

"It was very simple and straightforward. My solicitor was excellent and very approachable. Cancer Research UK answered all my questions. It just felt like a win-win: I was able to get my Will written for free and support research."



How your legacy could help drive discoveries

£1,800
could buy imaging software that our scientists use to film cells in real time, helping to test potentially life-saving treatments and find promising new cancer drugs.

£8,500
could buy a PCR machine, which works like a molecular photocopier to help make 80,000 copies of a piece of DNA in just one second.

£250,000
could buy a complex piece of lab equipment called a triple quadrupole mass spectrometer, which can tell us more about how the cancer-fighting drugs our scientists are developing act in the body.

20% of a £300,000 estate
could buy a DNA sequencing machine, which allows our scientists to analyse a huge amount of DNA very quickly, helping them to learn more about cancer, faster.

Just over 5% of a £600,000 estate
could buy a gene gun – a high-tech tool our scientists use to learn more about cancer's weaknesses.

We're carrying out world-class research into more than 200 types of cancer through the work of more than 6,000 scientists, doctors and nurses.

Write or update your Will today

For more information about our Will-Writing Service:

Call: **0300 123 7733**
(8am–6pm, Monday to Friday)

Email: **supporter.services@cancer.org.uk**

Visit: **cruk.org/will-writing**

Write to: **Cancer Research UK**
P.O. Box 1561
Oxford
OX4 9GZ

If you have questions about cancer or need extra support, we're here to help.

For reliable, easy-to-understand information about cancer, visit **cruk.org/about-cancer**

To talk to one of our specialist cancer nurses, call **0808 800 4040** (9am–5pm, Monday to Friday)

To share your experience and get support, join our fully moderated online community at **cancerchat.org.uk**

If you'd like to change the way we communicate with you about our latest breakthroughs, campaigns and how you can support our life-saving work, please contact us on **0300 123 3379** (8am–6pm, Monday to Friday) or email **preferences@cancer.org.uk.** Check out our Privacy Policy at **cruk.org/privacy**

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