

I want to help make a difference. What should I do next?

If you wish to include a legacy to the Friends of Chichester Hospitals in your will it is essential that you discuss your intention with your solicitor.

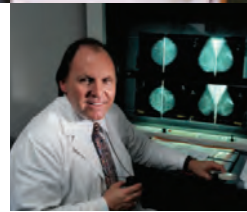
It is important that the correct wording is used and, to be helpful, an example of the wording for a fixed sum legacy and a residue legacy is set out below.

Thank you for reading this leaflet and for any support that you can give.



"I GIVE to Friends of Chichester Hospitals of 4 Northgate Chichester West Sussex PO19 1BB (Charity registered no. 225858) the sum of £ [and I express the wish (but without imposing any obligation) that the money be used for [details]]"

"I GIVE all the residue of my estate (out of which shall be paid my funeral and testamentary expenses and my debts) and any property over which I have at my death any general power of appointment to Friends of Chichester Hospitals of 4 Northgate Chichester West Sussex PO19 1BB (Charity registered no. 225858)"



**Friends of Chichester Hospitals,
St Richard's Hospital,
Spitalfield Lane,
Chichester,
West Sussex,
PO19 6SE
Telephone 01243 831843**

Registered address:
4 Northgate, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 1BB
Registered Charity No. 225858

a lasting legacy of
making a difference
for patients

Friends
of Chichester Hospitals

Supporting St. Richard's Hospital and local mental health services



You will probably be aware of the excellent support given by the Friends of Chichester Hospitals to both St Richard's

Hospital in Chichester and the local mental health services.

The Friends were founded in 1948 and their objectives have changed little over the last 60 years. They are managed and run entirely by volunteers. You may have visited the Friends' shop at St Richard's Hospital or purchased items from the ward trolley service.

Why are legacies so important?

The Friends' Trustees make executive decisions to spend their funds in the best way to support patients, staff and visitors in line with their stated objectives. Requests for support are received from the Hospital and the local mental health staff. The Trustees, at meetings held every six weeks, carefully consider these requests.



The Trustees aim to meet these requests where they accord with their stated objectives and ensure always that best value is achieved. But all decisions are dependent upon funds being available. Contributions from legacies remain the major source of income and are crucial to the continued success of the charitable work.

How do legacy contributions make a difference?

It is not possible to be too specific. It would depend on the type of requests that are made when the funds are received. The Trustees would always honour any specific request made by a donor. For example, a large legacy contribution to support the local mental health services resulted in the money being used to build the Merton Centre drop-in café at Graylingwell. This has applied equally in respect of requests to support St Richard's Hospital.



It is also important to recognise the range of uses to which such legacy contributions can be used. Examples can demonstrate this best. The Friends gave major support to the purchase of the Hospital's first MRI

Scanner and more recently contributed significantly to the Fernhurst Cancer Day Care Centre and the purchase of extra medical equipment for the Chichester Treatment Centre.



Furniture to improve the comfort of patients, staff and visitors and gifts for long term and other patients over the Christmas period also feature prominently along with diagnostic equipment and medical instruments. In some cases, such support can be



provided by the NHS or other charitable bodies

If you decide to leave money in your will to support the Friends of Chichester Hospitals today you

would be ensuring that the wide and much appreciated support that can be offered to patients, staff and visitors to St Richard's Hospital and the local mental health services can be continued in the future.

