



Bolton Hospice
caring from the heart

Make a Lasting Difference

Leave a gift in your Will



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Our consultant-led team of doctors, nurses and other professional staff provide specialist care and support for local people with terminal or life-limiting illnesses and their families, in the hospice, at our Wellbeing Hub and at home. We're an independent charity and all of our services are free of charge.

We provide the very best hospice care for everyone in need, enabling people to live well with a life-limiting illness.

“ I could never imagine seeing someone go through the unbearable illness my Dad did, but I couldn't have wished for a better place for him to spend his time when he really needed it. ”

– Family member

About Bolton Hospice

We care for people with any terminal or life-limiting illness

A common misconception is that we only care for people with cancer. As well as caring for patients with advanced cancers, we also care for patients with any life-limiting illness such as COPD, kidney, liver and heart diseases and neurological diseases.

We care for people throughout their illness

We're here for much more than end of life care. Anybody living in Bolton can be referred or self-refer to our services as soon as they receive their diagnosis.

We're there for the whole family

We offer support and advice to those caring for a loved one, as well as bereavement support for families after a patient has died.

We care for people in the hospice and at home

We have 16 comfortable and homely private en-suite rooms, for people who wish to stay with us at the hospice. We also have a flexible, drop-in service at our Wellbeing Hub.

For those who prefer to remain at home, our Hospice at Home team will visit to provide specialist care and support, leaving family members to focus on creating lasting memories with their loved one.



Ciaran's story

"A diagnosis of cancer changes your perspective on life and brings into sharp focus the importance of love, family and friends."

After I received the disappointing news that the cancer had gone into my bones, including a worrying detail that there was evidence of cancer in my spine, I developed severe pain and was prescribed morphine. My GP tentatively suggested he refer to Bolton Hospice as he knew the expertise the hospice medics had in managing pain and maximising quality of life. I received an appointment with a doctor and what impressed me was how carefully he listened to my story, taking time to do so and thinking carefully about the best balance of medication to manage my pain.

Immediately I felt welcomed, a guest rather than a patient. I was in a lovely big room, such a contrast to a noisy ward in the hospital. The view outside of the garden and Queen's Park beyond was a welcome sight each day as I woke. I was seen on an almost daily basis by one of the doctors who gradually adjusted my medication so that I became pain free and able to improve my mobility. Imagine my delight when after 3 weeks of being bed bound, bed pans and bed washes, I was able to be wheeled into the bathroom and have a hot shower. Bliss!!

I was overwhelmed by the kindness and individual attention of the staff and volunteers. I was always treated as an individual and as if I was the only person that mattered. The hospice team, medical and non-medical, administration and support staff work as one team with the focus on the individual patient and their family to provide the best quality of life possible in each individual's circumstances."



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A gift to be proud of

We feel privileged to provide care and support for local people facing life-limiting illnesses and their families, and our aim is to be there for everyone who needs us, now and in the future. We can only provide this specialist care for the local people who need us thanks to the donations and fundraising that supports our work, and gifts in wills are a vital part of this.

1 in 5

of our patients
is cared for by
Gifts in Wills

72p

from every £1 we
receive goes
directly to caring
for patients and
their families

Without people
like you, over

700

local people a year
would go without
vital care and support

With your help, we can keep our vital services running and continue providing specialist care and support for local people with terminal or life-limiting illnesses and their families, in the hospice and at home.



Sigried's story

"It means our mum's story isn't ending."

Born in Czechoslovakia, Sigried tragically lost her father in a concentration camp before fleeing war-torn Europe as a child. She eventually found her new home in Bolton in the 1950s, and decided to dedicate her life to helping others.

Evidence of Sigried's kind-heartedness was clear from early on. She scoured charity shops to send much-needed clothes home to her family, found a job involving caring for others – as an auxiliary nurse at the old Bolton Royal Infirmary – and settled into life as a mother to her growing family of five children.

Her daughters, Anita and Jacqui, remember well how their mother's kindness extended beyond her family, as she tirelessly supported local charities, including making and selling jams and chutneys to raise funds for the newly opened Bolton Hospice.

Following a lifetime of offering practical help to charities whenever she could, it was no real surprise to her family when Sigried left £6,000 to Bolton Hospice in her Will, helping local families facing terminal and life-limiting illnesses.

"She wanted to do this because she wanted to keep on giving to others and she knew that it was donations that kept the hospice going," explained Jacqui. "It means our mum's story is not ending. It just goes on, living through the wonderful work the hospice does for local people. I think that's what she wanted really – a way of continuing caring when she had gone.

"Whilst it's a sad time, losing a loved one, by them leaving a gift it can also be a celebration of the lasting legacy they're going to have. That help, that gift, really does just keep on giving."

Will FAQs

Q. Does Bolton Hospice really need a gift from me?

Yes! We're an independent charity mainly funded by the people of Bolton. Our aim is to be there for everyone who needs us, now and in the future, but to continue providing free care and support we need to raise over £5 million a year through donations, fundraising and Gifts in Wills.

Q. Will my gift actually make a difference?

Yes! 1 in 5 of our patients is cared for by Gifts in Wills, so your gift really will make a difference! Many people choose to support Bolton Hospice by leaving us a gift in their Will, in the knowledge that they will be helping us to be there for the growing number of local people who will need our care and support in the future.

Q. Do I need a solicitor?

You can write your own Will, however, to ensure it's legally binding and accurately conveys your wishes, it is recommended to have a Will written professionally by a solicitor.

Q. What is an executor?

Your executors are the people who execute your wishes from your Will, making sure everything goes to the right person/place.

Q. How many executors can I have and can it be a friend or family member?

You can have up to four executors and, yes, they can be a friend or family member. However, being an executor is extremely complicated and can be stressful for friends or family members who are grieving, therefore there is also the option of a professional executor, such as a bank or solicitor.

Q. Can I change my Will at a later date if I change my mind?

If you want to make a change, you can do it by adding a 'codicil' (a separate document to your Will, which explains, modifies and revokes). You can change and update your Will at any time.

Q. What type of gift can I leave in my Will?

A share of your estate:

This can be a percentage of what is left over once loved ones are taken care of, or it can be any percentage you like of your overall estate. This is known as a residuary gift, and follows the rate of inflation.

A fixed sum of money:

This is a specific amount, also known as a pecuniary gift. You can pick whatever set sum you like.

A specific item:

You can also choose to leave a specific item such as a piece of jewellery, a handbag, a prized collection or even a property.

It can also be a combination of the above, and your solicitor will help you organise this correctly.

It's now down to you

With your support we can be there for families in Bolton when they need us most, now and in the future.

Many people choose to support Bolton Hospice by leaving us a gift in their will, in the knowledge that they will be helping us to be there for the growing number of local people who will need our care and support in the future.

We understand that when making a will, your priority is looking after your family and others who are close to you. It can also be a wonderful opportunity to support a cause you are passionate about and make a lasting difference.

"We are the first generation of our family who are able to leave something in our Will. Your first priority is to protect your immediate family but if you consider a donation to the hospice after this, it means the people of Bolton will continue to have the specialist care required for end of life. I see how every amount counts at the hospice. If you leave a gift, no matter how small, or how big, good work will be done with it."

– Anne, a former nurse

If you want to leave a gift to Bolton Hospice, it's as simple as adding the details below in your Will:

Example-;

"I would like to leave a gift of £10,000 to Bolton Hospice."

Followed by-;

*Bolton Hospice – Queens Park Street,
Bolton, BL1 4QT;
Charity Number – 518704*

If you do decide to include Bolton Hospice in your Will, please take a moment and let us know.

Email us at
fundraising@boltonhospice.org
or call us on 01204 663055.

You don't have to tell us,
but we'd love to thank you
properly for helping us
to continue caring from
the heart!



Thank you!

If you have any questions about leaving a gift in your Will, or want to know more about how your gift will help, please get in touch using the contact details below.

 **Tel: 01204 663 055**

 **Email: fundraising@boltonhospice.org**

 **Visit: www.boltonhospice.org.uk/will**



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