Gifts in Wills
How to support
Prostate Cancer UK
Thank you for considering including a gift in your Will to Prostate Cancer UK.

With your support we can get even closer to beating prostate cancer.

We have a simple ambition. Through shifting the science to focus on radical improvements in diagnosis, treatments, prevention and support, we want to stop men dying from prostate cancer.

Thanks to people like you, we now know more about prostate cancer than ever before and can start developing better ways to diagnose and treat the disease. We’ve also extended the reach and impact of care and support services through our work in local communities. And our campaigns have increased public awareness of prostate cancer and placed the disease very much on the media and political radars.

However, we still have a long way to go. Despite everything we already know about prostate cancer, one man is still lost every hour to this devastating disease, which is why we need your support to help make sure more men survive.

This year, another 44,000 men like John Mouatt will find out they have prostate cancer. That’s another 44,000 families who will need our support. But a gift in your Will, no matter how small, could help us provide this support and invest in research to stop more men being lost to this disease. Thank you again for considering supporting us in such an important way.

Dr Iain Frame, Director of Research
Why include a gift in your Will to help Prostate Cancer UK?

Prostate Cancer UK is the leading force in the fight against prostate cancer; no other organisation is as dedicated to all aspects of tackling this disease. We stand with and for all men.

We’re putting more money into research to find better ways to diagnose, treat and prevent prostate cancer until no more men die from this disease. Until that day, we’re still investing in our services to support those men and their families who continue to be affected by prostate cancer. All this requires your support.

A gift in your Will could help fund vital research, or help train a Specialist Nurse, so they’re able to support men and their families when they need it most. Every gift, no matter what size, can make a real difference and help in the fight against prostate cancer.

Your family and friends should always come first when writing a Will and we would never try to change that. But once you’ve provided for those closest to you, you may want to consider supporting Prostate Cancer UK.
Research - improving prostate cancer treatment

In 2015 we teamed up with the Medical Research Council (MRC) to award a Clinical Training Fellowship, to Dr Joaquin Mateo at the Royal Marsden Hospital.

Joaquin’s research is looking at the drug olaparib, which we know can help men with prostate cancer who have inherited mutated BRCA1 or BRCA2 genes. We also know the mutations in these genes can develop spontaneously without being inherited. So this research is now testing olaparib in men with advanced prostate cancer who didn’t inherit these mutations.

Joaquin is trying to find out how often changes in BRCA1 or BRCA2 occur in men who didn’t inherit the mutations. He’ll then work out whether the men who responded well are the same men who have a non-inherited mutation in BRCA1, BRCA2, or another gene like them. This could help predict which men are most likely to respond positively to olaparib.

The results reported so far have been really positive. Many men have experienced results including a decline in their PSA levels, a reduction in the amount of cancer cells in the blood and a reduction or cessation in the growth of tumours.

Joaquin’s research is paving the way towards personalised treatments for men. By identifying those who are likely to respond well and those who are unlikely to respond to olaparib we can ensure men get the best treatment for their personal cancer as soon as possible.
Why do you need a Will?

Most people write a Will when they buy a house, when they get married or at the birth of a child or grandchild. There are other important times in life to consider writing or updating your Will too. Such as when you come into something of significant value, if you move house or if you get separated or divorced.

A Will is one of the most important documents you will ever need; it is there to share your wishes after you die. You can decide what happens to your money, your property and your possessions in a Will, and as a lawful document, your wishes will need to be legally followed.

Without a Will, the Courts could end up deciding who receives what you leave behind, and the people or causes you really wanted to support might lose out.
How do you make your Will?

We always recommend that you meet with a solicitor or professional Will-writer to have your Will prepared, but there are a couple of steps you can take before meeting.

1. **Work out what you have**
   Your estate isn’t just your house but everything you currently own. This includes items such as your car, the contents of your home or saving accounts. You would also need to subtract any debts such as mortgages or loans.

2. **Decide who you want to get what**
   If you wish to make a gift to friends or family, remember to include their full names and addresses. You could make a pecuniary gift, which is a fixed amount such as £100 or £1,000, or a residuary gift, which is typically a percentage or share of your estate.

   For a gift to Prostate Cancer UK, make sure that you use our name, address and charity number: Prostate Cancer UK of Fourth floor, The Counting House, 53 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2QN, registered charity numbers 1005541 and SC039332.

3. **Put someone in charge**
   You will also need to decide who to carry out the wishes of your Will when you die. If you would like this to be a friend or family member, make sure you talk to them about it first.
Consult an expert
It’s time to meet your chosen solicitor or Will-writer and have your Will written. They’ll help you make sure everything is recorded correctly. Don’t forget to take the information you’ve collected with you.

Relax and put your feet up
It’s finally done; you can put the kettle on now. Just don’t forget your Will needs to be updated if there is a significant change to your circumstances, such as a new relative or you come into something of value.

If you have any questions at all, you can contact our Gifts in Wills team on 020 3310 7275 or email legacies@prostatecanceruk.org for advice.
I survived prostate cancer. You can help many more men do the same.

For retired Chartered Civil Engineer John Mouatt, prostate cancer was something he never really considered. It wasn’t until he started to develop pains in his groin area that he thought something might be wrong.

John says “I was given an endorectal ultrasonic scan and biopsy. The results indicated well developed prostate cancer. As soon as I was diagnosed I was keen to learn more about what I’d been diagnosed with and what treatment options were open to me. That was how I first found the Prostate Cancer Charity (now Prostate Cancer UK).

I opted for a brachytherapy procedure in June 2000. This meant that I had 29 needle insertions into my prostate and 78 radioactive isotope seeds implanted there. Regular check ups revealed that the procedure was a success and I now have PSA tests every 12 months.

Supporting Prostate Cancer UK in my Will is, for me, a no-brainer. I have been through the whole process of having prostate cancer, having to decide what treatment to have and dealing with the side effects of that treatment so I know what it’s like to be in that situation.

I believe Prostate Cancer UK is making a huge difference by providing vital information and support to men who have been diagnosed. I hope my gift will help fund pioneering research so future generations of men have a better chance of survival and access to even better treatments than we currently have.”
Contact us

If you are including a gift in your Will, please let us know to enable us to keep you up-to-date with advances in our work. Complete the form below and return it to us in the post. We also have an exclusive Man of Men pin badge for those who pledge a gift to Prostate Cancer UK in their Will, as a small way of saying thanks. Sharing your decision will help us to plan research for years to come.

Alternatively, you can call us on 020 3310 7275 or legacies@prostatecanceruk.org and we can help.

☐ I have included Prostate Cancer UK in my Will.
☐ I am planning to include a gift to Prostate Cancer UK in my Will.
☐ Please don’t contact me about gifts in Wills.

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The details you provide will be kept on our database. We will use these details to communicate with you about the charity’s current news, appeals and activities. If you do not wish to receive this information, please tick the relevant boxes.
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Glossary

You’ll encounter some legal jargon when writing your Will. So we’ve put together a glossary to help you understand some of the terms you may come across.

**Beneficiary:** Someone named in your Will and you have chosen to receive one of your gifts, whether that be a pecuniary, residuary or specific gift.

**Bequest:** A type of gift in your Will, such as a pecuniary.

**Estate:** Everything that you own such as property, belongings or savings. This also includes any liabilities though such a loan.

**Executor:** Someone you choose to carry out the wishes of your Will once you have passed away. They will be responsible for bringing the estate together too.

**Inheritance Tax:** A tax only payable if your estate is worth more than £325,000 (up to £650,000 if married). This tax will be deducted from your estate.

**Intestate:** A term for when someone passes away without a Will.

**Pecuniary:** A gift that is of a fixed amount, such as £100 or £1,000.

**Probate:** This can also be known as a Grant of Probate. It is applied for by your executors and enables them to legally carry out the wishes of a Will.

**Residuary:** A gift that is usually a share or a percentage of the total estate, once other gifts and debts have been paid.

**Specific:** An item that is given as a gift, such as a piece of jewellery or an antique.

**Testator:** The person who has made the Will.