

Your questions answered

Q. Why does Colchester Hospitals Charity need legacies?

Colchester Hospitals Charity helps Colchester Hospital University NHS Foundation Trust do more for patients. Often, there is a new piece of equipment, more up-to-date technologies or newer fixtures and fittings that will improve the patient care. It's these extras – some small, some large – which are above and beyond the scope of the NHS budget that really make a difference to patients.

Q. I don't have a solicitor, can you help?

We always recommend that you discuss your intentions with family and friends first and then use a solicitor to make or amend your will. We can provide you with a list of local solicitors and will writers including The Goodwill Partnership. The Goodwill Partnership makes home visits and provides a low cost solicitor written will, that has the backing of the Law Society.

Q. I would like to make a gift to benefit Colchester Hospitals Charity in my will. What information do I need to include?

You will need to include our full name, registered office address and the registered charity number:

Charity name

'Colchester Hospitals Charity' is the working name of 'Colchester Hospital University NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund'. You can use either of these names.

Charity address

Villa 10, Turner Road, Colchester, Essex, CO4 5JL
Registered charity number 1051504.

**Thank you for supporting
Colchester Hospitals Charity**



Please send me further information about:

- Making or updating my will
- A list of wards and departments
- A codicil form
- A glossary of terms
- Making a donation
- Fundraising events
- Volunteering for CoHoC
- Home visit will writing service
- In memoriam giving
- Funeral collection envelopes

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Colchester Hospital University 
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Supporting your hospital with a gift in your will



Registered charity number 1051504

You can make a difference

Giving to charity is a rewarding experience but for many people living on fixed incomes, retired or with a growing family it can be difficult. Leaving a gift in your will enables you to ensure that your favourite causes are remembered and that your kindness is remembered too.

A will ensures that your estate is distributed between the people and charities that you care about. It means that you decide exactly what and how much they receive. If you do not have a will, family members may have to pay inheritance tax. Your solicitor will advise you about this.

Colchester Hospitals Charity supports and helps Colchester Hospital University NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust) provide the best possible care for patients.

When you remember Colchester Hospitals Charity in your will you can specify how your gift is to be used. General charitable purposes will enable us to use funds where they are most needed across the Trust. Alternatively, you may choose to support a particular area of the Trust's work. It is important to bear in mind that names of wards and departments can change and it is often better to say what your intention is rather than being too specific. For example you may wish to say that you want your gift to be used for 'Care of the Elderly' rather than name the particular wards that currently care for the elderly, since this could change.

No matter how large or small, a gift in your will is an incredibly thoughtful way to support your hospital. You can be sure that it will make a difference to the care provided to people living in north east Essex long into the future



A gift in your will could help buy equipment that saves the lives of premature babies.

'The Stroke Unit Garden provides therapy for patients after a stroke. It was part funded by CoHoC.'



Q. I'd like to ensure that my legacy is used for a specific area of work. How do I do this?

Please state the area of work you would like to support, such as cancer research, stroke, care of the elderly or children without being too specific. The names of wards can change and newer treatments and equipment may be available when the time comes, so a more general wording will enable us to use your gift for the priorities which are current at the time that the will becomes effective.

Q. Are there any tax benefits when you make a bequest to Colchester Hospitals Charity?

If you leave an estate of a certain value or above (the Government can change this value) it may be subject to inheritance tax. Charities are generally exempt from inheritance tax on bequests made to them in wills. However, please discuss possible ways of minimising the tax burden on your estate with your solicitor.

Q. I'm an executor and there is a bequest to Colchester Hospitals Charity in the will. How should I pay the money to you?

Please send a cheque made payable to:

Colchester Hospitals Charity, Villa 10, Turner Road, Colchester, Essex, CO4 5JL - The registered charity number 1051504 can be written on the reverse.

If there is a specific area of work that the person who has made the will has stated that they wished to support, this should be mentioned in any correspondence to ensure that the gift is spent in the way they intended.

Q. Is there a form of words that I can use to ensure my wishes are met?

If you decide to leave a gift to CoHoC in your will you may want to take the following wording suggestions for a residuary bequest or a pecuniary bequest to your solicitor. They will ensure that your wishes are followed accurately.

Residuary bequest (a proportion of your estate):

"I give (%) of the residue of my real and personal estate which I can dispose of by Will in any manner I think proper to Colchester Hospitals Charity, (registered charity number 1051504) of Colchester Hospital University NHS Foundation Trust, Trust HQ, Turner Road, Colchester CO4 5JL, and the receipt of the Treasurer, or the proper officer for the time being of the Colchester Hospitals Charity shall be a complete discharge to my executors."

Pecuniary bequest (a set sum):

"I give the sum of £ Pounds to Colchester Hospitals Charity (registered charity number 1051504) of Colchester Hospital University NHS Foundation Trust, Villa 10, Turner Road, Colchester CO4 5JL and the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer for the time being of the Colchester Hospitals Charity shall be a complete discharge to my executors."

It is important to ensure that the following clause is inserted, whatever wording you use:

"If at my death any charity named as a beneficiary in this will, or any codicil hereto, has changed its name or amalgamated with or transferred its assets to another body then my executors shall give effect to any gift made to such charity as if it had been made (in the first case) to the body in its changed name or (in the second place) to the body which results from such amalgamation or to which such transfer had been made."



Your legacy will help us to provide the best care long into the future.