What about inheritance tax?

At the moment, if your estate is worth over £325,000, your loved ones could end up paying Inheritance Tax at 40%, meaning that they might receive less than you intended. By leaving a gift in your will to Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust for the excess of your estate above £325,000, you can make sure your family receives the full amount intended to them.

Why should I let you know my plans?

You are under no obligation whatsoever, but if you let us know your intentions, we will be able to plan ahead and carry on helping to provide world-leading care for patients. We will also be able to thank you properly and keep you up-to-date with the vital work that is happening at Addenbrooke's.

Can I use ACT's Free Wills Service to write my will and leave a gift?

Yes. We can help you write or update simple wills for free, using a local firm of solicitors. To find out more, please call us on 01223 217757.

What if I want to find out more?

We can send you more information about what a gift in your will could help to achieve. We also recommend speaking to a solicitor or a legal advisor. The Law Society can help you find a solicitor in your area, or ACT can help you to make or amend your will for free, using local firms of solicitors. Please get in touch if you'd like to know more.

Our promise to you

- We understand that your family and loved ones will come first.
- We will respect your privacy. All enquiries will be kept completely confidential.
- We recognise that leaving a gift in your will is a private decision and that you need to make it in your own time.
- If you have left us a gift, we'd love it if you could tell us – but you don't have to.
- We will spend your money carefully and cost-effectively.
- We will handle all gifts efficiently and with sensitivity and respect.
- We will give you the opportunity to be kept updated about the work we do, made possible by gifts like yours.
- We recognise that you can change your mind at any time in the future.
- You can designate your gift to a specific department or area of Addenbrooke's or the Rosie if you wish to do so. If possible though, our preference is for unrestricted gifts, allowing us to spend money where the need is greatest.

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Your guide on how to make a legacy of gratitude and hope

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When you are thinking about leaving a gift in your will to a cause you care about, there are lots of things to consider.

We've answered some of the most common questions we receive here, but please feel free to contact us on 01223 734948 if you'd like to know anything more.

We cannot provide legal advice, only informal guidance, and recommend you speak to a legal adviser too.

Why should I make a will?

A will is the only way of ensuring that your dependants are provided for in the way you wish after your death. If you die without a will, a court will appoint administrators to deal with the distribution of everything you own.

What about my loved ones?

The beauty of leaving a gift in your will to a charity is that you can make sure your friends and family are taken care of first. After them, you can then leave a donation to a charity you care about like Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust.

What types of gifts are there?

There are two main types of gift that you can leave:

A percentage gift (also known as a residuary gift)
This is a gift of all or part of what is left of your estate after taxes and debts are paid and all your other legacies have been distributed – known as the 'residue'.

Recommended wording:

I give .....% of the residue of my estate to the Trustees of Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust (registered charity number 1170103) of Addenbrooke's Hospital, Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 0QQ to apply for the benefit of the Trust in such manner as they in their discretion think fit absolutely but not imposing any binding liability on the Trustees in this respect.*

A cash gift (also known as a pecuniary gift)
This could be a specified sum of money or perhaps a specific item such as a gift of jewellery, stocks or property.

Recommended wording:

I give the sum of ..... pounds (to be written in words) £..... (in figures) to the Trustees of Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust (registered charity number 1170103) of Addenbrooke's Hospital, Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 0QQ to apply for the benefit of the Trust in such manner as they in their discretion think fit absolutely but not imposing any binding liability on the Trustees in this respect.*

*Gifts without restrictions are most useful for the hospital. However, if you would like your gift to benefit a particular department or area of the hospital, please insert this phrase:

…for the benefit of (specific ward/department etc.), but without imposing any legally binding obligation.

What type of gift is best for Addenbrooke's?

A residuary gift is by far the most effective way of remembering us in your will because it ensures that the value of your gift is not affected by inflation and you don't have to change your will if your circumstances change. However, we are always delighted to receive cash gifts.

How do you spend my money?

We do everything we can to make sure that any gift is spent on transforming patient care and innovative research. We keep our fundraising costs to a minimum and you can be sure that your money will be spent wisely and according to your wishes.

How can I change my will?

Never write on your will, as that could invalidate it. If you are making major changes, you might need to write a new will. ACT is part of the National Free Wills Network, so we can help you write or update simple wills for free, using a local firm of solicitors. To find out more, please call us on 01223 217757.

If you'd like to discuss leaving a gift in your will to Addenbrooke's, call us on 01223 217757.