

Remembering NCPC in your Will

THE
NATIONAL
COUNCIL FOR
PALLIATIVE
CARE

Why leave a legacy to NCPC?

The National Council for Palliative Care (NCPC) is the umbrella charity for all those who are involved in providing, commissioning and using hospice and palliative care services in England, Wales & Northern Ireland. We are dependent on funding from grants, trusts, legacies and other charitable giving for the majority of our income, and are always extremely grateful for donations.

Your generous gift will help us to continue to provide services to those in need of care at the end of their lives.

How do I remember NCPC in my Will?

If you want to include NCPC in your Will, we recommend that you ask a qualified solicitor to help you. All you will need to do is to add a short paragraph (called a clause), specifying that you are leaving a gift to us. You will need to include our name, address and registered charity number:

The National Council for Palliative Care
Hospice House
34 – 44 Britannia Street
London
WC1X 9JG

Registered charity number 1005671

What if I already have a Will?

Making changes to an existing Will is very straightforward, but you will need a solicitor to help you, as you may accidentally invalidate your Will if you make the changes yourself. To add a legacy to NCPC into a pre-existing Will, ask your solicitor to add a codicil (written instruction) and make sure this is signed by two independent witnesses. Alternatively, if you have a lot of changes to make, you may prefer to write a new Will.

Aren't there different types of legacy?

Yes. A **residuary legacy** means a gift of either the whole or a proportion of your estate (e.g. 20%), or of the remainder once friends, family and other outgoings have been dealt with. A **pecuniary legacy** is a fixed sum of money, and so generally decreases over time as inflation rises. This problem can be avoided by choosing to index link a pecuniary legacy. Finally, a **specific legacy** means leaving a particular item to us, for example stocks & shares or a piece of jewellery.

A residuary legacy is generally of the greatest benefit to us, as its value increases in line with inflation.

What else should I do?

You don't have to, but if you are able to let us know about your legacy gift, this will help us to plan our future work more effectively. It also allows us to say thank you, and also to keep you informed of the valuable work we are doing at the moment to help ensure that all those who need palliative care receive it. This will give you a better idea of how your legacy will help us to help others after your death.

More information

If you'd like more information or would like to talk about different ways of supporting NCPC, please contact us on 020 7697 1520 or enquiries@ncpc.org.uk