

*Remember*  
**Southmead Hospital**  
*with a gift in your Will*







# *Remember* **your local NHS**

**For decades many people have remembered Southmead Hospital by generously leaving a gift in their Will to Southmead Hospital Charity.**

Including a gift in your Will is a simple way to leave a legacy that will make a real difference to the lives of the one million patients who are cared for at Southmead Hospital every single year.

Your gift will make a huge difference to many people for years to come. From funding cutting-edge equipment and supporting world-leading research, to enhancing surroundings and supporting staff wellbeing, you will create a lasting legacy that will make your family and friends proud.



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*I want to give  
something  
back ”*

Bill Long



**Following a life-changing diagnosis of prostate cancer, Bill was so grateful for the care he received at Southmead Hospital, he has generously decided to leave a gift in his Will.**

"Eight years ago, I was treated for prostate cancer at Southmead Hospital and the surgeons there saved my life. Without them I wouldn't be here today, so I wanted to give something back to our precious NHS.

"The whole process of leaving a gift in my Will was very simple. I owe my life to the NHS and I'm proud that my legacy will save other lives in the future."



# *Where your gift could* **make a difference**

**Whatever the size of your gift, it will support your local healthcare services and help shape the future of your local NHS.**





You can choose how your gift can be used. Here are some of the areas you could support:



Ground-breaking research



Patient & family wellbeing



Staff wellbeing & training



Cutting-edge equipment



Enhancing buildings & spaces



# *You can make* **ground-breaking research happen**

**Our world-renowned researchers are at the forefront of cutting-edge developments such as understanding the long-term effects of Covid-19.**

Finding new ways to predict, test and treat Coronavirus, their work is crucial in giving us the best chance of protection and recovery. With your gift, we can continue to fight this virus for years to come.

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**“We are working with partners across the world to study Long-Covid, its causes, symptoms and possible therapies to help sufferers. We are one of the few places in the UK to have ongoing research into the immune system and Long-Covid, meaning your gift will support research that will have a long-lasting, worldwide influence.”**

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**Dr David Arnold and Fergus Hamilton, NIHR and Wellcome Doctoral Fellows**









## *You can provide* **dignified dementia care**

**There are over 850,000 people living with dementia in the UK. We treat and care for thousands of people from across the South West each year living with conditions such as Alzheimer's.**

Hospitals can feel very distressing for patients living with dementia, who might not understand where they are or why they are there. With an increasingly elderly population and more cases of dementia year-on-year, your gift can play a transformational role in supporting our patients long into the future.

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**"During one of the hospital's music sessions, one of our patients stood up and began to dance, and I could see a tear fall from his eye. His family saw that and were very grateful for that moment. "**

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Bev Davies, Matron, Elgar Enablement Unit

Patient &  
family  
wellbeing







## *You can provide* **pioneering technology**

New technologies, innovations and scientific breakthroughs are developing at an unprecedented pace. Your gift will provide the very best equipment, ensuring our hospitals continue to lead the way in treating a huge range of illnesses and injuries for years to come.

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“With two surgical robots we continue to be at the forefront of prostate cancer care and grow our expertise in treating other cancers robotically, underlining our reputation as the leading urological robotic centre in the country.”

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Anthony Koupparis (pictured right), Consultant Urologist and lead for the multispecialty robotic programme

Cutting-edge  
equipment





# *You can care* **for those who care for you**

**At the heart of our hospitals are our incredible staff.**

They provide exceptional care for every person who walks through our doors – from parents with new babies or someone arriving in our Emergency Department following an accident, to a patient recovering from a hip replacement or critically ill in our Intensive Care Unit.

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**“We know that the better our staff feel, the higher the quality of care they can provide to our patients. The wellbeing of our staff is hugely important to us, which is why we say that our staff’s health is as important as our patients’.”**

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Guy Dickson, Head of People and Strategy

A gift in your Will to support staff means the world to them. It could provide counselling services and bespoke calm spaces to support our staff during difficult shifts or following traumatic events.





# *You can create* **calming spaces and** **healing places**

**The surroundings of our patients and staff have a significant impact on their wellbeing.**

Improving our spaces for staff to rest in and dedicated training areas helps them deliver the best patient care. Our state-of-the-art £80,000 simulation space is an immersive and realistic environment where medical students and healthcare workers continue their professional development.

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**“Simulation in a safe clinical environment is vital for education, research, and patient safety. We are grateful to donors for funding this brilliant facility that matches the expertise here.”**

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Curtis Whittle, Consultant Anaesthetist at North Bristol NHS Trust

Your gift can help transform our hospitals' spaces, while also providing the very best environment to train the next generation of healthcare experts.

# *Types of* gifts

There are several ways you can include a gift in your Will, large or small. Your solicitor will advise you on how to include a gift, and we can provide suggested wording to ensure your gift is made exactly the way you intend.





**The next step is to decide the type of gift you would like to leave. You can choose between:**

**A residuary gift** is a percentage (%) of your estate once all other specific gifts in your Will have been distributed (the 'residue'). You can leave the whole of your residue to us, or a percentage of it. Many people choose to give a residual gift because it maintains its value with inflation.

**A pecuniary gift** is a monetary gift from your estate, usually a set sum of money.

**A specific gift** is a particular item, or group of items, of property. For example, you may leave personal possessions, land, property or shares to a named beneficiary.



Once you've considered all your loved ones, you may want to leave a gift to a cause you're passionate about - making Southmead Hospital even better. By leaving a percentage of your estate to your local NHS, you will help to transform your hospital services and make a huge difference to the lives of people across the South West.

Most people choose to leave a residual gift for peace of mind. This means your gift maintains its purchasing power. By leaving 10 per cent or more of your estate to charities within your Will planning, you can reduce your Inheritance Tax liability. If you are interested in leaving a percentage of your estate to Southmead Hospital, please refer your solicitor or Will writer to the information on page 19.





## *Including Southmead Hospital Charity in your Will*

**If you choose to leave a gift to Southmead Hospital, then you simply need to include Southmead Hospital Charity in your Will. Please make sure your solicitor is provided with the following information:**

Southmead Hospital Charity  
Princess Campbell Office  
Southmead Hospital  
Bristol  
BS10 5NB

Southmead Hospital Charity is legally known as North Bristol NHS Trust Charitable Funds. Registered Charity No: 1055900







# *Get in touch*

**We understand and respect that the details of your Will are a personal and private matter. We can assure you that we treat all legacy gifts in the strictest confidence.**

We would love to hear from you if you are considering leaving a gift in your Will. Informing us of your interest can really help us plan for the future and transform our services. We would also like to thank you and invite you to activities across our hospitals to show you the difference your support will make.

If you're interested in finding out more, or would like to let us know your intentions, please contact us and we will be happy to talk you through the process.



## *Thank you so much for* **considering a gift** *to Southmead Hospital*

“Every year, we are honoured to receive legacy gifts of all shapes and sizes, from people across the South West and beyond. Gifts in Wills play a vital role in enhancing the services of our hospitals and I am eternally grateful to all our supporters.”



Maria Kane OBE, Chief Executive,  
North Bristol NHS Trust

*Thank*  
**you**





# *Join us*

**Make sure to let us know that you have decided to make a gift in your Will. You'll be sent exclusive updates and an invitation to our annual event, where you will meet some of the inspirational people whose work will be your legacy.**

**Your legacy gift will help change lives for generations to come - thank you.**



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