



**Alexander  
Devine**  
Children's Hospice  
Service

**Your gift in Wills guide**  
The power to change a child's life





Alexander

# Make Alexander's legacy your own, by leaving a gift in your Will

My son Alexander is the extraordinary and brave boy who inspired our children's hospice service. He was just four years old when he was diagnosed with a brain tumour and there is simply nothing in this world that can prepare you for such devastating news. He endured four and a half years of treatments and sadly, aged eight, he died.

Through our experience we understood that specialist care and support is simply invaluable to families like ours and it was clear that Berkshire needed its own children's hospice service. Inspired by my son, we began the realisation of Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service.

I know from my experience that you cannot go into a children's hospice and not be filled with love, laughter and tears and this is the beautiful legacy Alexander has left. His legacy has changed the lives of so many people and today, our charity supports more than 150 children and their families, across Berkshire and the surrounding counties.

You can be part of Alexander's amazing legacy by leaving a gift in your Will. Together we can continue to provide lifeline care to children and families, for generations to come.

I hope that through this guide you will have everything you need to secure your family's future, benefit from our Free Will's service and understand the incredible power you have to change a child's life.

Thank you for considering this extraordinary way of giving.

**Fiona Devine**  
CEO and Co-Founder

## Here to help

Contact Jenni Green on  
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# The power to make a difference

Your Will is one of the most important documents you will write. It's the only way to be sure your family will be looked after in the way you intend. But not only could your Will help secure your family's future, it could also help ensure the future of Alexander's legacy.

More and more people are including a gift to charity in their Will, also known as a 'legacy', to support the causes that matter to them and we are grateful that you too, are considering this extraordinary way of giving.

Every gift can make a positive difference to the lives of the children and families we support. Big or small, it is what these gifts achieve together, that makes them so incredible.

And with the need for our children's hospice service growing, you really do have the power to make a lasting difference, as we strive to reach more who need our support.

## 150+ children

and their families are currently supported through our service.

But we know there are so many more who are in need of our vital care and support.

Research shows there are over 1,370 children with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions in Berkshire alone. And this number is likely to rise by at least another 11% by 2030.



## £2.3 million

is the cost of running our lifeline children's hospice service each year.

78% of our income comes from fundraising, voluntary donations and gifts in Wills.

This support is helping us continue our vital work and reach more families who need us in the future.





# Writing your Will

Your Will is the most important document you will ever write and as an Alexander Devine supporter, here are some hints and tips to help you.

## Think about your assets

List the assets you own, their worth and whether you share their ownership with someone. You should think about any debts you might have too.

Consider who you want to pass your estate on to and what value each individual should inherit. You should also consider any dependants and who would be responsible for them should you pass away.

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## Appoint your Executors

Your Executors are the people named in your Will who will ensure your wishes are honoured after you die. They can be anyone you trust, or even organisations, and you can have more than one executor if you prefer.

If you choose a loved one to be your Executor, it's a good idea to discuss this before appointing them to make sure they're happy.

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## Leaving a gift in your Will

Whilst there is no obligation, after taking care of your loved ones, we'd be grateful if you would consider leaving a gift to Alexander Devine in your Will.

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There are two types of gift you might choose to leave:

**Residuary gift:** A percentage share of your estate. This type of gift is particularly powerful as it holds its value even as the cost of living rises.

**Pecuniary gift:** A fixed sum of money. Inflation means this gift will lose value over time, but we'd still be very grateful for any sum you leave.

## Creating your legal document

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It's vital that your Will is drawn up and witnessed in the right way to ensure your intentions are honoured after death. But this doesn't need to be a difficult or expensive process for you and your family.

We are not legal experts and therefore cannot offer any legal advice on your estate. But as a supporter of Alexander Devine, we are pleased to be able to offer a free online Will writing service with Beyond, which is one of the UK's most trusted online Will writing services.



# Your free Will with Beyond...

Ranked as the UK's top online Will writing services, you can make a free, legally-binding Will using [Beyond](#) in just 15 minutes, from the comfort of home.

Each Will is checked by legal experts, ensuring your estate is secure and your wishes will be honoured.

Beyond is the first online Will service to use bank-level identity verification to protect your Will from future challenges. This means it is one of the safest choices for your legacy and, if you choose to leave a gift to us, Alexander's too.

With both single and partner Wills available through our Free Will offer, you can secure your legacy in the way that's right for you.

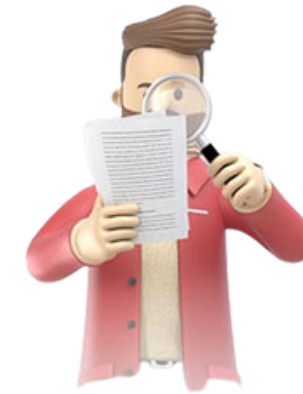
## Ready to secure your free Will?



Email Alexander Devine today to obtain your exclusive Beyond code!

[jennig@alexanderdevine.org](mailto:jennig@alexanderdevine.org)

Answer simple questions about your wishes, with no legal jargon. You'll be taken through the process step by step, covering everything that's needed.



Submit your Will and it will be checked by an in-house team of legal experts. You'll be notified within 3 days if any tweaks are needed to secure your estate.

Print off and sign your Will with witnesses, those who are not beneficiaries, to make it legally binding. Update it any time with a subscription.







*Alexander Devine stepped in and made such an unforgettable impact on our lives.*

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*We count our blessings for the continuous support they give us. They've enabled us to watch Talia enjoy a new, safe and exciting environment at their hospice, given us respite from her medical demands and most importantly backed us as a family through every step of our journey.*

**Gemma, Talia's mum**





# Our promise to you

Leaving a gift in your Will is an important and personal decision. That's why if you choose to leave a gift in support of Alexander's legacy, we make these promises to you:

We understand that your family and friends come first, and we promise to treat everyone with courtesy, compassion and respect.

We will use your gift wisely and cost-effectively so that it has the greatest impact for our children and families, both now and in the future.

You can change your mind at any time about leaving a gift to Alexander Devine and we will respect your decision.

Any personal information you choose to share with us will be handled securely and confidentially. We will always respect your privacy.

Once you leave a gift in your Will, you will join a powerful community, working hard to support our vital services. We will update you on our work with regular emails, but you can opt out at any time.





*Alexander's legacy means we are able to provide vital care to children with life-limiting conditions and their families across Berkshire, offering a service that supports children to live as full a life as possible.*

*Our service is alongside them during difficult times and helps them to create special memories together. With your help, we can continue supporting the families currently using the service, but also to reach more who need us.*

*By leaving a gift in your Will you can help us provide the ongoing support that is so urgently needed by children, now and in the future.*

**Helen Bennett, Director of Care,  
Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service**



# Frequently asked questions

## **I've already got a Will, can I still leave a gift to Alexander Devine?**

Yes, simply fill out a Codicil form. You'll need our address and charity number to leave a gift to us: Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service, Snowball Hill, Maidenhead, SL6 3LU. Registered Charity No. 1118947. Speak to your solicitor or Will provider who can advise you further.

## **Can I leave my gift in memory of a loved one?**

Many people choose to leave a gift in memory of a loved one. If you'd like to remember someone special please get in touch and let us know.

## **Are there tax benefits of leaving a charitable gift in my Will?**

Most gifts left to us are exempt from Inheritance Tax and you could reduce the amount of tax paid by your beneficiaries by leaving us a gift.

Find out more: [www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax](http://www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax).

## **Can I specify where I want my money to go?**

We'd recommend leaving a gift without specific conditions. That way it can be used where it will have the greatest impact at that time.

## **I've left a gift to Alexander Devine, what do I do now?**

If you've already remembered our charity in your Will, please do get in touch and tell us. Knowing of gifts can help us plan for the future and we'd also love the chance to thank you!







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