

We are **always** there for the children who need us today

Let us be there for **all** the families to come with a gift in your Will

Find out how to write and update your Will with this guide



**Alexander
Devine**
Children's Hospice
Service



We want to **always** be there for families, now and in the future



Alexander Devine

Alexander Devine 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 a family for such devastating news. He endured four and a half years of treatments and sadly, aged eight, he died.

Inspired by their son, Fiona and John Devine set up the charity Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service. This is the beautiful legacy Alexander has left.

His legacy has changed the lives of so many children with a life-limiting or life-threatening condition and their families, across Berkshire and into the surrounding counties.

We are always here for the children and families who need us. We provide their child with the specialist care they need, we listen when they want to talk, we make keepsakes so they can create happy memories, and we stand beside them in their child's final moments. We want to always be there for the families that need us, now and in the future, and you can make this possible by leaving a gift in your Will.

This guide will give you everything you need to prepare for writing or updating your Will, and how you can leave a gift to Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service.

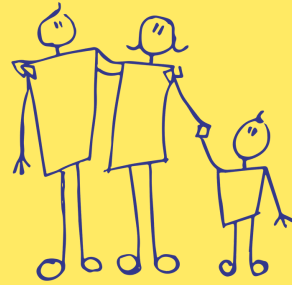
Thank you for considering this extraordinary way of giving to Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service.

Here to help

Contact Jenni Green on jennig@alexanderdevine.org or call 01628 822777



The specialist care and support we offer is free of charge for families.



165+

children and families are currently being supported by Alexander Devine

1,370+



children in Berkshire alone have a life-limiting condition and research shows that this number is likely to increase by a further **11%** by 2030

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

£2.8 million

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

With very minimal government and NHS funding, 81% of what our charity needs to meet the cost of running our service comes from donations, fundraising, and gifts in Wills.

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



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each hour is funded

Writing your Will

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.

Writing or updating your Will can be very quick and easy. But here are some points to consider before starting the process.

Think about your assets

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

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

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.

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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.





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 main 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 and specific 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. We recommend you talk to a qualified solicitor about making any changes to your Will.

The difference your support will make

Pippa has been supported by the charity since the hospice first opened its doors in 2018. Pippa has several life-limiting and life-threatening conditions, including severe epilepsy, and requires round-the-clock care, with her parents needing to stay alert in case she needs emergency medication or oxygen at any time.

Alexander Devine supports the family by providing respite for Pippa at home and in the hospice, as well as symptom management for Pippa's complex health needs. We also offer hydrotherapy in our pool and provide Pippa's older brother Elliot, 12, with sibling support, spending time with other children his age in similar situations.

"Alexander Devine's support is invaluable. They are there through all sorts of different issues, whether it be emotional support or medical advice, and that's not just for Pippa but also for Elliot."

"Pippa really does enjoy her days at the hospice and all the nurses and carers, they just have this warmth about them. Pippa is non-verbal so it is a case of things you would do when connecting with a baby and she can feel that and I can see how happy she is. You can see in her face and behaviour how relaxed she feels there."

Danielle, Pippa's mum

Pippa, Elliot and their parents now have access to help and support whenever they need it. You could make this a reality for another local family in the future by leaving a gift in your Will.



"I want to thank Alexander Devine from the bottom of our hearts for everything they have done for us and all the other families at the hospice."

Danielle, Pippa'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 to Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service, 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 children and their 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.



We won't ask for details about your gift and 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.

Frequently asked questions

What information do I need to leave a gift in my Will?

All you need to leave a gift in your Will to Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service is our charity name, address and registered charity number detailed below.
Alexander Devine Children's Cancer Trust, Snowball Hill, Maidenhead, SL6 3LU.
Registered Charity No. 1118947.

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 (above).
Speak to your solicitor or Will provider who can advise you further.

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

Most gifts left to charity are exempt from inheritance tax and you could reduce the amount of tax paid by your beneficiaries by leaving us a gift in your Will. Find out more at www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax or speak to your solicitor.

What if I want to change my Will later?

It's a good idea to regularly update your Will so that it doesn't become out of date. You can either write a new Will or amend your existing one using a Codicil form. Speak to your solicitor for further advice.

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

Firstly, thank you! You don't have to tell us you've left a gift to Alexander Devine in your Will. But we would love to hear from you if you have so we can thank you personally and keep you updated on our work should you wish. You can email Jenni at jennig@alexanderdevine.org or call 01628 822777.





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