

Leaving a gift in your Will to the RCN Foundation



Have you ever thought about leaving a lasting gift to the nursing team?

Leaving a gift in your Will can be one of the single most valuable gifts you can ever give. After you have provided for your family and friends, we would be honoured if you would consider the RCN Foundation in your Will.

How your gift will help

A gift in your Will, no matter how large or small, will support the nursing profession for generations.

Our purpose at the RCN Foundation is to support and strengthen nursing to improve the health and wellbeing of the public. We deliver our purpose in three key ways by:

- **Supporting individual members** of the nursing team by providing grants for hardship and education
- **Investing in the profession** to improve patient care by funding projects in our key priority areas of children and young people's mental health; learning disability; and nursing-led innovation
- **Championing nursing** by raising the profile of the profession and enabling better public understanding of its contribution to improving the nation's health

Since the Foundation was established, our work has made a real and direct impact on the lives of thousands of nurses, midwives and nursing support workers, and consequently on the lives of patients, right across the UK.

A gift to the RCN Foundation will enable us to support members of the nursing community in times of hardship and will empower nurses, midwives and nursing support workers with learning and development opportunities, improving patient care for years to come.



Dame Sheila Quinn, a Fellow and former President of the Royal College of Nursing, generously left a gift in her Will to the RCN Foundation. She chose to leave this precious gift because nursing and the future generation of nursing really mattered to her. Her kind-hearted generosity will help future generations of nurses.

What will your gift to nursing be?

When you make a gift to the RCN Foundation in your Will, you have the power to make a difference to the future of the nursing profession. By choosing to remember us, you will be helping us to provide support to members of the nursing team when they need it most.

Here are the main ways to leave a gift in your Will:

A cash gift: Known as a ‘pecuniary gift’, this is simply a fixed sum of money. It could be £100 or £1,000, and it won’t change over time.

A share of your estate: Known as a ‘residuary gift’, you can leave a share or percentage of what’s left of your estate to the RCN Foundation after your family, friends and loved ones have all been taken care of. This kind of gift will change over time as it will be affected by inflation.

A gift in kind: This can be an item of clothing, jewellery, or a book collection, to name a few examples. However, as the RCN Foundation do not run charity shops, most of the gifts we receive are not specific items of value.



Our pledge

We understand that taking the decision to leave a gift in your Will is a significant, personal and entirely voluntary commitment.

If you do choose to remember the RCN Foundation in your Will, we would be grateful if you could let us know. We would love to thank you properly and tell you more about the impact of your gift. It also helps us plan for the future.

Please be assured that the information you choose to share with us will be held in confidence and is in no way legally binding. You can contact the Foundation team on **020 7647 3645** or email rcnfoundation@rcn.org.uk



Frequently asked questions about leaving a gift in your Will

I already have a Will. How can I make changes?

You can make changes to your Will at any time. For simple changes or additions, you can use a form called a Codicil. For changes that might be more complicated, you might need an entirely new Will.

Whether you're making a Will for the first time or amending an old one, we always recommend you seek professional legal advice. You can find a solicitor local to you on the Law Society's website: www.lawsociety.org.uk/

What is Inheritance Tax?

Inheritance Tax (IHT) is charged on the portion of your estate that exceeds a certain value at the time of your death. A gift to a registered charity in your Will is tax-free and could possibly reduce the amount of overall Inheritance Tax due. Speak to your solicitor or financial advisor about how IHT might affect you.

Is the RCN Foundation a charity?

Yes, the RCN Foundation is a registered charity in the UK. Our registered charity number is 1134606 in England and Wales, and SC043663 in Scotland.

What do I need to include to leave a gift in my Will to the RCN Foundation?

The most important things to include is our name, address, and registered charity number.

RCN Foundation
20 Cavendish Square,
London W1G 0RN
Registered charity number:
1134606 (England and Wales) or
SC043663 (Scotland)

Can I leave the gift for a specific area the RCN Foundation funds?

As we don't know exactly what our funding options and focus areas will look like in years to come, it's always better to leave a gift in your Will with no restrictions so we can use it where the need is greatest when the time comes.

However, if you are keen for your gift to be used in a specific area of funding, please ring us on **020 7647 3645** or email rcnfoundation@rcn.org.uk and we can discuss further.



Thank you for considering leaving a gift in your Will to the RCN Foundation.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us if you would ever like to discuss further.

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