



Cancer Research UK's

# Legal Guidance Service

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# What is our Legal Guidance Service and how can it help you?

We understand that a cancer diagnosis can be an overwhelming time, especially with all the various legal tasks to consider, which can leave people unsure of where to begin. That's why Cancer Research UK are offering the Legal Guidance Service, working with a team of trusted solicitors to help guide you through these tasks, making the process as simple and easy as possible.

Everyone's circumstances are different, which is why our solicitors will provide a free, 60-minute consultation resulting in a tailored

legal support plan based on your specific needs.

In addition to your consultation, we will contribute £120 towards the cost of writing or updating a single Will and £180 towards the cost of writing or updating a mirror Will. This is inclusive of VAT.

We will also contribute a further £500 towards the cost of any combination of the additional services listed on page 3. This discount can be used towards any Will-writing costs incurred above our initial £120/£180 contribution.

## This is a brand-new service from Cancer Research UK

The Legal Guidance Service is a pilot service with limited appointments, available from January to March 2021. The pilot is also only running in limited areas though we hope to make it more widely available in the future.

Your feedback is vital in helping us to deliver the best services possible to those affected by cancer to help us shape and improve this service. Those who wish to use the Legal Guidance Service will therefore be asked to share their feedback with Cancer Research UK through a follow up survey.

## Three easy steps to using the Legal Guidance Service

**1** Choose which of our trusted solicitors you would like to help guide you through the Legal Guidance Service. We are currently working with the following 4 solicitor firms:

### RG Law

Third Floor Stamford House  
Piccadilly  
York  
YO1 9PP

T: 01904 310336

E: donata.crossfield@rglaw.co.uk

### Tollers LPP

1 Waterside Way  
Northampton  
NN4 7XD

T: 01604 258534

E: steve.bowers@tollers.co.uk

### Wilson Browne LLP

4 Grange Park Court  
Roman Way  
Northampton  
NN4 5EA

T: 0800 0886004

E: enquires@wilsonbrowne.co.uk

### Spire Solicitors LPP

5-7 Church Street  
Wymondham  
NR18 0PP

T: 01953 606351

E: wills@spiresolicitors.co.uk

**2** Contact your chosen solicitor using the details above to book in your free 60-minute consultation. Don't forget, the pilot is only running from January to March 2021 and there are limited appointments available so book as soon as you can.

**3** After you have used the service Cancer Research UK will pay our contribution to your solicitor. You should make sure you agree what costs you will be personally liable for before using the service.



# What are the services offered as part of our Legal Guidance Service?



## Will-writing

A Will is one of the most important documents you'll ever write. It's the only way to make sure the people and the causes you care about are looked after, and it's where you can decide what happens to your money and possessions.



## Power of attorney

This is a legal document that allows a trusted individual to make decisions on your behalf. This could cover a temporary situation, for example, if you are in hospital and need help with everyday tasks such as paying bills, or longer-term scenarios.



## Living Will

This is also known as an advance decision and allows you to express your wishes to refuse medical treatment in the future. A Living Will would come into effect if you can no longer communicate your wishes.



## Lifetime planning

This includes things such as tax planning advice from our partner solicitors and trusts you may wish to set up.



## Letter of wishes

This is a document that accompanies your Will. It is not legally binding but can guide your executors to make sure your personal wishes are carried out.

# At Cancer Research UK, our vision is to bring forward the day when all cancers are cured

Cancer Research UK is the world's leading cancer charity. We've been at the heart of progress that has already seen survival in the UK double over the past 40 years.

We support pioneering research into the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer through

the work of more than 4,000 scientists, doctors and nurses, which has helped save millions of lives.

Our ambition is to accelerate this progress so that by 2034, 3 in 4 people will survive their cancer for 10 years or more.

## The impact of Gifts in Wills

Gifts in Wills make a valuable contribution to our work, funding over a third of our life-saving research.

There are three types of gifts that can be left to Cancer Research UK:

### Pecuniary Gift

An exact sum of money may be left to us.

For example £8,500 could fund a leukaemia trial for one month, aiming to find the best treatment for children with a rare type of leukaemia.

### Residuary Gift

After taking care of loved ones, a share or remainder of an estate can be left to us. As it's less likely to be affected by inflation, it's the best way to ensure the intended value of gift is received.

For example, 1% of a £200,000 estate could buy a diamond knife to slice through cells to understand the inner workings of tumours and find new ways to target cancer's weak spots.

### Specific Gift

This might be jewellery, property or stocks and shares.



## Jo's Story

Jo Williamson is a supporter of Cancer Research UK, having seen the impact on his family. This is his story about why he left a gift in his Will:

**I am leaving a Legacy because we have been fighting cancer as a family since my wife Sue was diagnosed in 1993. I will continue to fight cancer until I pass away, so why not continue to fight cancer when I am gone.**

Sue was diagnosed with a very rare cancer which spread to her bones. We were told that she had six months to live which was very hard as our children were aged 16, 14 and twins of 12.

Fortunately, Sue was able to have treatment and live a normal life, bringing up the children, working and travelling.

In 2002, I could see that the disease and the treatment was

starting to take its toll on Sue. I was able to look after Sue until she sadly passed away on the 23rd December 2003.

In 2010, we found out that the faulty SDH-B gene that had caused Sue's pheochromocytoma was hereditary. My two eldest children Katie and Jonathan do not have the faulty gene but my twins Jennie and James have.

I decided to leave a Legacy to Cancer Research UK in 2016. I am passionate about helping beat cancer and I hope that my Legacy gift will help find a way of treating people around the world.

Many people who write or update their Will through Cancer Research UK's services kindly choose to leave a gift to Cancer Research UK, **however you are under no obligation to do so.**

# Frequently Asked Questions

**We have specialist knowledge in providing legal guidance.**

## Can anyone use the Legal Guidance Service?

Only those looking for legal support relating to a cancer diagnosis should use the service. You must also be aged 18 or over.

## Why does Cancer Research UK pay for Wills and contribute to other services?

We know that many people want to help beat cancer by leaving us a gift in their Will. We want to offer something in return for this generous support. We also know cancer can impact on finances, so as well as providing tailored support to you, we want to help contribute to costs where we can.

## How much will I have to pay for my Will and other services after Cancer Research UK's contribution is applied?

This will vary greatly depending on the types of services you require. You should make sure you discuss costs you will be liable for with your solicitor during your free consultation meeting.

## Can I use Cancer Research UK's £500 discount towards the cost of a more complex Will that costs more than £120 (single Will) or £180 (mirror Will)?

Yes, this £500 discount can be used towards any Will-writing costs incurred above our initial £120/£180 contribution.

## How do we choose our trusted solicitor partners?

We have a close relationship with all these excellent solicitors so we are confident that they will offer a great service to our supporters.

## Is the Legal Guidance Service still available during the latest national lockdown?

Yes - all of our trusted solicitors will be running a largely virtual service during the national lockdown so anyone who needs support during this time can still access the Legal Guidance Service. Your solicitor will be able to answer any specific questions you have about using the service during the lockdown when you contact them to book in your initial free 121 consultation.





To find out more about the Legal Guidance Service, please contact us through the following ways:

Visit: [cruk.org/legalguidanceservice](https://cruk.org/legalguidanceservice)

Email us via: [supporter.services@cancer.org.uk](mailto:supporter.services@cancer.org.uk)

Call our dedicated team on: **0300 123 7733**

Lines are open 8am - 6pm, Monday to Friday

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If you have questions about cancer or need extra support, we are here to help.

- For reliable, easy to understand information, visit [cruk.org/cancer-help](https://cruk.org/cancer-help)
- To talk to a specialist nurse, call freephone **0808 800 4040**  
Lines are open 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday
- You can also share experiences on our online forum [cancerchat.org.uk](https://cancerchat.org.uk)



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