Leave a lasting legacy
Sarcoma UK’s guide to wills and legacies
A message from Sarcoma UK's Chief Executive

Sarcoma UK is the only cancer charity in the UK focusing on all types of sarcoma – bone and soft tissue.

Since 2009 Sarcoma UK has invested £1.5 million into world-class sarcoma research. We will continue to fund research to find effective treatment for the disease, and improve survival rates and quality of life for patients.

We also want to make sure that every person affected by sarcoma has access to expert information and support, now and in the future. In February 2016 we launched the first national sarcoma Support Line. Within its first year, our Specialist Nurses dealt with 1,000 enquiries.

Our work is made possible by the generosity of our supporters, and a gift in your will could make a huge difference. We understand that your legacy is a deeply personal decision. If you are thinking about whether to leave a gift in your will to Sarcoma UK, this guide provides insight into the positive impact your gift will have. Leave a lasting legacy and help us change the landscape for everyone affected by sarcoma.

Lindsey Bennister

Lindsey Bennister Chief Executive
Every year charities receive more than £2 billion from gifts in wills, enabling them to continue their valuable work.

Sarcoma UK is the only cancer charity in the UK focusing on all types of sarcoma. Our mission is to amplify sarcoma awareness, inspire involvement, and fund ground-breaking research to transform the lives of everyone affected by sarcoma.

A legacy gift to Sarcoma UK will allow our Specialist Nurses to provide information and lend a listening ear to newly diagnosed patients; ensure that sarcoma researchers can continue their vital work to find effective treatments; and increase awareness of sarcoma, improving early diagnosis.

By choosing to leave a gift in your will, you are playing a valuable part in transforming the landscape for everyone affected by sarcoma. Your legacy will help the sarcoma community across the UK.
“Patients have told me that this is more than a Support Line; it’s a lifeline.”

Helen Stradling
Clinical Nurse Specialist and Sarcoma UK Support Line Lead
Your support will allow us to continue our vital work

Helen is one of our Specialist Nurses who answers calls and emails on the Sarcoma UK Support Line. She has 18 years of experience working with sarcoma patients.

“Not everyone understands sarcoma. We do. My job is to alleviate any fears and worries that people have around their diagnosis and treatment. One of the most important things we can do is empower patients to ask their GP for a referral to a sarcoma specialist centre. This is one of the key routes to early diagnosis, which can increase survival by 20%.

Many people have never heard of sarcoma until they are diagnosed themselves. At a time like this, speaking to somebody who understands what you are going through is vital. Sarcoma UK’s Support Line gives every patient access to a Sarcoma Specialist Nurse to answer every question and lend a listening ear at a difficult time.”

Help us make sure that every person affected by sarcoma has access to personal support and expert information – now and in the future.

“Thank you, just being able to talk to someone who knows about sarcoma is so helpful. Nobody understands it like you do.”
How to leave a gift in your will

Anyone can leave a gift, of any size, to Sarcoma UK in their will. There are three different types of gifts.

1. Pecuniary gift
   This is a fixed sum of money

2. Residuary gift
   This is all, or a share, of what is left of your estate after any costs, debts and pecuniary gifts have been deducted

3. Specific gift
   This is an item such as a piece of art or jewellery, or a property

Finding a solicitor

Leaving a gift in your will is not complicated, but we do recommend seeking the advice of a solicitor. You can find a solicitor in your area on the Law Society website.

- England and Wales
  www.lawsociety.org.uk/find-a-solicitor
- Scotland
  www.lawscot.org.uk
- Northern Ireland
  www.lawsoc-ni.org

If you would like to leave a gift to Sarcoma UK, your solicitor will be able to help you with the wording for your will, but do make sure your solicitor uses the charity’s full name, address and charity number in your will:

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Tax implications

Making a gift to charity in your will could have an impact on the amount of Inheritance Tax you pay. Gifts to charities are exempt of Inheritance Tax.
Your donation will either:

- be taken off the value of your estate before Inheritance Tax is calculated
- reduce your Inheritance Tax rate, if more than 10% of your estate is left to Sarcoma UK

For more information about inheritance tax, speak to your solicitor or contact HMRC.

**Your decision**
Leaving a gift in your will is a deeply personal and important decision to make. Your family and friends will of course come first, but if you are considering leaving part of your estate to Sarcoma UK we hope you have found this guide helpful.
If you've decided to leave a gift in your will or would like further information, please get in touch with our team using the form below.

Name:  
Home address:  
Telephone:  
Email:  

☐ I have already included a gift to Sarcoma UK in my will  
☐ The residue or part residue of my estate  
☐ A sum of £  
☐ A specific item of value  

☐ I am interested in including a gift to Sarcoma UK in my will  

☐ I would like information about other ways of supporting Sarcoma UK  

Add me to Sarcoma UK’s mailing list:  
☐ E-news, the latest from the sarcoma community every six weeks  
☐ Connect, our magazine delivered straight through your letterbox three times a year  

I prefer to be contacted by ☐ phone ☐ email ☐ post  

Return the completed form to Sarcoma UK, 49-51 East Road, London N1 6AH  

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