

Make a difference
Leave a Legacy



THE LEEDS
TEACHING HOSPITALS
**Charitable
Foundation**
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Some of the world's best research and treatment is performed in Leeds' Hospitals.

Will you help to secure it for future generations?

The Leeds Teaching Hospitals Charitable Foundation is the charity associated with Leeds Teaching Hospitals. We help to develop services across the Hospitals by supporting new technology, research and training, and by helping to improve facilities for patients and staff. The charity provides the 'little bit extra' that can make all the difference.

The Charitable Foundation is entirely independent of the NHS but works very closely with Leeds Teaching Hospitals and Leeds University Medical School to develop world class clinical services for the benefit of the local population.

Keep your Will up-to-date - and leave a lasting gift

An advantage of leaving a gift in your Will (a legacy) over other types of giving is that it costs nothing now. A gift to Leeds Teaching Hospitals Charitable Foundation in your Will can help to ensure that pioneering research and treatment will continue to be offered in Leeds way into the future. Legacies are an absolutely vital source of funding for us – your Will really can make a difference for generations to come.

Peace of mind



Without a Will we risk our estate being distributed according to the intestacy laws – sometimes with unforeseen and distressing results. For example, you can't assume that your spouse or partner will automatically inherit everything. Indeed, people who are unmarried may not receive anything from their partner's estate.

Keep your Will up to date

Having an up-to-date Will brings peace of mind. But it is important that your Will keeps up with changing circumstances such as when you retire or grandchildren come along. We believe that it is best to ask a solicitor to write or amend your Will because a Will is a legal document and legal terms have precise meanings.

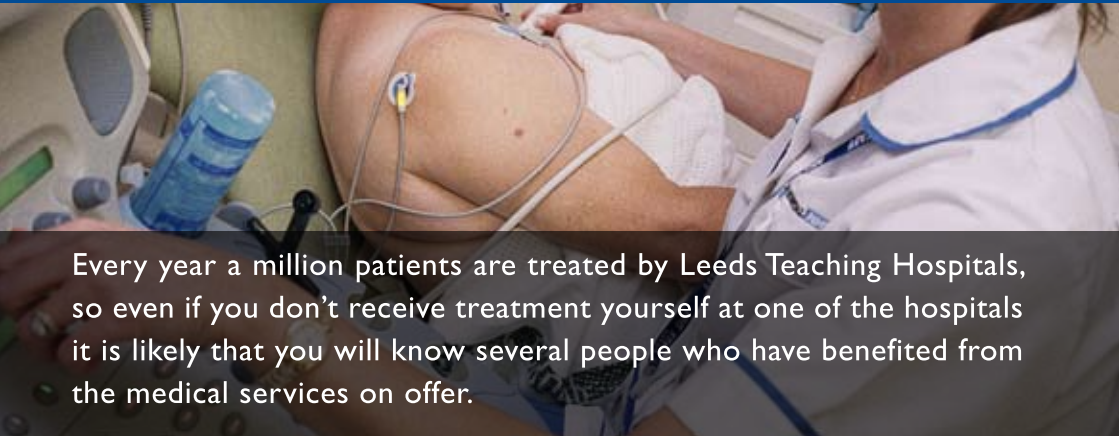
'George wanted to demonstrate his gratitude to the hospital in a very tangible way after his granddaughter Sophie was treated there as a baby. The whole family feels indebted to the staff whose expertise and care saved Sophie.'

Angela, Roundhay.

Ways you can give

How you decide to support the charity is entirely up to you. You might decide to leave a specific sum of money, a share of your estate or the residue of your estate after you have made other gifts. Allocating the residue, or part of the residue, is a popular method as you do not have to decide on a sum, just the whole or part of what remains after all other gifts have been made. You might also wish your gift to go to a specific speciality, like paediatrics, geriatrics or oncology, or to support specific research programmes or a particular hospital or ward. Many people leave it to the Charitable Foundation to decide, at the time, where it is most needed. Just tell your solicitor who will ensure your wishes are included using the correct legal wording.

Our work



Every year a million patients are treated by Leeds Teaching Hospitals, so even if you don't receive treatment yourself at one of the hospitals it is likely that you will know several people who have benefited from the medical services on offer.



Yorkshire Cancer Centre

The Charitable Foundation worked hard with the Hospital Trust and other organisations to establish a state of the art new cancer centre at St James's University Hospital. The Yorkshire Cancer Centre provides groundbreaking radiotherapy equipment for the treatment of cancer. By working closely with the equipment manufacturers and through collaboration with other leading international cancer centres, we are contributing to the development of the next generation of radiotherapy machines at the Centre.

Patients now benefit from a significant improvement in performance and safety thanks to this important project. The Charitable Foundation also provided funds for research into new radiotherapy regimes plus enhancements to the patient environment through 'home' comforts.

Examples of our work include:-

- Providing a grant of £2million to support the creation of the Leeds Institute of Molecular Medicine at St James's University Hospital. This institute has become a leader in cancer research and the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of many other conditions.
- Purchase of a 21st century robotic assisted operating system which has greatly improved "keyhole" surgery operations.
- Funding Fellowships so that leading scientists and clinicians can move forward with cutting edge research into breast cancer, heart disease, bowel cancer, diabetes, kidney and skin cancer amongst many others.
- Providing a £1.25million grant to purchase the latest equipment for the diagnosis and treatment of patients.
- Improvement of the facilities and environment for patients throughout the Hospitals.
- Making a grant of more than £3million to purchase two of the world's most advanced linear accelerators to deliver the best radiological treatment for cancer patients.

Putting Yorkshire first



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Development in medicine proceeds at an ever increasing pace and the NHS cannot immediately embrace every new technology. The Leeds Teaching Hospitals Charitable Foundation seeks to bridge the gap and ensure our local Leeds Hospitals are the first to benefit.

This is expensive and legacies are a vital and growing part of the way in which we raise funds. Without them we wouldn't be able to achieve nearly so much. All gifts in Wills to charity are exempt from inheritance tax – your solicitor will be able to provide you with advice concerning current inheritance tax legislation and how your Will can be written to take account of this.

Your gift will live on, promoting better health by keeping your local hospitals at the forefront. What could be a better legacy?

‘With so many of my family being looked after over the years, this is my way of saying ‘thank you’. I know that by leaving a gift in my Will it could help fund an important research breakthrough or just make a hospital stay much more pleasant for a sick child.’

Jean, Beeston.

The Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust is the largest in the United Kingdom and includes the largest teaching hospital in Europe.

The Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust comprises the following sites;



Chapel Allerton



Leeds General Infirmary



St James's



Seacroft



Wharfedale



Leeds Dental Institute

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