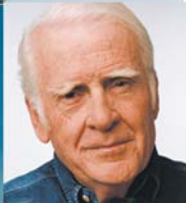


A Will to Beat Meningitis

Today's promise for a future free
from meningitis & septicaemia



Please remember us in your will

Meningitis and septicaemia can affect anyone of any age, but babies, children and young adults are at particular risk. The diseases kill more children in the UK and Ireland than any other infectious disease.

Meningitis Research Foundation's vision is a world free from meningitis and septicaemia.

The charity funds research to prevent the diseases, and to improve survival rates and outcomes. The Foundation promotes education and awareness to reduce death and disability, and gives support to people affected.

Your legacy will help us continue our life-saving work and create a safer future for our children.

This leaflet tells you how to make a bequest, and answers some of the questions you may have about making or changing your will.

The process is relatively simple, but because your will is an important document, we do urge you to seek the professional advice of a solicitor. This need not be expensive, costing from as little as £80/€115. You could take this leaflet with you.

Making a will is about your wishes rather than your wealth. When you take your home, belongings and savings into account you may be surprised at the value of your estate, and if you don't make a will the state will decide how these will be distributed. This may not be as you wish.

If you already have a will, it is a good idea to review it regularly. You can change it as often as you like. If for example you wish to add a gift to Meningitis Research Foundation to your existing will, ask your solicitor about an alteration called a codicil. The codicil should be signed and witnessed in the same way as the will.

Remember, any legacy you leave to charity is free from tax.

There are two main ways to leave legacies both to people and your favourite charities:

■ **Specific or Pecuniary Legacy** - where you leave a fixed amount of money or a specific gift to your chosen beneficiary.

■ **Residuary Legacy** - this is the remainder of your estate after all other legacies have been made and debts and expenses have been paid. This can be divided up between named individuals, charities or organisations.

Some people also create a **Reversionary Legacy** - this is a legacy that is left to a loved one for their lifetime, after which it passes on to someone else, or to a chosen charity or organisation.

If you would like to talk over anything in this leaflet, please call your local office.

If you intend to leave a legacy to Meningitis Research Foundation, you may wish to let us know in advance. Any information you give us is, of course, completely confidential and not in any way binding.

Please fill in your details below, and send the completed form to your local office (*address overleaf*)

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode (UK) _____

Tel _____

email _____

- Please tick this box if you are happy to receive email and other electronic forms of communication from Meningitis Research Foundation
- I have included a legacy to Meningitis Research Foundation in my Will
- I am considering making a legacy to Meningitis Research Foundation
- I would like to be kept informed about the work of Meningitis Research Foundation

This leaflet is for guidance only, in the UK & Republic of Ireland.
For legal advice, please consult a solicitor.

Data Protection

Information provided may be used to inform you about events and services offered by us or selected third parties.

- Please tick if you do not wish to receive offers or information from ourselves
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