

Leave a gift 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.

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 health care 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?

By choosing to remember the RCN Foundation in your Will, you'll be making sure members of the nursing team get support 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.

Olufunke Adeyeye was a nurse and midwife her whole working life, and she felt the challenges that come with being part of a racialised minority.

When Olufunke died, her three children decided to set up an in memorium fund for those who recognise those challenges from their own roles in nursing, midwifery and care.

Their donation of £20,000 established the RCN Foundation Olufunke Adeyeye education grant, a fund dedicated to providing further education and training opportunities to nursing and midwifery staff from ethnic minority backgrounds.



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 at **020 7647 3645** or email **fundraising@rcnfoundation.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: [lawsociety.org.uk](https://www.lawsociety.org.uk)

If you are a member of the Royal College of Nursing, you can contact RCN Law: [rcn.org.uk/Get-Help/Legal-help/Contact-RCN-Law](https://www.rcn.org.uk/Get-Help/Legal-help/Contact-RCN-Law)

RCN Law provides a fast, efficient and friendly Will writing service at a discounted rate for RCN members. It also offers highly competitive rates for your family and friends.

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, 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 fundraising@rcnfoundation.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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