



## Before you visit your solicitor

- 1.** Decide who will be named in your will as executors – they will be responsible for ensuring your wishes are fulfilled.
- 2.** You can appoint whomever you wish as your executor but we recommend gaining their agreement first as it can involve a substantial amount of time. You can also appoint a professional executor – a solicitor, accountant or even a bank – though your estate would need to pay their fees.
- 3.** Work out how much you have to leave, taking into account any property, mortgages, savings, possessions or even money you are owed. We provide a checklist that you may like to fill out and take with you.

Choose the family, friends and charities you'd like to remember in your will.

Some people choose to leave a percentage of their estate to John Taylor Hospice, having first looked after their loved ones. This is called a residuary gift.

You can also leave a cash gift, called a pecuniary gift, which is a set amount of money, large or small. It is worth noting that this type of gift may decrease as the cost of living rises over time.

A specific gift is a particular item and is a good way to pass on cherished items to loved ones – a wedding ring to a daughter for example.

Any type of gift to John Taylor Hospice will have a real impact. But by leaving a residuary legacy, you'll ensure your loved ones are taken care of first. As it's a percentage instead of a set amount, your gift will stay proportional to the value of your estate.