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Legacy funds support additional surgical equipment



Legacy funds mean we can supply better, additional facilities for premature and sick babies



Your legacy donation could support thousands of people a week

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# Create your legacy



Help shape the Luton and Dunstable University Hospital for generations to come



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*“Knowing that I will be helping people who really need it has given me an enormous sense of comfort and satisfaction”*

Katie, wrote the L&D into her Will in 2013



*“Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone else planted a tree a long time ago”*

Warren Edward Buffett

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## By leaving the L&D a legacy gift in your Will you can help shape the future of the hospital for generations to come

The first consideration for most people when writing their Will, is their family and close friends and then perhaps a charity close to their heart.

Did you know that the L&D was first built thanks to a local grocer who left a generous gift in his Will? Legacies continue to have a positive impact on patients and their families to this day.

The Coronary Care Unit was totally redeveloped after benefitting from a significant legacy; a legacy of £60,000 bought the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit a desperately needed incubator and ventilator; a generous gift was also recently left to the Macmillan Cancer Unit and this has been used to refurbish the whole unit and Chemotherapy Suite.

The Luton and Dunstable (L&D) Hospital Charitable Fund is an independent registered Charity. It helps to fund additional facilities and equipment, support medical research, enhance staff practice and provide the extras that make being in hospital more comfortable and a less distressing experience for patients and their families.

For more information about Wills, or to discuss which ward you want your gift to benefit, please call the **Fundraising Manager on 01582 718 043** or write to us and let us know of your gift;

**The Luton & Dunstable Hospital Charitable Fund Fundraising Team, Lewsey Road, Luton LU4 0DZ**

## The importance of having a Will

- **Looking after your family** Writing a Will is the only way to make sure your wishes are carried out after you die.
- **Looking after others** You can decide who you would like to receive a gift. Whether it's family, friend(s) or a charity, you can decide exactly what you would like them to receive.
- **Reduce inheritance tax** Gifts to registered charities, such as the L&D charitable fund, are exempt from inheritance tax and may reduce the rate of tax to be paid on the assets of your estate.

The beauty of writing a Will is that you can include everyone you want to... you get to make the decisions and plan for the future.

If you die without a Will the law determines who takes your possessions.

## Next Steps

We strongly recommend using a solicitor when making or updating your Will to ensure everything is legal. If you already have a Will you can easily add to it or make a change by using a Codicil. This is usually quick and inexpensive.

## Types of gifts

**A share of your estate** After you have provided for your family & friends, you can leave a share of what remains to charity. This is known as a 'residuary gift'.

**A cash gift** This is when you leave an exact sum of money. It's known as a 'pecuniary gift'.

**A gift in trust** You can leave a gift for someone to use over a period of time. When the time has ended, the gift can be passed on to other recipients, such as a charity.