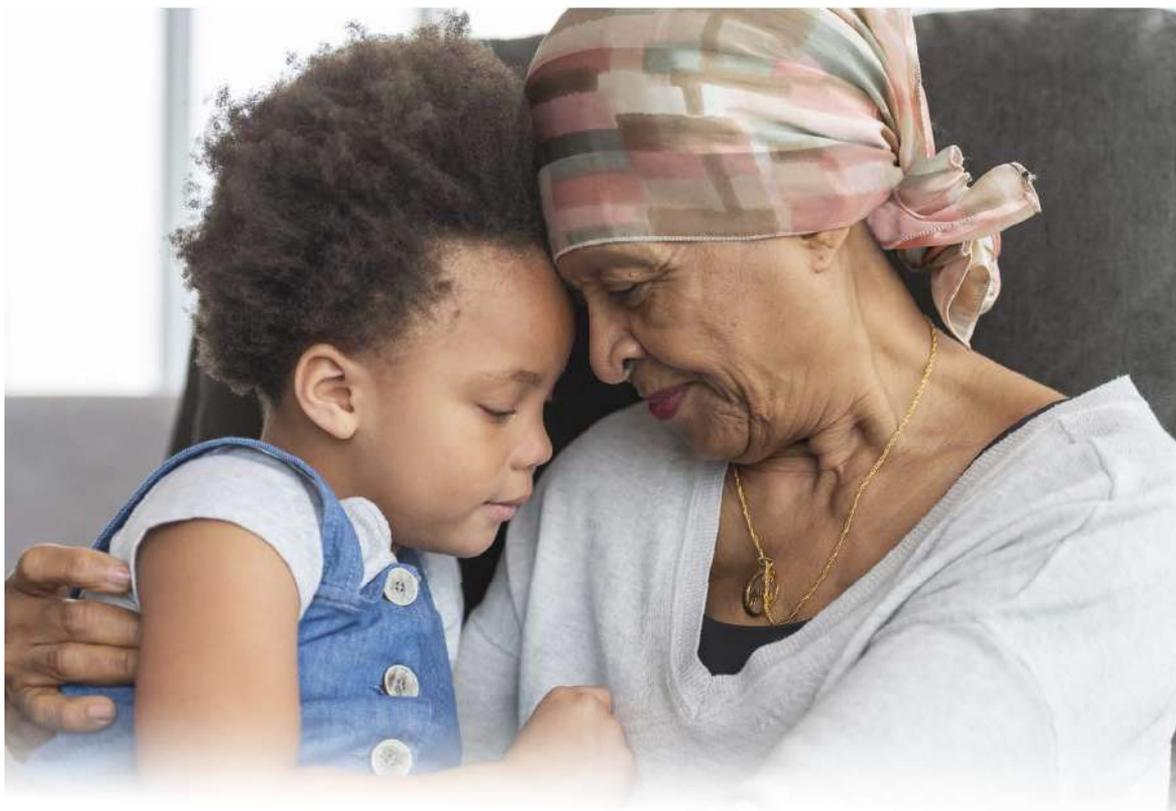


YOUR LEGACY SAVING LIVES



THE UK
SEPSIS
TRUST

**YOUR GUIDE TO LEAVING A
GIFT IN YOUR WILL**

GIFTS IN WILLS CAN HELP FUND THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:



£5,000 – £10,000

Development of an accredited online education programme for NHS & other clinical practitioners



£20,000 – £30,000

Design, print, and distribution of life-saving awareness literature



£50,000

Creation, development, and maintenance of a web-based portal to provide a holistic 'support' user journey for those impacted by sepsis or severe infection



£100,000

The cost of the UK Sepsis Trust delivering a fully trained 'Clinical Support Team' for 12 months – accessible to all and free to access

Whatever the size of your gift, we hugely appreciate it. With your support, we can continue delivering our services to future generations.

WELCOME

Leave a legacy & help us to deliver our services in the future

Writing a Will is one of the most important things you can do: it ensures your loved ones are provided for in the way you choose. It's also a powerful opportunity to support the causes that matter most to you.

By remembering the UK Sepsis Trust (UKST) in your Will, you can help save lives and change outcomes for survivors for generations to come.

Why your gift matters

Sepsis is a life-threatening condition that arises when the body's response to infection causes injury to its own tissues and organs. It strikes fast and can affect anyone.

- Every 3 seconds, someone in the world dies from sepsis – that's 11 million people every year
- In the UK, 245,000 people are affected annually, with at least 48,000 deaths – more than breast, bowel, and prostate cancer combined

Many of these deaths are preventable. With early diagnosis, sepsis is often treatable. But a lack of awareness means lives are still being lost every day.

The UK Sepsis Trust work tirelessly to:

- Raise awareness of sepsis among the public and healthcare professionals
- Promote early diagnosis and rapid treatment
- Provide vital support to those affected by sepsis, including specialised recovery and bereavement support
- We campaign for better outcomes - to end preventable deaths and improve outcomes for sepsis survivors

A gift for the future

By leaving a gift in your Will to UKST, you'll help us continue this vital work. Your legacy will live on through:

- Life-saving education and awareness campaigns
- Support services for patients and families
- Advocacy to ensure better outcomes for those affected by sepsis in the future

Even a small gift can make a big difference and help to prevent tragedy and bring hope to thousands.

Peace of Mind and Purpose

Making a Will can bring peace of mind, knowing your wishes will be honoured. Your legacy ensures your generosity continues to make a difference long into the future.

If you're considering leaving a gift, or just want to find out more, we're here to help.

Dr Ron Daniels

Founder & Chief Medical Officer



Call us on **0800 389 6255**

Or email: Legacy@sepsistrust.org

Thank you for thinking of the UK Sepsis Trust in such a meaningful and generous way. Your support truly means the world to us – and to those whose lives it will impact.



SARAH'S STORY

“ Our daughter Charlotte had been unwell for a week with strange breathing and mottled skin. We’d been told it was just a viral infection, but something about how she looked reminded me of a post I’d seen from the UK Sepsis Trust. I rushed her back to A&E and asked, ‘Could it be sepsis?’. Immediately, staff gave her the treatment she needed. Without that post she may not be here today. The UK Sepsis Trust saved our daughter’s life. ”

Sarah's daughter, Charlotte, survived sepsis at 6 months old

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Why should I make a Will?

Creating a Will is one of the most significant things you can do for the people you love. It ensures that your wishes are clearly known and respected - giving you peace of mind that your estate will be distributed in the way you choose.

Without a Will, those important decisions about who will inherit what could be made by someone else. Your estate might not go to the people or causes that matter most to you. By making a Will and keeping it up to date, you're making sure your affairs are in order and your loved ones are looked after when you're no longer here.

How do I make a Will?

We strongly recommend using a qualified solicitor or professional Will Writer to help you create or update your Will—it's the best way to ensure everything is legally correct and reflects your true wishes.

If you haven't yet made a Will, you can secure a Free Will offered through our trusted partner, Farewill. There's no obligation to include a gift to UKST, but should you choose to leave one, your generosity could help us continue our life-saving work for future generations - and we would be deeply grateful.

What types of gift can I leave?

There are a few different ways you can leave a lasting legacy to UKST in your Will:

A Residuary Gift – This is a percentage of your estate left after all other gifts, debts, and expenses have been taken care of. It's a powerful way to make a lasting difference.

A Pecuniary Gift – This is a fixed sum of money. Please note, the value of this gift may decrease over time due to inflation.

A Specific Gift – This could be a treasured item such as jewellery, art, or antiques that you'd like to pass on for a meaningful cause.

We understand that leaving a Gift in your Will is a deeply personal decision. But even a small gesture can have a lasting impact—helping us save lives and support families affected by sepsis. Thank you for considering it.

Nearly 80,000 people suffer life-changing after-effects from sepsis every year in the UK



Why leave a gift in your Will?

Leaving a gift in your Will to the UK Sepsis Trust (UKST) has several meaningful and practical benefits:

Tax Benefits:

- Gifts left to UK-registered charities are exempt from Inheritance Tax.
- Your gift could reduce the total value of your estate, potentially bringing it below the Inheritance Tax threshold.
- We strongly recommend speaking to a solicitor for personalised legal and tax advice.

Create a lasting legacy:

Your gift will help continue our life-saving work, supporting people affected by sepsis.

It's a powerful way for your compassion and generosity to live on, potentially saving thousands of lives for years to come.

Already have a Will?

You can include a gift to UKST by adding a codicil to your existing Will.

We strongly advise consulting a qualified solicitor to ensure the codicil is legally valid and reflects your wishes clearly.

Do I need to tell UKST?

No – there's no obligation to inform us if you've left a gift in your Will. Your Will is personal and private.

However, if you choose to tell us, your information will remain confidential, and you can change your mind at any time.

Letting us know:

Helps us thank you properly.

Allows us to plan more effectively for the future.

Getting in touch with us

If you'd like to:

Discuss leaving a gift to UKST, or let us know that you already have, please contact our Fundraising Team:

0800 389 6255

Legacy@sepsistrust.org

"A legacy is not just what we leave behind – it's the lives we touch long after we're gone.

A gift in your Will can be your final, and most powerful, act of kindness."

Help with writing your Will

Making a Will is one of the most important steps you can take to ensure your wishes are respected and your loved ones are protected. Here's how you can get started:

Professional legal advice

We strongly recommend speaking with a solicitor or legally qualified professional to ensure your Will is valid and accurately reflects your intentions.

For general information on writing or updating your Will, visit: [gov.uk/make-will](https://www.gov.uk/make-will)

To find a solicitor in your area, use the Law Society's Find a Solicitor tool: [solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk](https://www.solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk)

Simply enter your location and select the service area "Wills and probate."

Create a free Will online

We've partnered with Farewill, one of the UK's leading online Will writing services, to offer you the opportunity to write or update your Will for free.

- Write your Will online in as little as 15 minutes with professional support
- The service is simple, secure, and tailored to your needs
- There is no obligation to leave a gift to the UK Sepsis Trust – though we would be incredibly grateful if you choose to do so

To start your free Will today, visit: [farewill.com/ukst-launch](https://www.farewill.com/ukst-launch)

Questions or need help?

If you have any questions about leaving a gift in your Will or would like to speak with us, our Fundraising Team is here to help:

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Sepsis is a life-threatening condition that arises when the body's response to an infection injures its own tissues and organs. Sepsis can lead to shock, multiple organ failure and death especially if not recognised early and treated promptly. It's estimated that as many as 245,000 people develop this condition each year in the UK.

Leaving a gift in your Will allows our life-saving work to continue.

It also means your generosity and compassion live on – thereby saving potentially thousands of lives.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US.

The UK Sepsis Trust registered charity number (England & Wales) 1158843 (Scotland) SC050277. Company registration number 8644039. Sepsis Enterprises Ltd. Company number 9583335.

SEPSIS SYMPTOMS

SYMPTOMS IN CHILDREN

A child may have sepsis if he or she:

- Is breathing very fast
- Has a fit or convulsion
- Looks mottled, bluish, or pale
- Has a rash that does not fade when you press it
- Is very lethargic or difficult to wake
- Feels abnormally cold to touch

SYMPTOMS IN ADULTS

An adult may have sepsis if they show any of these signs:

- Slurred speech or confusion
- Extreme shivering or muscle pain
- Passing no urine (in a day)
- Severe breathlessness
- It feels like you're going to die
- Skin mottled or discoloured

If someone has one of the sepsis symptoms, call 999 or go to A&E and **JUST ASK "COULD IT BE SEPSIS?"**



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