

Terms and Conditions for Make a Will Month

Summary of Make a Will Month

Francis House Children's Hospice has partnered with several North West law firms for their annual September **Make a Will Month** event.

If you decide to participate in Make a Will Month, the Will writing services are provided by your chosen law firm from the participating organisations.

Your contractual relationship for Will services is with your chosen law firm rather than with Francis House.

Your Details

If you contact us directly with a **Make a Will Month enquiry**, you give us your permission to pass on your name and contact details to your preferred participating law firm.

Our passing your information to your preferred law firm does not guarantee that the firm will be able to offer you an appointment, but they will endeavour to do so.

If you contact a law firm direct you agree to the law firm providing Francis House with your name and contact details so we can thank you for your donation.

Suggested Will Donation

If you make a Will using the Will Month scheme, the suggested donation to Francis House is:

- £100 for an individual Will or
- £175 for a double Will for married couples or partners.

This amount is normally less than the participating law firms would have charged you if you had instructed them to provide the same services outside of the Will Month event.

Making Your Donation

The law firms cannot accept your donation on Francis House's behalf because of their professional rules.

We have therefore made the donation-making process simple by enabling the following options:

- Pay online via our website at donate.francishouse.org.uk select 'Make a Will Month' from the drop-down prompt so we know the reason for your donation.
- Send a cheque made payable to Francis House Children's Hospice at Francis House Family Trust, 390 Parrswood Road, Didsbury, Manchester M20 5NA.
- Transfer the money by BACS directly to our bank account. Account name: Francis House Family Trust. Account number: 68147687 Sort Code 05-05-73
If paying by BACS please reference your name and the name of the Solicitor who has provided your Will.

Simple Wills

The Make a Will Month scheme covers simple Wills. When you instruct your participating law firm, you and they need to check that your Will needs come within their definition of a simple Will.

The definition of a simple Will is defined by each law firm and is outside the control of Francis House.

We recommend that you speak to your chosen law firm about your needs before using their simple Will-writing service.

If you are happy with your choice of participating law firm and ask them to prepare a simple Will for you, Francis House invites you to donate to the Hospice, as the law firm has provided you with free Will writing services.

Non-Simple Wills

The Make a Will Month event does **NOT** cover non-simple Wills. When you instruct your participating solicitor, you and they need to check that your instructions are for a simple Will.

The definition of a non-simple Will is defined by each law firm and is outside the control of Francis House.

If you decide to instruct your chosen law firm to provide non-simple Will services, they will discuss their proposed charges and timescales with you and obtain your agreement to proceed.

If you choose to still make a donation to Francis House or leave a gift to Francis House in your Will, then that is entirely at your discretion.

Additional Services Provided by Participating Law Firms

The Make a Will Month scheme does **NOT** cover any additional services provided by participating law firms, such as Health & Welfare Lasting Powers of Attorney or Financial Lasting Powers of Attorney.

If you decide to instruct your chosen law firm to provide additional services, the law firm will discuss further charges with you for their additional services and obtain your agreement to proceed.

Wills in September

To qualify for Will Month, you need to make an appointment for an available date in September. Appointments fill up fast, so we recommend booking early to avoid disappointment.

Completing Your Will

Our participating law firms can normally complete a simple Will quickly for you, but they appreciate that sometimes your circumstances may delay your signing your new Will. Any Will writing services outside of six months from your Will appointment are outside the scheme.

Confidentiality

Any information you provide to any participating law firm, other than your name and contact details (address, email and telephone number) will be confidentially held by the law firm in accordance with their professional rules. Specifically, they will not tell us if you chose to leave a gift or share of your estate to us in your Will unless you authorise them to do so.

We always welcome information about legacies in Wills, so we can thank you and keep you in touch with news and events at Francis House, but we understand and respect your decision if you prefer not to share this information.

The decision on whether to leave a gift in your Will or whether to tell us is yours alone.

Law Firm Participation

The Will service is provided by your chosen law firm. Inclusion in the Will Month does not mean that Francis House endorses the firm or that Francis House guarantees its service quality.

Francis House Children's Hospice excludes all liabilities, losses, damages, claims, costs and expenses arising as a result of your use of the services provided by the participating law firm.

Leaving a Gift to Francis House

There is no obligation to include a gift to Francis House in your Will if you choose to participate in Make a Will Month, but after your Will has provided for your family, your legacy support would be appreciated and valued.

As a local Children's Hospice, we rely on the kindness, goodwill and generosity of so many supporters who help us in their lifetimes and beyond. We, along with the children and families we help, are always grateful for any support you can provide.

If you do decide to leave a gift in your Will to Francis House, please include the charity's full name, registered charity number and postal address.

The details are:

- Francis House Family Trust.
- Registered Charity number 328659.
- Address: 390 Parrswood Road, Didsbury, Manchester M20 5NA.