



Response

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Make or Update your Will with Response



"I know my support will help
provide housing, care, and hope
for those who need it most-
even after I'm gone."



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Transforming Lives Through Mental Health Support and Housing.



At Response, we are a charity dedicated to transforming lives through mental health support and housing. For over 60 years, we have provided essential wellbeing resources, tailored support programmes and safe stable housing. Operating across Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, and beyond, we provide support for people aged 8 and above, right through to those in the final years of life. We deliver life-changing care and practical help to those who need it most.

Mental health issues affect 1 in 4 adults in the UK each year, with many individuals facing a long and difficult journey to recovery. For those living with mental health challenges, access to appropriate care and support is essential. Response offers specialist mental health services that cater to the unique needs of each individual. From providing counselling and therapeutic support to offering long-term guidance, Response's mental health services ensure that people receive the care they need to manage their conditions and live fulfilling, independent lives.

Homelessness is an urgent crisis, with over 250,000 people in the Oxfordshire affected by inadequate housing or homelessness. For individuals facing homelessness, the lack of stable housing can lead to profound physical and mental health challenges.

"I've never had anywhere I can call home."

Response's accommodation services provide more than just a roof over their heads; they offer mental health support that fosters stability and empowerment. Through targeted interventions, Response helps people transition out of homelessness, providing the support needed to regain independence and rebuild their lives. Response has over 200 properties and houses x amount of people.

Leave a gift in your will for Response



Thank you for considering leaving a gift in your Will to Response. We can take you through the steps to leave a gift in your Will, making it easier than ever.

What is a Gift in a Will?

A gift in your will—often called a legacy or bequest—is a way of making a lasting contribution. You can specify a fixed amount, a percentage of your estate, or even the balance of your estate after other bequests have been made. Whatever your choice, your legacy will help Response continue its important work for years to come.

Types of Gifts:

There are three main types of gift you can leave:

Residuary gift

A residuary gift is a percentage or share of your estate after any gifts, payments, taxes or costs have been subtracted. Because this gift is a percentage or share of your estate you don't need to worry if your financial situation changes.

Pecuniary gift

This is a set amount of money, the value of which may decrease over time due to inflation.

Specific gift

A particular item, this could be anything from a piece of jewellery to furniture or property.

Establishing the value of your estate

Think about the value of your estate including property, valuables such as jewellery or art, investments, stocks and shares, insurance and pensions and any debts such as loans, outstanding mortgage or money owed. Leaving a gift to charity in your Will can help reduce, or even remove, the tax burden on your estate. There are also a number of measures that may help reduce your estate's Inheritance Tax liability. For more advice, check the HMRC website or speak to your solicitor.

Beneficiaries

Choose the people, charities or organisations you'd like to remember in your Will. If you decide to remember Response, we'd like to say thank you.



Call us at:

01865 397940

**to talk through your
choices with our
team at Response.**

Choosing your Executors and Guardians

You will need to appoint the individuals responsible for ensuring that your wishes are fulfilled. Known as 'Executors', they will be named in your Will and have a legal responsibility to make sure your wishes are carried out. They can be a solicitor who charges a fee, or a friend or family member. Although a friend or family member can't charge for being your Executor, they may wish to pay a solicitor to help them. It's a good idea to name at least two people as Executors. Before doing so, check they are happy for you to do this.

If you are a parent, you should decide who you want to be your children's legal guardians if both parents die when the children are under 18 (or under 16 in Scotland).



For more advice on Gifts in Wills, visit our website:

www.response.org.uk/get-involved/gifts-in-will

or scan the QR code below:



Appointing a Solicitor

It's important to ask a legal professional to draw up your Will to ensure your wishes are properly carried out. It is particularly important if your Will is not straightforward. This might be the case if:

- you have young children or children with a former partner
- You want to leave money to someone who cannot care for themselves
- You own a property or investments with someone who is not your husband, wife or civil partner
- You own a property overseas
- You own a business

You can find solicitors in your area who specialise in Wills, probate law and tax law through personal recommendation and on the Law Society website.

<https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/en>

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Wording

To include a gift to Response, simply give the following details to your chosen solicitor or professional Will writing partner:

Charity name: Response Organisation

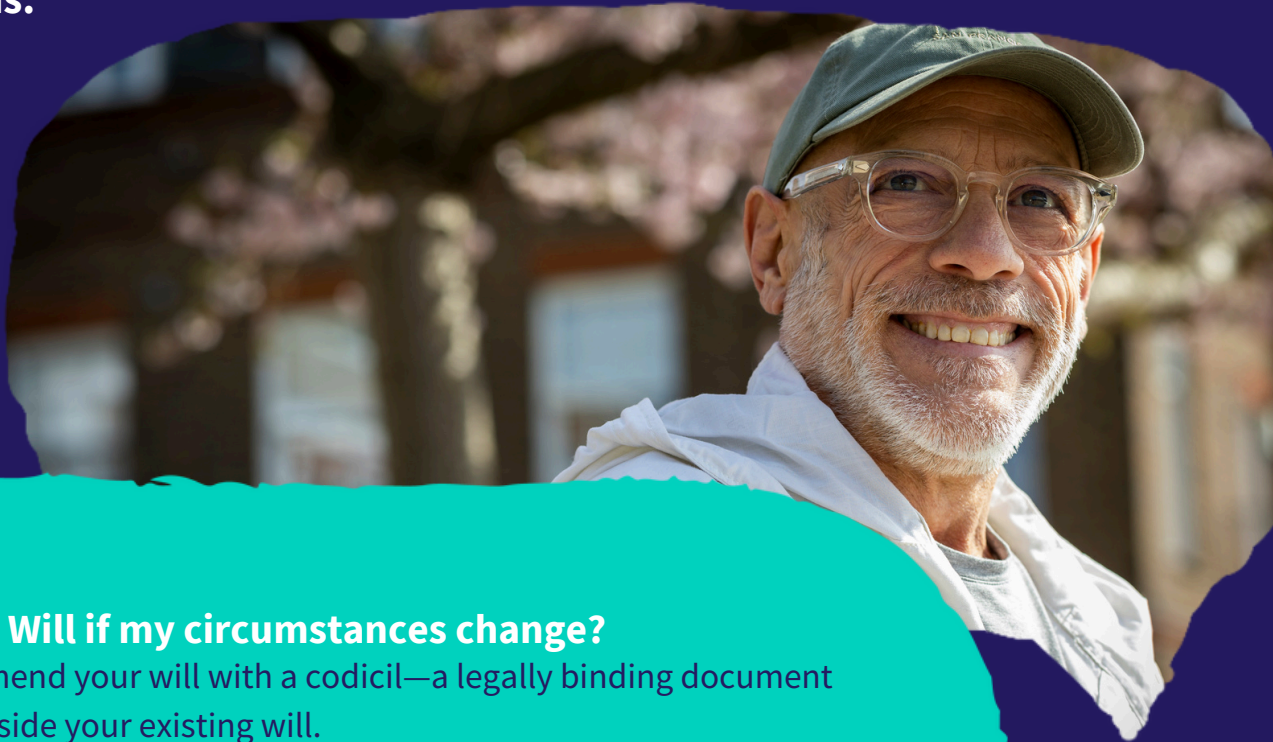
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Our Supporter Promise

- ✧ We promise to use your gift wisely.
- ✧ We recognise the importance of your loved ones and understand they come first.
- ✧ Response will never pressure you to leave a gift in your Will. The choice is entirely yours.
- ✧ Your Will writer will only share with us information of your pledge if you give them consent to do so, and we will not share this information with anyone outside of the organisation, without your consent.
- ✧ We respect your right to privacy- you never have to tell us your intentions.



FAQs

Can I alter my Will if my circumstances change?

You can easily amend your will with a codicil—a legally binding document that works alongside your existing will.

Are Wills expensive?

The cost of Wills will vary depending on your individual needs, but having a valid Will in place is a valuable investment into you and your loved one's future.

How long does it take to write a Will?

Drafting a simple will might not take very long, but if your estate is more complex and you require professional input- the process could extend over days/week.



"I've chosen to leave a gift in my will to Response because I want to make sure that people struggling with their mental health always have somewhere to turn."



"It brings me comfort to know that my Mum's generosity will continue after she's gone. She's donating a set of flats to Response, so people who need a place to live can find security and support."



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