

Changing Your Will

A Codicil is simply a supplement which adds or changes part of the Will. If you would like to add a cash gift to Cornwall Hospice Care in your Will you can use a Codicil form to do this. **Please consult with your solicitor before completing the form.**

If substantial changes are to be made to your Will, we would advise that you contact your solicitor to draft a fresh Will to avoid any errors.

Please do not write on or amend your current Will as it could become invalid.

The Codicil can be completed at any time and like a Will, it becomes a legal document when it is signed, in the presence of two adults who, at your request and in the presence of each other, add their names as witnesses. The codicil should remain with your Will at all times and kept in a safe place.

Below are five simple steps you might find helpful when filling in the Codicil form:

1. Fill in your name and address, together with the amount of your gift, in the relevant space. Do not sign or date the Codicil at this point.
2. Find two adults [aged 18 or over] to act as your witnesses. Your witnesses may be related to one another; however, they must not be related to you or should not themselves, or through their spouses, receive any benefit from your Will or the Codicil.
3. In the presence of your witnesses, insert the date of the Codicil and sign your name.
4. In the presence of each other, the witnesses must then sign the Codicil and state their name, address and occupation. The Codicil must be completed at the same time by all three adults in each other's presence. Anyone suffering from a disability that could prevent them from understanding what they are signing is not eligible as a witness.
5. Keep the Codicil form with your Will at all times and in a safe place. Do not staple or pin the form to your Will.