Solicitor’s Guide:
Leaving a legacy to Cancer Focus Northern Ireland
Your local cancer research charity
What are we asking from you?

That’s simple - we are asking that you think of Cancer Focus Northern Ireland first, when a client says that they want to leave a gift in their Will to cancer research.

Cancer Focus Northern Ireland is your local cancer research charity. We fund pioneering, targeted cancer research projects at Queen’s University Belfast.

We know there are generous people across Northern Ireland who would like to leave a gift in their Will to support cancer research, and to support local people.

For such an important bequest, we feel it’s vital the solicitor can advise clients that **we are the charity in Northern Ireland that supports local cancer research.**

All legacy proceeds stay in Northern Ireland to support research into the prevention, cause and treatment of different cancers, working to improve the lives of cancer patients and dramatically increase survival rates.

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Handling a legacy to cancer research? Think: Cancer Focus NI

Cancer Focus NI (previously known as the Ulster Cancer Foundation) receives on average eight charitable gifts in Wills each year to support our cancer research work.

We often receive questions from solicitors asking for guidance about our organisation. This booklet provides further information that we hope you find useful.
Our research is pioneering and it’s happening right here.

From £500 to £500,000 and beyond, a legacy for any amount will make an impact:

£500 – would pay for DNA sequencing of a single tumour sample, which allows us to see what genetic changes need to happen in order for normal cells to become cancerous.

£1,000 – would provide computing equipment in the research lab.

£3,000 – would provide screening of 2,500 cancer drugs to see which one works best in a particular cancer.

£20,000 – would support a PhD student for 12 months, training the next generation of cancer scientists.

£40,000 – would fund our researcher for one year.

£270,000 – would provide full financial support for a pioneering three year cancer research project.

Requesting a Legacy Pack for your clients

We have a free ‘Guide to Writing your Will’ pack available to download via our website www.cancerfocusni.org/gift

Example Will clause for your Clients

“I give to Cancer Focus Northern Ireland, of 40-44 Eglantine Avenue, Belfast, BT9 6DX, registered charity number NIC 101307 [---% of my estate] or [the sum of £---] to be used for local cancer research purposes and I declare the receipt of the Treasurer or duly authorised officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge”.
Get in contact

Ollie Govett is your local Cancer Focus NI Legacy Officer and can be contacted via email or telephone if you have an enquiry, or would like further information on behalf of your client.

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Our Legacy webpage
www.cancerfocusni.org/gift
offers quick and easy access to essential information on leaving a Legacy, example Will clauses and further information.
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