

Leaving a gift in your will

A useful guide

Thank you for considering leaving Addiction Family Support (AFS) a gift in your will. Legacy gifts are important for the future of AFS - helping us to continue to support family and friends affected by, or bereaved from, a loved one's harmful use of alcohol, drugs or gambling.

What types of gifts can you leave?

The most common types of gifts left in wills are:

- A pecuniary gift. A fixed sum of money.
- A residuary gift. The residue (or a proportion of the residue) of an estate after all other gifts, debts and expenses have been paid.
- A specific gift. An identifiable asset such as a property, an investment or a piece of jewellery.
- A reversionary gift. A two-stage gift where assets are first held in a trust to provide some benefit to an individual. This could be a property for them to live in or income generated by investments. Once that individual's need for the property (or trust) ends, the assets then pass to a second beneficiary, such as a charity.

If you have any questions about the kind of gift you'd like to leave in your will, speak to your solicitor.

How do I include AFS in my will?

We recommend you use a solicitor or professional will writer to have your will drafted. The cost is relatively modest, and it can help reduce the likelihood of your wishes being challenged after you pass away.

You can inform your solicitor or professional will writer that you would like to leave a gift to AFS, and they will help you to include it in your wishes.

The full legal description that should always be used to describe the charity in a will is:

Addiction Family Support
Oakley Hall, 8 Castle Street, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, HP13 6RF
Registered Charity No. 1123316

Making a straightforward change to your Will

You can easily update your will using a document called a codicil. This makes a simple amendment to your current will. It's completed in the same way as your will and should be stored with it. We've provided legal wording for your use below, but you may want to check with your solicitor or professional will writer to ensure your wishes will be met.

Making a significant change to your will

If you would like to make significant changes to your will, we recommend that you consult your solicitor or professional will writer and consider having it redrafted.

Wording for your will

When leaving a gift to AFS, you can use the wording below to draft or amend your will.

Wording if you're leaving AFS a percentage of your estate (also referred to as a residuary gift):

I give... per cent (...%) of the residue of my real and personal estate to Addiction Family Support (AFS), Oakley Hall, 8 Castle Street, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, HP13 6RF (Registered charity No 1123316) and the receipt of a duly authorised officer for the time being of AFS shall be sufficient discharge for my Executors.

Wording if you're leaving AFS a fixed sum of money (also referred to as a pecuniary gift):

I give...pounds (£...) to Addiction Family Support (AFS), Oakley Hall, 8 Castle Street, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, HP13 6RF (Registered charity No 1123316) and the receipt of a duly authorised officer for the time being of AFS shall be sufficient discharge for my Executors.

Wording if you're leaving AFS a particular asset (also referred to as a specific gift):

I give my... [include a description of the asset here] to Addiction Family Support (AFS), Oakley Hall, 8 Castle Street, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, HP13 6RF (Registered charity No 1123316) and the receipt of a duly authorised officer for the time being of AFS shall be sufficient discharge for my Executors.

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