



# Wills Frequently Asked Questions

## Appendix B

## Why do I need a Will?

Everyone should have an up to date Will. Making a Will is the only way to be sure that your wishes will be carried out when you are gone and is a way of looking after your family, friends and the causes that you care most about. Having a valid Will in place will help avoid confusion and stress during what is already a difficult time.

## What is the National Free Wills Network?

The National Free Wills Network offers a free will-writing service to supporters of charities that subscribe to the Network. All member charities have access to a range of solicitors across the UK. There are currently over 800 law firms registered with the Network.

## Do I have to include a gift in my Will to Prostate Scotland in order to use the Free Wills Scheme?

No, you are under no obligation to leave a gift to Prostate Scotland in your Will.

## Can I use any solicitor to write my Will under the scheme?

No, you have to use a participating solicitor if you want to use the scheme. The Network includes over 800 law firms, registered with the relevant Law Society. Once you are registered with the scheme you will receive an information pack which includes details of participating solicitors local to you. You can choose which of these solicitors to use.

## Who pays for my Will?

Prostate Scotland will pay a discounted rate to the solicitor for a simple individual Will or a pair of mirror Wills. If the Will is not simple (as defined by the solicitor) you will be charged for any necessary additional work. The solicitor will confirm this with you.

## What happens if my Will is complex?

Prostate Scotland will cover the cost of a simple Will. If your Will is more complex, for example, if you need tax advice, discretionary trusts or power of attorney, you will be responsible for paying any additional amount directly to the solicitor. When giving instructions to your solicitor you should check whether the cost of the Will is fully covered by the Free Wills Service. Around 95% of Wills written under the scheme are defined as simple.

## Who is eligible to use the Free Wills Scheme?

The offer is available to anyone.

## I already have a Will but it is out of date. Can I use the Free Wills Scheme to make changes to my Will?

Yes, you can use the scheme to update your Will by adding a codicil or re-writing your Will to reflect your current circumstances. Your chosen solicitor will be able to guide you through the process for updating your Will.

## What information do I need to leave a gift to Prostate Scotland?

To ensure efficient administration of your Will, your solicitor will need the following information:

Our contact address which should be used for all written communications:

Prostate Scotland, 14 Torphichen Place,  
Edinburgh EH3 8DU

Email: [communications@prostatescotland.org.uk](mailto:communications@prostatescotland.org.uk)

Prostate Scotland is registered as a charity in Scotland charity number SC037494 and is a company limited by guarantee SC306268. Our registered office is Princes Exchange, 1 Earl Grey Street, Edinburgh EH3 9EE.

## How will my data be used?

Prostate Scotland will pass your name and address to the National Free Wills Network for them to send you an information pack.

Your chosen solicitor will send your completed Confidential Declaration Form to the National Free Wills Network on completion of your Will.

The National Free Wills Network will share the details on the form with Prostate Scotland.

If you decide to leave a gift in your Will to Prostate Scotland you are under no obligation to disclose the value or type of gift, but if you choose to do so we will keep this information private.

**If you need help understanding any of the technical terms used in these questions and answers you can refer to the Glossary for their meanings.**



## Will Prostate Scotland get a copy of my Will?

No, we do not receive a copy of your Will nor will we be informed of its contents. We will only be told of any gift to Prostate Scotland if you explicitly consent to share those details with the Network.

## Can I restrict what my gift will be used to pay for?

Prostate Scotland benefits most from gifts that are left with no restriction, as this allows us to use the money where it is needed most when it becomes available.

We appreciate that some might prefer to restrict how their gift should be used. If this is the case, we recommend you contact us to discuss how appropriate your restriction might be (given the timescales involved with gifts in Wills). If you do include a restriction, you may also consider mentioning in your Will how you would prefer your gift to be used if we cannot comply with your original intentions. This will help ensure your wishes are honoured and those affected by prostate disease will benefit from your generosity.



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