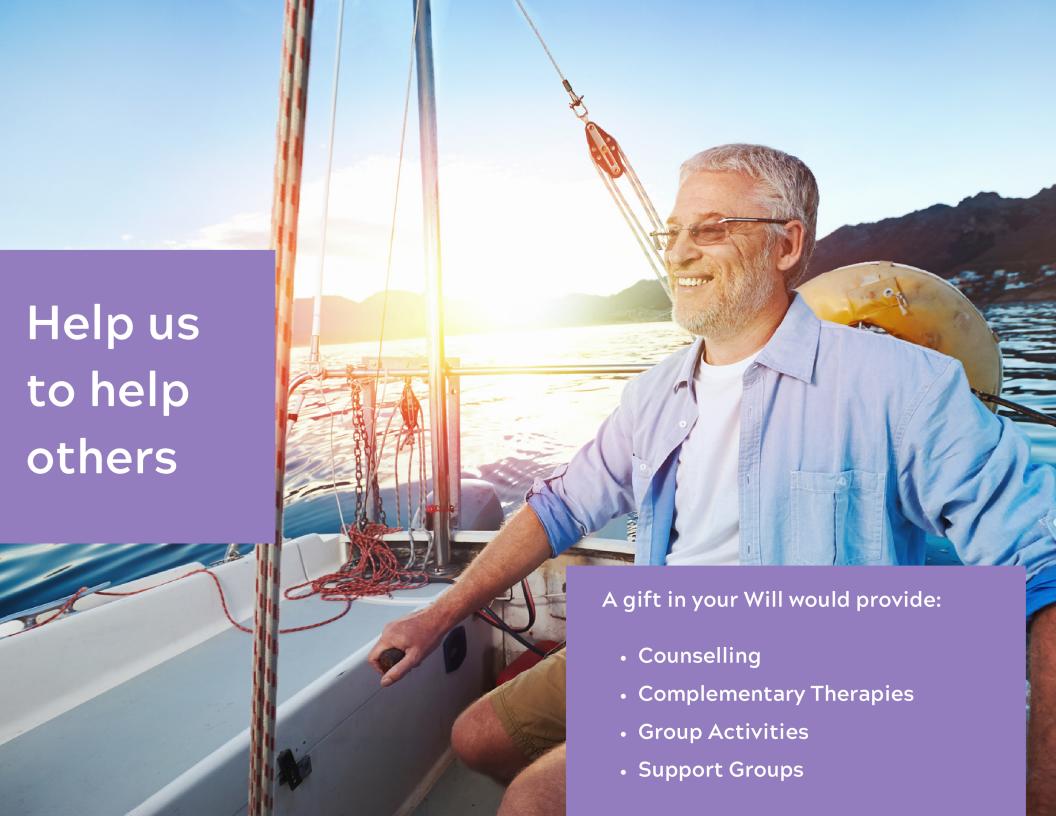


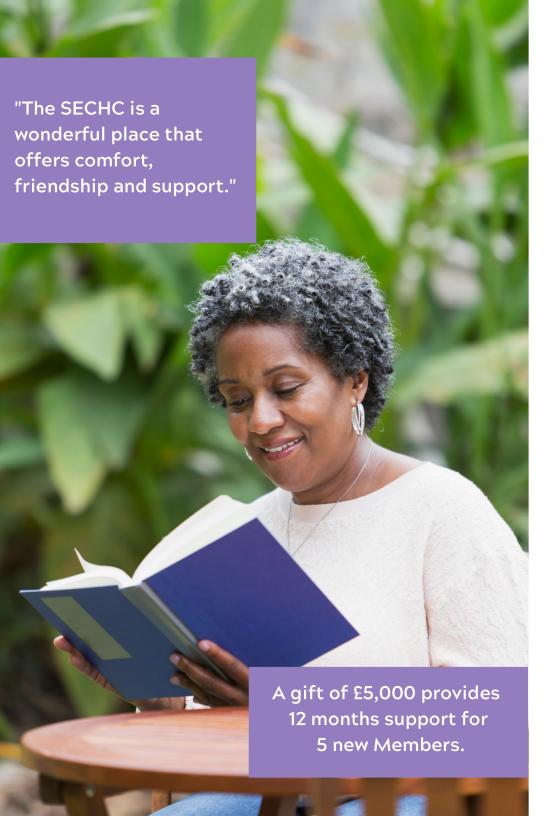
South East Cancer Help Centre

# Your Gift in Wills Guide



Helping People Cope with Cancer





## Thank you so much for your interest in supporting our services for people with, or affected by cancer with a gift in your Will

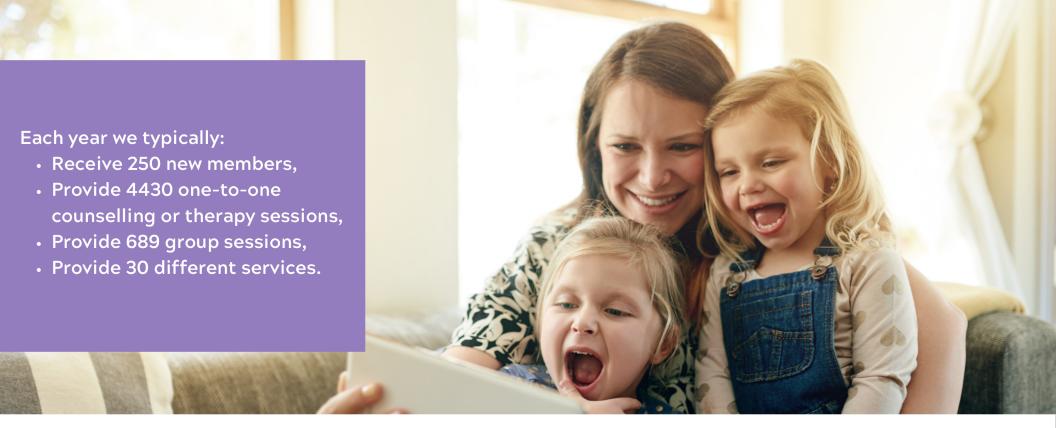
The South East Cancer Help Centre (SECHC) has been operating in Purley since 1983. Anyone who joins the Centre would have the opportunity to take part in any of the services we offer.

Our services include individual Counselling, together with therapies such as Hypnotherapy, Reiki, Aromatherapy and activities such as Yoga, Pilates, Arts and Crafts. There are various support groups including ovarian, bowel, prostate, or breast cancer.

SECHC has local NHS recognition but does not receive any government funding. We therefore depend entirely on donations from legacies, trusts, local organisations, businesses, and individuals.

Gifts from legacies are essential for us to continue to fund our services and increase the number of people whose mental health and well-being we can support.

We understand that your family and loved ones must always come first. A gift in your Will to SECHC is a wonderful way to help care for others who will need support in the future.



#### Why write a Will?

Writing a Will and keeping it updated gives you peace of mind. It is the only way that you can be sure that what happens to your property, money and personal possessions after you die is aligned with your wishes.

When a person dies without leaving a valid Will what happens to their Estate is decided by law under intestacy rules which may mean their possessions are not dealt with in the way they would have chosen.

#### How to leave a Legacy gift

Creating or amending a Will to include a gift to SECHC is an important decision, but it doesn't have to be complicated or expensive.

#### Creating a new Will

We recommend that you should talk to a solicitor or professional Will writer if you either want to update or make a new Will. Executors should also be appointed to ensure that your estate is administered according to your instructions. In the first instance you may wish to make an appointment to talk to a professional advisor at SECHC for which there is no charge.

#### Amending or updating an existing Will

If you already have a Will, you can simply update it by adding some special wording to your Will. This is called a codicil. Your solicitor can easily add this to your existing Will.

It's a good idea to review your Will from time to time or when circumstances change to check that it still truly reflects your wishes.

## Leaving a gift in your Will is a wonderful way to continue your support for the work we do

There are different types of Gifts in Wills, the three main types being:

#### Residuary

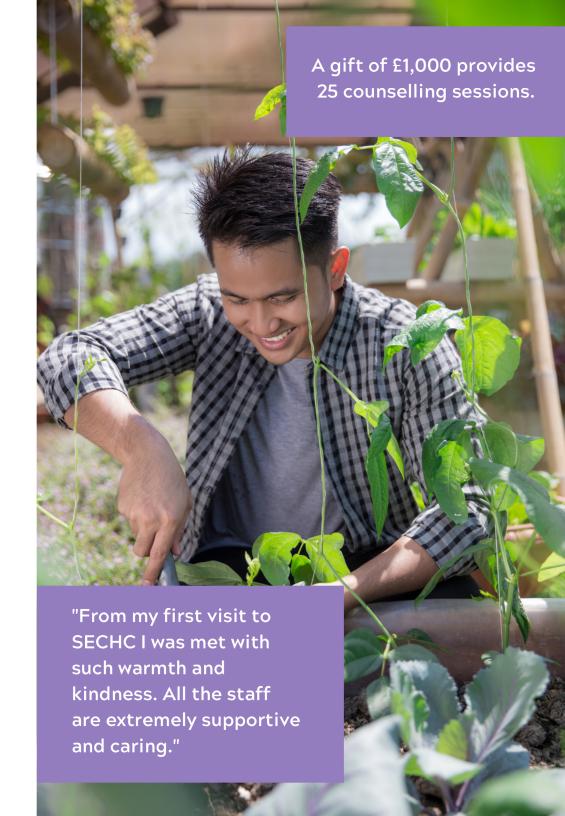
A residuary gift is a share of your estate - a percentage of what is left after any taxes or costs have been subtracted. This can be any percentage you want and keeps pace with inflation so does not lose its value.

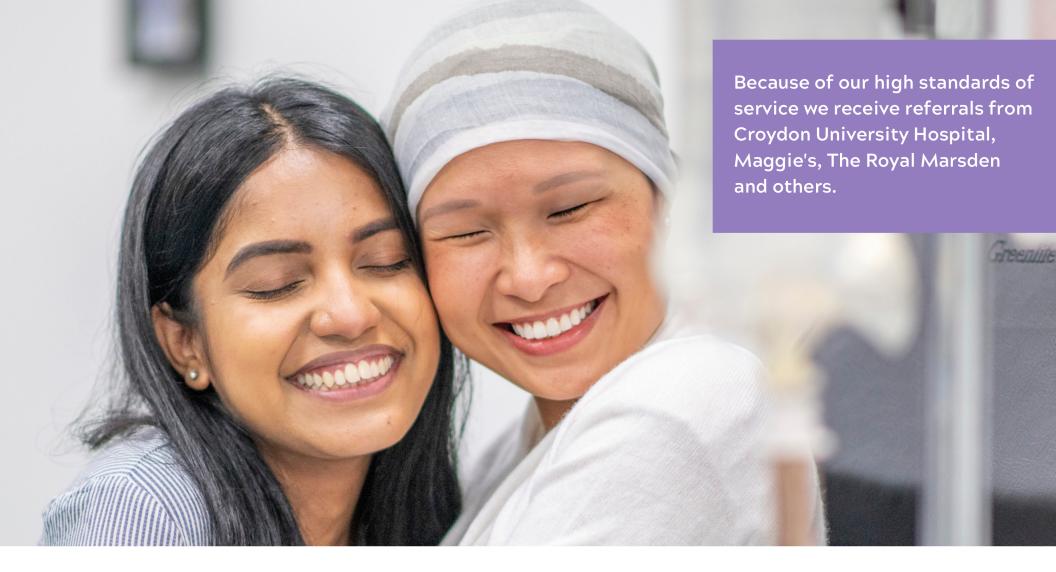
#### **Pecuniary**

A pecuniary gift is a fixed amount of money. You can choose any amount you like but may want to consider reviewing it occasionally as the value may change over time due to inflation.

#### **Specific**

These are particular items in your personal possessions such as property, antiques, stocks and shares or jewellery. This type of gift should be named in the Will. SECHC would then sell it for the best possible price.





#### Inheritance Tax

Any gifts left to charities such as SECHC are exempt from Inheritance Tax and may reduce the tax payable on your estate. This can be a complex area of law and obtaining professional advice is recommended.

#### Leaving a gift is straightforward

The essential information to include is the type of gift you wish to leave SECHC and our name, address and registered charity number:

South East Cancer Help Centre Limited 2 Purley Road, (Tesco Development), Purley, Surrey, CR8 2HA

Registered Charity Number 1011509



### Thank you for your support

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