

Friends of Bristol Eye Hospital
have been helping the patients
and staff for over 40 years.

Could you also help by leaving a gift in your Will?

The Friends help improve care and treatment for patients by paying for medical equipment, patient comforts and staff resources when these are beyond the NHS budget and cannot otherwise be provided.

Already
over 2 million
people in the country
live with impaired
vision – with that
number set to double
over the next
30 years



Friends of Bristol Eye Hospital is a
Registered Charity (Number 274349)

www.fbeh.org



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A Message from Friends of Bristol Eye Hospital

Each year we receive many letters, emails and phone calls from patients wishing to thank the hospital staff for the wonderful care and treatment they have received.

Many of these patients have become supporters of the Friends, making donations, raising funds and leaving gifts in their Wills to help others like them.

Around 2,000 people attend the hospital's Outpatients Department every week

Over 7,000 surgical cases are dealt with at Bristol Eye Hospital a year – including 4,000 cataract operations

Around 500 people visit the Eye Hospital's Emergency Department each week – and 97% are treated and discharged in under 4 hours!



(Statistics are pre Covid)

More than half of the grants we have given to support the hospital since our foundation in 1977 have been funded by those who have left us a legacy.

Would you be able to help us in this way?

Many thousands of people have had their sight treated or saved thanks to the expertise and care of staff of the Bristol Eye Hospital.

Indeed, it is very likely that you, a friend or your family have benefitted from equipment or resources that Friends of Bristol Eye Hospital have provided to the hospital.

Since 1977 the Friends have helped to improve care and treatment by paying for extra medical equipment, patient comforts and staff resources when these are beyond the NHS budget.

Messages from some of the grateful patients who have made donations or legacies to help others.

“ I cannot speak highly enough of the way I was treated at the Bristol Eye Hospital; the operation has changed my life! ”

“ I received the best care and attention a patient could expect. Thanks to the skill and knowledge of the staff I can still see. I would have undoubtedly lost my sight otherwise. ”

“ I wish to thank all the consultants, doctors, nurses and the staff behind the scenes who helped me regain my sight. ”

“ I have had two cataracts replaced and two corneal transplants, so I have a lot to be thankful for. Thank you and the staff for all the wonderful work you do. ”

“ Thanking everyone from the surgeons to the tea lady and those behind the scenes for their kindness and devotion... there is not one person in the hospital that isn't kind to deal with. ”



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Leaving a gift in your Will

A Will is simply a legal document that enables you to ensure that those whom you would wish to benefit after your death – whether that's family, friends or a charity – actually do so. Not having a Will can make things difficult for those left behind. Some commonly asked questions:

Q. Do I need to see a solicitor to make a Will?

A. If your affairs are relatively simple, then you could write your Will yourself and include a legacy to benefit Friends of Bristol Eye Hospital. However, there are certain formalities that you must comply with to ensure the Will is valid. If your affairs are more complex, we encourage you to use a solicitor to prepare your Will.

Q. How do I leave money to Friends of Bristol Eye Hospital?

A. We have included suggested clauses on our website www.fbeh.org/support-us/wills-and-legacies/ which you or your solicitor could include in your Will.

Q. Do I need to be wealthy to make a Will and leave a legacy?

A. No! Even small amounts really make a difference to the work we do.

Q. I've already made a Will – can I easily change it to leave a legacy to Friends of Bristol Eye Hospital?

A. Yes, you use something called a codicil, which in effect adds or removes clauses to your existing Will. However, if the changes are significant, then it is recommended you seek professional advice as you may require a new Will.

Q. How do I ensure that my chosen charity will receive my legacy?

A. Please make sure your Will includes the correct Charity Name and their Registered Charity Number. Our name is **Friends of Bristol Eye Hospital** and our Registered Charity Number is **274349**.

To discuss leaving a legacy to the Friends, please contact the Treasurer: by phone on 01398 361790, by email to treasurer@fbeh.org or by post to Friends of Bristol Eye Hospital, Lower Maudlin Street, Bristol, BS1 2LX

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