

**The National
Brain Appeal**
Funding advances
in neurology and
neurosurgery

Making a will and
leaving a legacy

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LEGACIES

It is a common myth that only the rich and famous leave money to charity.

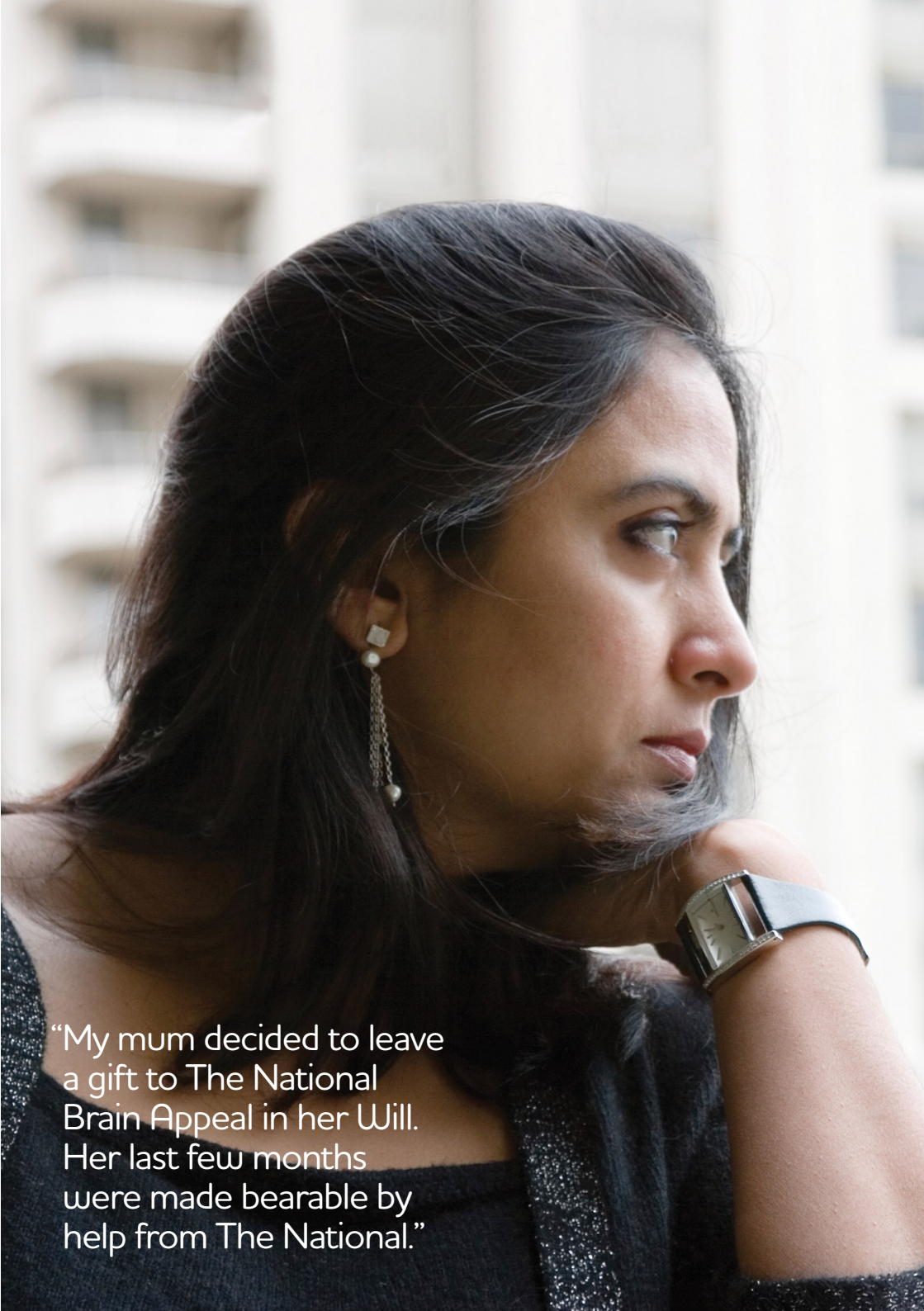
This couldn't be further from the truth.

Charitable legacies are crucial to the fundraising work we do. We rely on legacy gifts to get projects up and running. The amounts differ widely each year, but can often account for up to half our annual income. The money from most legacies goes straight into whichever major capital project we are focusing on at that time.

We are extremely grateful for every legacy left to us and we're keen that people remember us if they are making a Will.

The more money we receive, the more support we can give to The National Hospital. And, very importantly, projects can start more quickly.

Theresa Dauncey
Chief Executive
The National Brain Appeal



“My mum decided to leave a gift to The National Brain Appeal in her Will. Her last few months were made bearable by help from The National.”

Why should you make a Will?

A Will is a legally binding document that ensures that your wishes regarding your estate are carried out after your death. It provides peace of mind for you and your loved ones and ensures that, upon your death, provision is made for them and any charitable cause or named charity you may wish to support. Since any gift you leave a charity is exempt from Inheritance Tax, this will help lighten the tax burden on your estate.

Recent changes to legislation also mean that if your gift is more than 10% of your estate your inheritance tax rate will be reduced by 10%.

If you die intestate, that is without a Will, everything does not automatically pass to your partner or spouse and your possessions may not be distributed as you would have wished.

It is advisable to visit a solicitor in order to draw up your Will, so that you can be reassured that it is watertight and your wishes are fully reflected within the document. A Will need not be absolute and final, as it can be changed by adding a codicil, which carries the same legal weight as the main document.

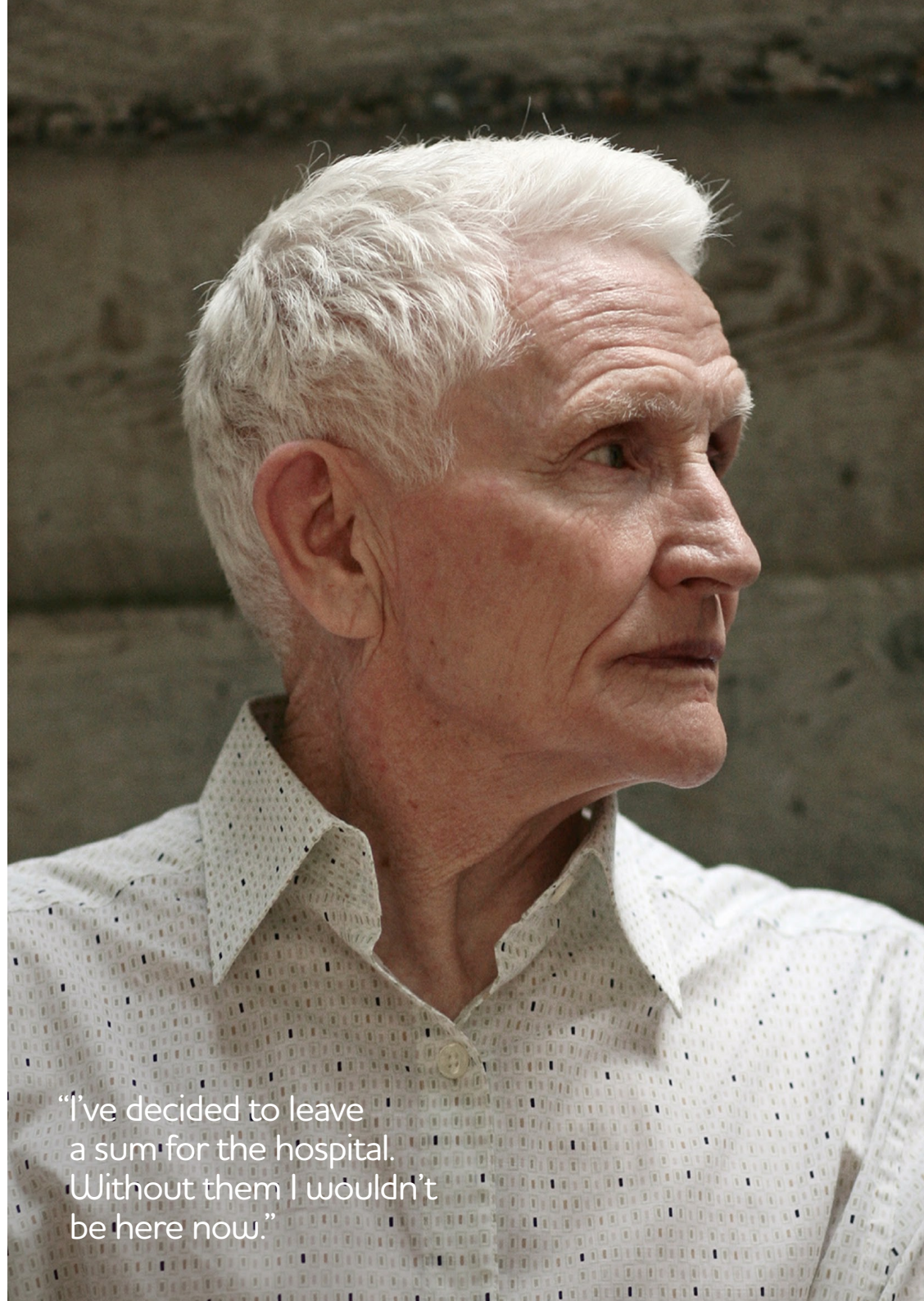
About The National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery

One in six people in the UK suffer from a neurological disorder. This can be from birth, through a slowly developing illness or through brain injury.

The National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery is a specialist hospital and a lead centre for research, treatment and care of most neurological conditions, including brain tumours, head injury, multiple sclerosis, Parkinsons' disease, epilepsy, Prion disease, as well as neuromuscular and neurodegenerative disorders including dementia and stroke.

The National Hospital is part of UCL Hospitals NHS Trust and, together with the neighbouring Institute of Neurology, conducts pioneering scientific and clinical research, which can be fed directly into patient treatment. Additionally, it is a postgraduate teaching hospital.

The National Brain Appeal is the charity dedicated to raising essential funds for The National Hospital and the Institute of Neurology.



“I’ve decided to leave a sum for the hospital. Without them I wouldn’t be here now.”

Projects supported by The National Brain Appeal

Money donated to The National Brain Appeal is used to support the treatment and care of patients and research at The National Hospital, which is not covered by NHS funding. This involves the purchase of state-of-the-art technology and equipment and the funding of new and refurbished buildings as well as research posts.

In recent years, The National Brain Appeal has funded the following:

The Brain Tumour Unit incorporating The Molly Lane Fox Unit – opened in March 2011

This unique facility will put The National at the forefront in better understanding the causes of brain cancer and will transform treatment providing support for patients at every stage of the condition. The National Brain Appeal fully funded this £2.5 million project with support from Molly's Fund

Neurocritical Care Unit

Now the largest dedicated medical and surgical intensive care unit in the UK, providing state-of-the-art facilities for critically ill patients.

The National Brain Appeal contributed £1 million

The Centre for Neuromuscular Diseases

The Centre accommodates a large team of experts, research facilities and specialised systems to support the development of new treatments for conditions such as spinal muscular atrophy, motor neurone diseases,

myasthenia gravis and muscular dystrophy. £1.4 million raised by The National Brain Appeal

Rockefeller Medical Library – Future Library Project

This project marked a real turning point for the library providing on site training facilities, a purpose built archive and a museum.

£500,000 raised by The National Brain Appeal

Clinical Neurosciences Centre

The building at 33 Queen Square brings together three vital elements: research, teaching and clinical practice.

£3 million raised by The National Brain Appeal

Advanced Neuroimaging Suite

Completed at a cost of £14 million, the suite houses three specialist MRI scanners and the neuronavigational BrainSuite system.

The National Brain Appeal contributed £6 million

Dementia Research Centre

The Dementia Research Group at The National identified the first Alzheimer's gene and has pioneered MRI imaging techniques which track the progression of this disease.

£2.4 million raised by The National Brain Appeal

You can read about the charity and our current appeals by visiting www.nationalbrainappeal.org



“My sister had countless trips to The National and felt she wanted to leave some money in her Will.”

Leaving a legacy to The National Brain Appeal

By leaving a legacy to The National Brain Appeal, you will be helping our research and give the best treatment to patients with the most serious neurological disorders.

You can show your solicitor the following possible wording for inclusion in your Will:

I hereby bequeath to The National Brain Appeal, which is the working name of The National Hospital Development Foundation, (Registered Charity No. 290173) of Queen Square, London WC1N 3BG the following:

[Insert the preferred phrase]

The sum of £

[or]

The residue of my estate.

[or]

A percentage amount* of my residuary estate.

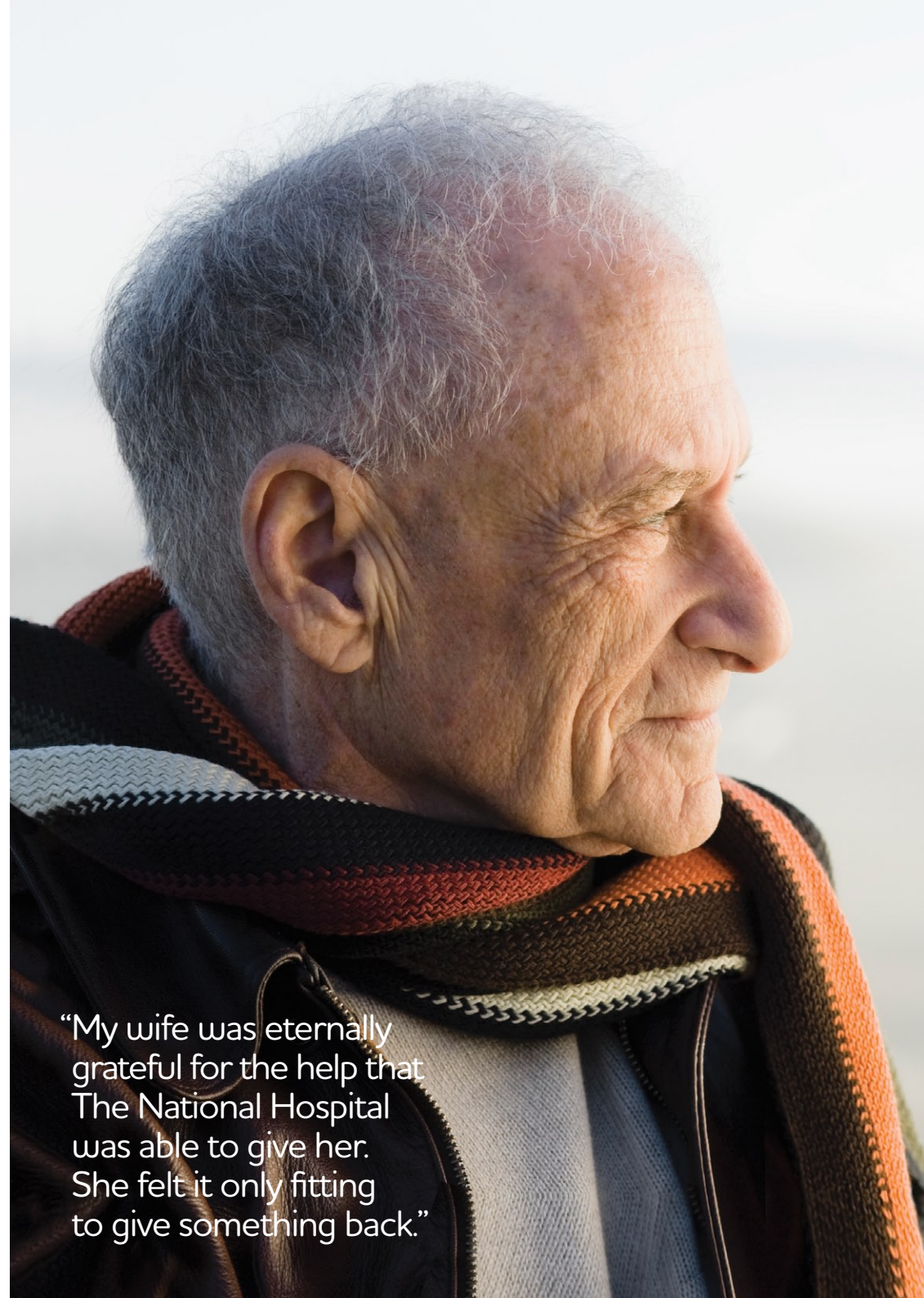
*Please insert number

I declare that the receipt of The National Brain Appeal's Director or other proper officer shall be sufficient discharge for my executors.

It is also very important that you include the following wording:

If at my death any charity named as a beneficiary in this Will or any Codicil hereto has changed its name or amalgamated with or transferred its assets to another body then my executors shall give effect to any gift made to such charity as if it had been made (in the first case) to the body in its changed name or (in the second case) to the body which results from such amalgamation or to which such transfer has been made.

If you have a specific area you would like to support, please telephone The National Brain Appeal on 020 3448 4724 for appropriate wording.



“My wife was eternally grateful for the help that The National Hospital was able to give her. She felt it only fitting to give something back.”

A glossary of legal terms

Administrator

Someone appointed to deal with the administration of your estate if you do not leave a Will or there is no executor.

Bequest

See Legacy

Beneficiary

A person or organisation who will receive a legacy or bequest in your Will.

Codicil

A document making a change or adding to your existing Will. It must follow the same legal formalities as your Will.

Estate

The total of your possessions, property and money (minus debts) left after your death.

Executor

The person appointed by you in your Will to deal with all your affairs after your death.

Intestate

You are described as intestate if you die without making a Will.

Legacy

A specific item or sum of money left to a person, a charity or an organisation in your Will. A legacy may be:

Pecuniary

a stated sum of money

Specific

an item which is a tangible asset
e.g. a piece of jewellery

Residuary

the residue, or part of the residue of your estate.

Life Interest

The right of a beneficiary to benefit from part or all of an estate for their lifetime, which then passes to a second named beneficiary on their death, quite often a charity.

Probate

The legal procedure after your death to confirm your Will is valid and confirm the executors' authority to carry out your wishes.

Residue

Your estate when all debts, charges and legacies have been deducted.

Testator/Testatrix

The person who is making the Will.

Witness

A person who signs your Will. They must not be a beneficiary.



“I will leave a legacy to
The National Brain Appeal.
The National saved my life.”

Contact us

Please get in touch if you have any queries regarding leaving us a legacy in your Will.

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