

What about a Codicil?

If you wish to make a cash donation from your estate to Bowel Cancer UK or give a specific item, you may not need to re-write an existing Will. It is possible to do this by adding a codicil. A codicil is an addition to a Will that can make changes or amends and allow additions to part of that Will.

How to complete your codicil form

Simply complete the codicil form, sign it in the presence of two witnesses, and keep it with your existing will. If you have made more than one will, it is important to ensure that this codicil relates to your most recent will. It is also important, to avoid confusion, to identify clearly whether this is the first codicil to your will, second, third and so forth.

We particularly recommend that you consult a solicitor if your will already has a codicil(s). We also advise you to seek legal advice if you are making substantial changes to your will, for example leaving a gift of residue (i.e. leaving what is left in your estate to someone after specific gifts have been given to beneficiaries).

Creating a new will is the best way to avoid any errors or disputes if you are looking to modify your existing will. Should you require any further information, please contact us on 0207 940 1763, or email legacies@bowelcanceruk.org.uk. All enquiries will be treated in confidence. Bowel Cancer UK and its employees are not qualified to give legal advice. If you are worried about how best to draft a will or codicil, we do recommend you obtain professional advice from a solicitor with experience in wills and probate.

Codicil Instructions

To ensure your Codicil is valid, it is important that you follow the instructions carefully.

You must have two adult witnesses. You cannot have a beneficiary or executor of your Will (or anyone who is married to, or in a civil partnership with a beneficiary or executor) as a witness. Witnesses do not have any right to see what is in the Codicil. It is up to you if you choose to show them.

1. Date the bottom of the Codicil form.
2. Sign your name in the presence of two witnesses. Ask them to sign and write their names, addresses and occupations on the codicil. All of you must be present while each of you signs.
3. Keep the codicil in a safe place with, but not attached (with staples or in any way) to your current will.
4. Send or give a copy of the will and codicil (in a sealed envelope, if you prefer) to your executor or a trusted friend. Indicate with a note where the originals are held. It is important that the original will and codicil are kept together and that those who have a copy of your will also have a copy of the codicil. This will minimise the potential for later confusion.

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I (Full name) _____

Of (address) _____
_____ Postcode _____

declare this to be a ☐ First ☐ Second ☐ Third codicil to my will, dated and made the day/month/year _____ (date of original will)

I give (Please tick one):

☐ the following specific item(s),
namely _____

☐ the sum of £ _____

to Bowel Cancer UK, 140-148 Borough High Street, London, SE1 1LB for its general charitable purposes, and I direct that the receipt(s) of the duly authorised officer of Bowel cancer UK shall be sufficient discharge of my Executor/Trustees.

In all other respects I confirm my will and any other codicils thereto.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signed by the aforementioned in our presence and witnessed by us in the presence of him/her and of each other.

Witness one

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Occupation _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Witness two

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Occupation _____

Signature _____

Date _____

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Bowel Cancer UK, registered charity in England and Wales (1071038) and Scotland (SC039907).