

Gifts in Wills

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Did you know that gifts in Wills provide a significant amount of the hospice's funding each year? For example, gifts received in Wills during the year 2017–18 made a vital contribution to our biggest cost: the salaries of our expert clinical team. The hospice is only able to deliver the very best specialist palliative care because of its team of highly qualified nurses, doctors and other healthcare professionals. They work closely with a team of experienced hospice volunteers to deliver best possible care for patients and families. Over the last 12 months, gifts in Wills have helped fund the core nursing team as well as special projects such as a new breathlessness clinic, music therapy sessions and person-centred dementia support.



'It's a privilege to work with people at one of the key times in their life, helping them fulfil their wishes. I enjoy talking to patients about what they did before they became ill – what they're like as a person and what's important to them. Our multidisciplinary team here at the hospice includes nurses, doctors, a chaplain, physiotherapists and occupational therapists. We work together to try and achieve the most positive outcome possible for each patient and their loved ones. It's a difficult time for families but I know I can make a difference.'

Sally Stead, Family Care Team

We remember Mrs Audrey Mills who lived in Stanley and was a supporter of the hospice for many years. We're extremely grateful to Audrey for leaving a gift to the hospice to help care for future generations.



Audrey (pictured on the right in 2003) worked as a nurse at Stanley Royd Hospital until she retired. She's the nurse in the middle of the picture on the left, which we think was taken on Ivy Ward at Stanley Royd Hospital in the late 1960s or early 1970s.



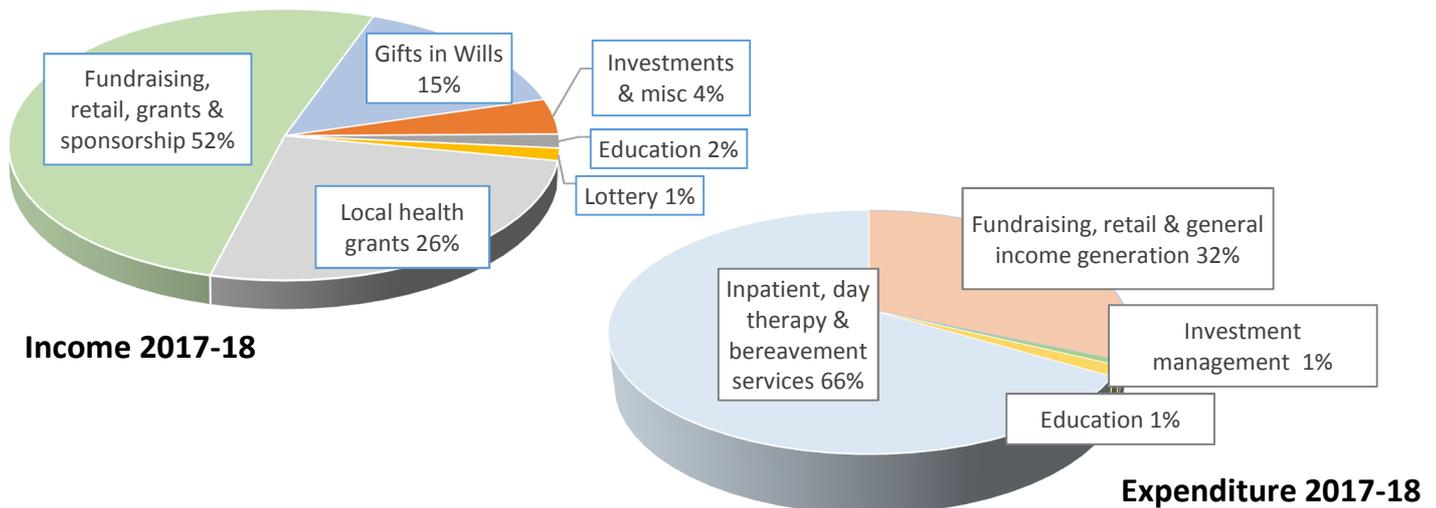
Audrey's kind support will help ensure that the hospice can continue to care for local families in years to come.

How important are gifts in Wills to the hospice?

A quarter of the hospice's costs are met by government funding but the remaining three quarters must be generated through voluntary income such as donations and gifts in Wills. The hospice's budget for income from gifts in Wills for the coming year is £500,000, which is an average of the income received from gifts in Wills each year over the last ten years. Each year the total income from Wills is made up of many gifts. Large gifts are few and far between, and many of the gifts we receive are several hundred pounds. Each gift is a vital contribution to the total figure needed each year and we're extremely grateful to all the generous supporters who remember the hospice in their Will.

What do gifts in Wills fund?

With the ongoing support of the local community, Wakefield Hospice is able to care for around 300 inpatient admissions and 3,000 day therapy attendances every year through its inpatient ward, day therapy unit and bereavement support service.



'My father, Cliff, died of mesothelioma, an asbestos-related disease. When he became very ill he came to the hospice for pain relief. There is a lot of comfort and dignity at the hospice. The word my mother, Joan, used to describe the hospice was 'quality', and she chose to leave a gift to the hospice to say thank you for the care my father received here.

My brother Graham and I were very pleased that my mother left a gift to the hospice. More people need to be aware of what the hospice does. It's nice to support a local charity and be able to make a donation to help keep the hospice going.'

Rod Peacock, hospice supporter

By supporting Wakefield Hospice you're improving the quality of life for seriously ill people so they can spend quality time with their loved ones and make special memories together. Thank you.