



## Best Will Week F.A.Q.

**Q. If I avail of a will consultation do I have to make a will?**

No, there is no obligation.

**Q. If I make a will during Best Will Week do I have to leave a gift to my favourite charity?**

No you don't. Best Will Week aims to promote Legacy giving and the difference it could make to your favourite charity. However, leaving a gift is your choice.

**Q. I would like to leave a gift but I don't have lots of money?**

You can chose to leave a gift of any amount in your will and whatever gift you leave, it will have a positive impact.

**Q. My local solicitor isn't participating in Best Will Week?**

If you already have a solicitor and they are not taking part in Best Will Week, you can still consult with them about making a will or to arrange leaving a gift to a favourite charity.

**Q. I don't have time during Best Will Week to make an appointment?**

Best Will Week aims to promote making a will and leaving a gift to a charity of your choice. However you can arrange with your solicitor to make or change your will at any time.

**Q. Can I change my mind if I have arranged to leave a gift?**

Yes, you can make changes to your will at any time, just speak to your solicitor.

**Q. If I leave a gift in my will to a charity do I need to let them know?**

There is no obligation on you to let a charity know that you have left a gift to them in your will. However, charities want to thank their donors for their support so they would be delighted to hear from you.

**Q. What is the cost to people who avail of these will consultations?**

Participating solicitors will offer initial consultations on making a will. They will give expert legal advice on the process of making a will and the important decisions you might need to consider. As some wills are more complex than others, your solicitor will discuss any costs to make your will directly with you. Very often it is much more straightforward and cost effective than you might think.

**Q. Why should solicitors consider signing up to participate in Best Will Week?**

Best Will Week is an opportunity for solicitors to meet new clients which can mean new or repeat business opportunities. The campaign is also an opportunity for solicitors to remind their clients that leaving a gift to charity is something worthwhile to consider.

**Q. What sort of gifts are charities seeking in a will?**

Any gift is beneficial to a charity no matter how big or small; for example, it could be a sum of money, property, antiques or a car. All legacies are an extremely valuable source of income to charities who rely on the generosity & support of the general public.

**Q. How many people living in Ireland have a will?**

My Legacy commissioned research which was carried out by Amárach Research in September 2015 on behaviour & attitudes to will making in Ireland. It showed that only three in every ten people living in Ireland have made a will. 57% of over 55's have already drafted a will. Two thirds of those aged 25 - 34 have not yet drafted a will and only a fifth of 35 - 44 year olds have prepared a will which is surprising when you consider this is a time in people's lives when they generally buy a house, have children or experience other big life changes.