

Your Legal Questions

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Q I have heard about Weston Hospicecare's "Make Your Will Week 4th-8th March 2013." I am keen to support the Hospice and could certainly do with a Will but if Solicitors are giving their time free will it be a second rate service?

A If you are keen to support Weston Hospicecare and would like to make or update your Will then this scheme is a great way of achieving both goals. You are expected to make a minimum donation to the Hospice (£95 for a single Will or £150 for two mirror Wills) and in return the participating solicitors give their professional time freely. They do so because they appreciate the invaluable work of the Hospice and the huge support and reassurance that it gives to so many families within our community. This one week in the year is their opportunity to show their support in this very practical manner whilst also promoting the value of having a well written Will.

Each of the firms involved will ensure that you are seen by someone suitably qualified to provide you with the advice and guidance that you require. The fact that the firms do not receive payment from you does not affect the quality of the service that you can expect nor the protection or rights that you enjoy as their client. As you might expect, there are certain limitations, the scheme is not designed to cover the preparation of complex Wills or to cater for detailed tax planning advice. If you are in any doubt have a word with any of the participating solicitors who will be able to confirm whether your case falls within the scheme.

Last year over £7,000 was raised. This year with the help of people like you we hope to raise even more. You can't lose - you get a professionally drawn Will and the Hospice receives your donation!

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