

Updating your Will with a Codicil

If you are simply adding a gift in favour of the Hospice of St Francis to an existing Will – this can be done by using a ‘Codicil’. A ‘Codicil’ adds a new instruction to an existing Will. If you wish to make several changes at the same time, it may be best to have the Will rewritten by a solicitor.

Things you may find useful;

- Don't try to change or add anything to your existing Will, adding new instruction or crossing anything out can render the Will invalid.
- As with your Will you will need to date and sign the Codicil, and have it witnessed by two people who are not beneficiaries from your estate.
- Nothing should be attached to your Will, again this can render it invalid, so keep the Codicil with your Will in a safe place.
- A copy of your Will and Codicil should be given to your Executor or a friend, with a note stating where the original is held.

