



MAKING A BEQUEST IN YOUR WILL TO ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY IRELAND

Many charitable organisations receive a large part of their revenue through bequests. If you are considering making Acquired Brain Injury Ireland a beneficiary, you should make an appointment to see your Solicitor. The following wording may be useful to take with you:

I BEQUEATH to Acquired Brain Injury Ireland (registered charity number CHY 14289) of 43 Northumberland Avenue, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin the sum of €_____

AND I DECLARE that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer shall be a complete discharge to my personal representatives.

If your intended gift is ('of the residue of the estate or a proportion thereof') (in other words, what is left after your main bequests have been made) then the Acquired Brain Injury Ireland should be described as in the above form of bequest and a similar 'receipt' clause included. The organisation does not provide specimen clauses of residuary bequests because they need to be related to the other provisions of the Will. Similarly, if a gift to Acquired Brain Injury Ireland is to be made by codicil, the document should not be drawn up without reference to the Will and any previous codicil.

The assistance of a Solicitor in the preparation of any testamentary document is very strongly recommended. Acquired Brain Injury Ireland will be happy to help with any questions from your Solicitor. Your Solicitor may want to know that Acquired Brain Injury Ireland (formerly the Peter Bradley Foundation) is registered as a company limited by guarantee.

BEQUESTS OF PROPERTY

1. If you are the (sole owner) of a property you can leave that property under your Will to whoever you wish to benefit - it can be either left together with the rest of your estate or given as a separate benefit (subject to any over-riding rights of your spouse).
2. If you own your property jointly with your husband or wife you probably own the property as joint tenants or possibly as tenants in common. If you hold as joint tenants and one owner dies, the house passes automatically to the remaining owner. If you hold as tenants in common, each owner normally owns half of the property and you can leave your half of the property under the Will to whoever you wish (subject to any over-riding rights of your spouse).
3. It is also possible to leave a life interest in a house that you own - i.e. the beneficiary has the use of the property during their lifetime but on their death it passes in accordance with the terms of the Will. In ALL of these cases you can leave property to Acquired Brain Injury Ireland. -
 - i. either separately as in paragraph 1
 - ii. or when you leave half of the property as in paragraph 2
 - iii. or as in paragraph 3 when the party having a life interest in the property passes away.

HOW YOUR BEQUEST MAY BE USED

Many people contact Acquired Brain Injury Ireland daily, who are desperately in need of our rehabilitation services, either for themselves or for a loved one. If a suitable property in an accessible location is made available to Acquired Brain Injury Ireland, we can assist more people with Acquired Brain Injury, who have nowhere suitable to live and provide them with a home for life. This would be achieved in partnership with an appropriate statutory body. Please contact us for any further information.

This note is for information purposes only and legal advice should be taken before proceeding with such matters.