A letter of wishes is not legally binding to your trustees, but it will give them guidance about how to carry out your wishes.

If you choose to set up a trust you will need to consult a solicitor and you should ensure it is one with experience of setting up trusts for people with a learning disability.

Inheritance Tax is a tax that is charged at 40% on the value of your estate above £325,000 (this sum is subject to change) and is payable on your death by your executors.

If you leave 10% of the value of your estate to a charity such as PWSA UK the inheritance tax on your estate will fall to 36%.

Legacies are a valuable source of income to all charities and the Prader-Willi Syndrome Association UK is extremely grateful for any legacies, however small. You can leave a set amount or a percentage of your estate, but whatever you leave is vital to the future of PWSA UK and our work.

Your legacy will help us to provide a brighter future for people with PWS by continuing our work to support families who are still coping with the challenges brought by PWS, and to fund research into finding ways to change the future.

If you would like to leave a legacy to the PWSA UK, please tell your solicitor and give him our full name - Prader-Willi Syndrome Association UK, and quote our Registered Charity Number 1155846. Please let us know if you include PWSA UK in your will so that we can thank you properly and keep you informed about our work.

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The trustees look after and use the trust fund for the benefit of the person with a learning disability. This is usually set out in a trust deed that you make before you die, or in your will, and the trust will start on your death.

A trust offers more protection, as the trustees have control over the trust fund, not the person with a learning disability.

If an adult with a learning disability is, or may become, entitled to means-tested state funding, they can be a beneficiary of a discretionary or a disabled person’s trust without it being included when they are assessed. This is not true for all trusts – so it is very important that you discuss with a solicitor the type of trust you want and how it might affect rights to state funding.

Monies put into a trust for a person with a learning disability, can be available for them in their lifetime when they need it, for example for holidays, equipment or healthcare. You can also direct where the money should go to on their death, for example to your other children or family members, or to a charity such as the Prader-Willi Syndrome Association UK.

Many people who set up a trust leave the trustees a ‘Letter of Wishes’.

This should set out:

- Your reasons for setting up the trust
- Guidance about how you want the trust fund to be used to help and protect your child with a learning disability
- How you would like the remaining monies in the trust fund distributed after your child’s death—whether to other family members or your favourite charity

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