

PRESS RELEASE

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### **Solicitors take action for Make a Will Week**

A group of local solicitors' firms have teamed together to help people plan for the future and raise money for a hospital's charity at the same time.

Talbots, Enoch Evans, Stables, MFG and Silks are all supporting the Dudley Group of Hospitals (DGOH) Charity's Make a Will Week which is being held between 11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October.

All of the firms taking part are offering a free standard will writing service to patients, visitors and staff in exchange for a donation to the charity.

Making a will is the only way to be certain that your money and your belongings go to the people and causes you care about. Many people wrongly believe that their house and possessions will automatically go to their spouse, although this is not necessarily the case.

The DGOH Charity offers extra support to the Trust's hospitals by purchasing extra equipment and holistic items to improve patient comfort.

Sharon Oakley, Trust & Probate Lawyer with Talbots Solicitors, said: "Only three in every 10 people in this country have made a will, which means the remaining seven will have no control over what happens to their hard-earned possessions.

"Talbots is keen to support our local hospitals and the Will Week is a great opportunity for us – and our clients – to help."

Fundraising Co-ordinator Karen Phillips added: "We are extremely grateful to all of the solicitors who are taking part in this campaign which we hope will raise in excess of £3,000.

"Asking for a minimum donation of £60 also ensures that the members of the public taking part also get a great deal – it's a win-win situation all round."

You can make an appointment by contacting any of the participating solicitors directly. For more information, contact Karen Phillips on (01384) 244349.

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