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# Living Wills – Advance Decisions and Statements

Living Wills, formally known as ‘advance decisions’ allow a person to record their wishes to refuse certain types of medical treatment in case they are unable to make or communicate a decision about treatment in the future. They must be set up when the person still has mental capacity. Advance statements are slightly different from advance decisions and can record any other decisions about how you would like to be treated.

If you have a living will, you may want Hanover staff to be aware of it. Our obligation is limited to advising medical services or family members that the living will exists and wherever possible assisting them to locate and access it.

Where you agree, we will try to ensure that medical staff are made aware of your living will. There may be circumstances where this may not be possible, for example where an estate is not linked to Hanover on Call or where Hanover is not made aware of an emergency. Wherever possible, you should ensure that a friend, neighbour, relative, doctor, solicitor or member of any care team you have also knows about and can locate a copy of your Living Will.

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**You should not rely solely on Hanover to ensure that your Living Will is communicated to medical staff. We will not be able to provide any guarantee to third parties that the Living Will is up to date.**

If you would like Hanover to keep a record of where your Living Will is kept, please provide us with details on the form over the page.

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# Living Will Form



Resident's name

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Address

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## Where is the Living Will held?

e.g. in the bureau in the lounge; with solicitor, with son James etc. Please provide full details including full names, addresses and phone numbers if appropriate.

**Can Hanover staff (which may include the estate manager, other estate staff and Hanover on Call staff) make medical staff aware that you have a Living Will and where it can be found?**

Yes /No Please delete as appropriate

**Can Hanover staff locate and pass the Living Will to medical staff if it is held in your home? (This may involve use of the Master Key where appropriate)**

Yes /No Please delete as appropriate

**Can Hanover staff locate and pass the Living Will to your preferred contact or first responder if it is held in your home? (This may involve use of the Master Key where appropriate)**

Yes /No Please delete as appropriate

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Signed .....

Date .....

**You are responsible for ensuring your living will is kept up to date. If you change the location of your living will, or no longer wish us to keep this record, you should inform us as soon as possible.**