

# The building blocks of IHT planning

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#### Learning Objectives

By the end of this session you will be able to:

Estimate the likely
IHT liability
someone will
have

Evaluate the different options available to mitigate an IHT liability

## Receipts are rising

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## 12.1 Inheritance tax: analysis of receipts

This table contains data on receipts (in £millions) by HMRC of charges arising from wealth transfers taxable at death, taxable lifetime transfers and charges on trusts.

	2012 to	2013 to	2014 to	2015 to	2016 to	2017 to	2018 to	2019 to	2020 to	2021 to
Year of death	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Transfers taxable at death [note 1]	2,955	3,303	3,659	4,449	4,647	5,004	5,081	4,814	5,074	5,774
Transfers to discretionary trusts [note 2]	9	20	13	14	18	21	22	26	24	42
Charges on discretionary trusts [note 3]	141	80	132	187	159	180	255	282	229	237
Net cash receipts	3,105	3,402	3,804	4,650	4,824	5,205	5,359	5,122	5,326	6,054
Additional non-cash [note 4]	42	15	22	24	16	13	25	40	24	26
Total receipts	3,147	3,417	3,825	4,673	4,840	5,218	5,384	5,161	5,351	6,080

End of worksheet

NRB - £325,000

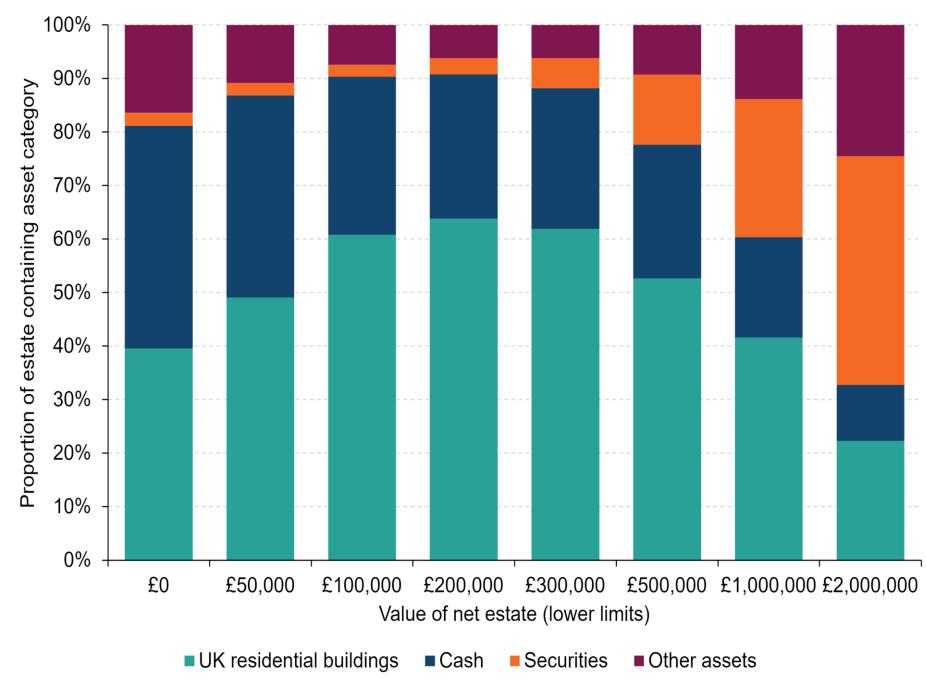
RNRB - now £175,000

#### IHT receipts are rising

#### 12.10a Inheritance Tax: Tax liability by region

Estimated numbers of estates liable to tax passing on death in the 2019 to 2020 tax year by region.

Region	Number Amount (£ million)			
United Kingdom	23,000	4,960		
England	19,400	4,230		
North East	371	61		
North West	1,540	278		
Yorkshire and the Humber	982	192		
East Midlands	1,070	196		
West Midlands	1,310	220		
East of England	2,540	470		
London	4,190	1,260		
South East	4,990	1,080		
South West	2,440	472		
Wales	699	97		
Scotland	1,240	231		
Northern Ireland	235	42		
Unknown, missing or other [note 1]	1,430	361		



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3	Deduct Reliefs (APR, BPR)	(£XX)
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	Taxable estate	£XXX
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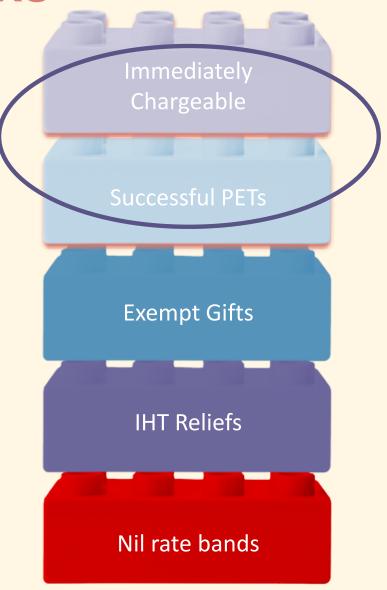
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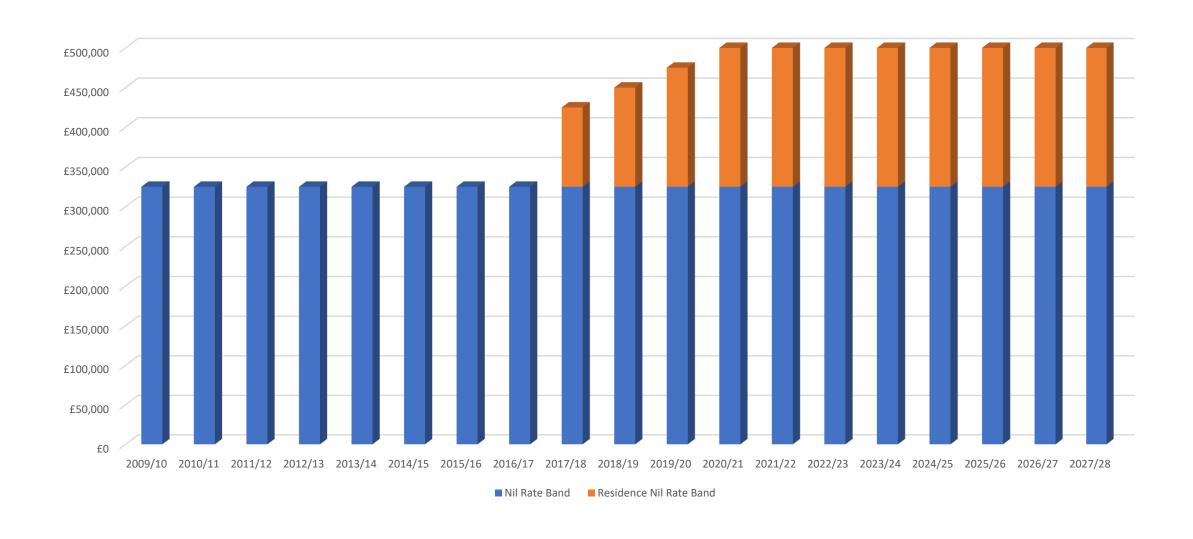
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Building blocks



#### Zero IHT within NRB limits



# Transferable NRB facts and planning

#### Transferable NRB fast facts

#### 5 things you need to know



Claim process on 2<sup>nd</sup> death.

Only available on death

Time limit for claiming is 24 months

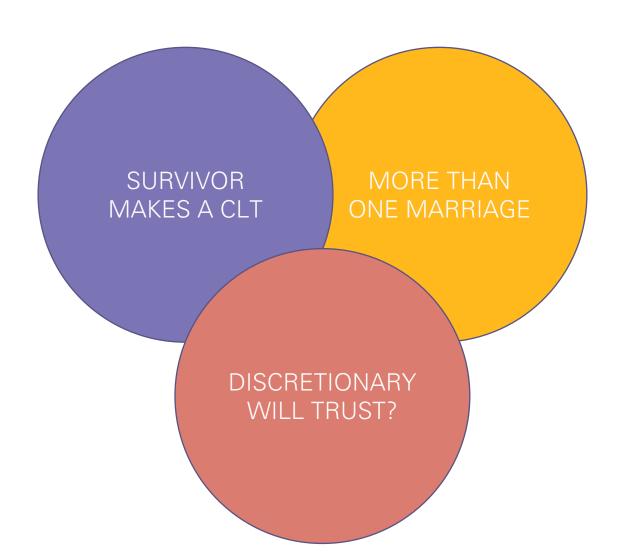
Survivor's NRB increased by % unused

Maximum uplift on 2<sup>nd</sup> death is 100%

#### Transferable NRB facts

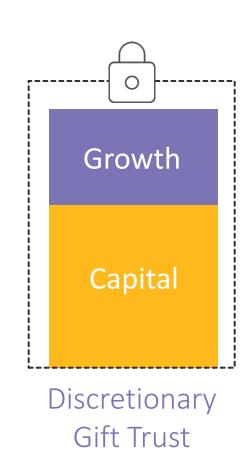
£156,000 John (died 2008/09) NRB was £312,000 0000 Everything else to Joan + 50%

#### Three Transferable NRB planning points



#### No. 1 - survivor (Ann) makes a CLT

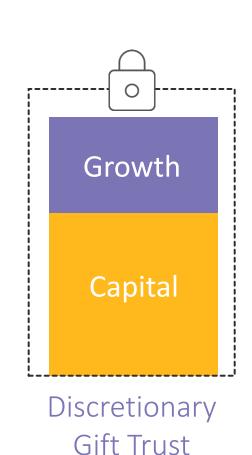




7 Year CLT

#### Survivor (Ann) makes a CLT







7 Year CLT

#### No. 2 - more than one marriage



Harriet is 70 years old and happily married to Ivan.

She was already a widower when she married Ivan.

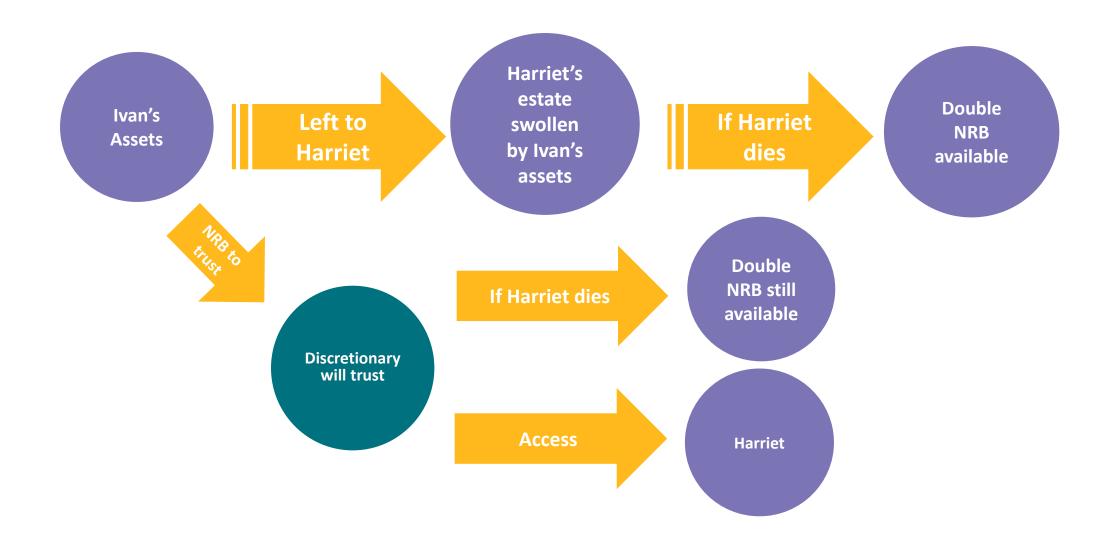
Harriet came to the second marriage with a double NRB as her first husband Gilbert left everything to her.

Q. How many NRBs can be used?

#### If Ivan dies first



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#### Hey Presto three NRBs are utilised

Gilbert's death

100% to Harriet

2 x NRB on Harriet's death

Ivan's death

1 x NRB inside discretionary will trust

**Harriet** 

Reduced estate thanks to discretionary will trust

2 x NRB on Harriet's death (thanks to previous marriage)

## No. 3 - discretionary will trust?

- **■** 6% < 40%
- **>** 200%?
- Control
- Avoid beneficiaries' estates
- 2-year rule



# Residence NRB facts and planning

#### Residence NRB fast facts

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The home needs to be in the deceased's estate

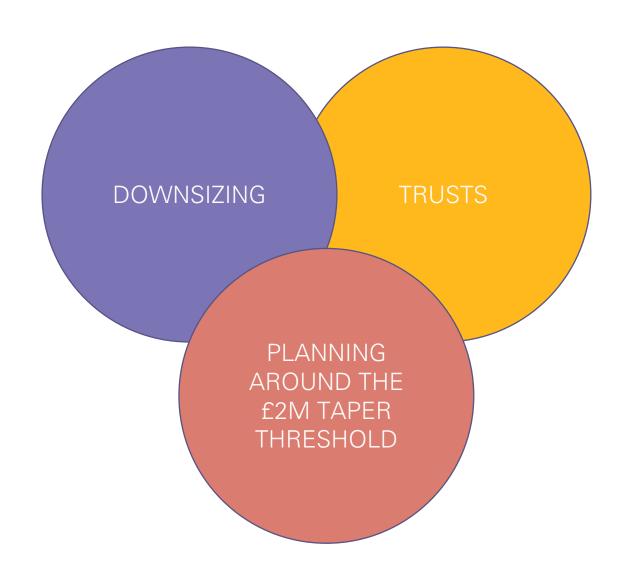
Children or other direct descendants must be inheriting the home

You need to know the value of the home

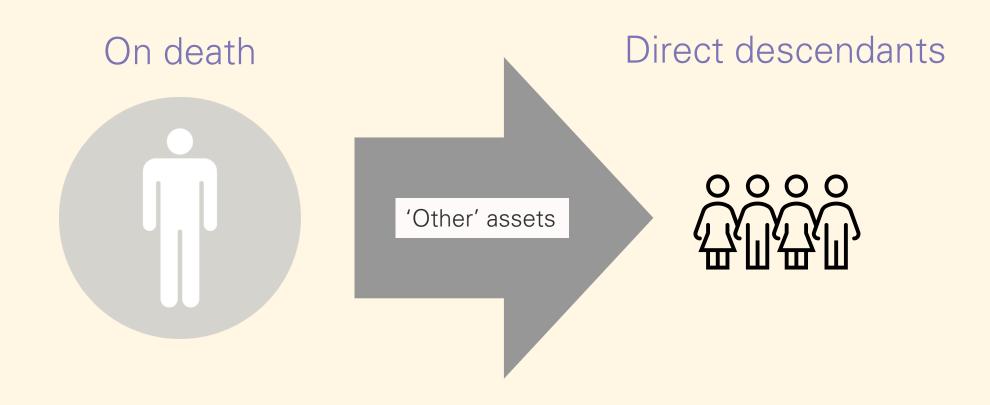
Interaction with the standard NRB

Is the £2m taper threshold relevant?

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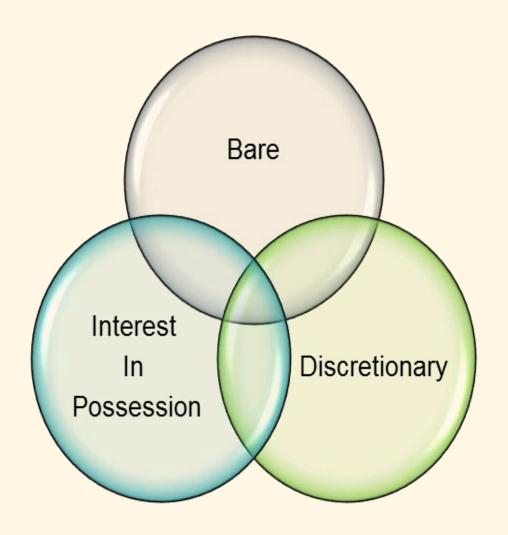


#### No. 1 – The downsizing addition



#### No. 2 – Trusts

- Part of the deceased's estate?
- Type of trust?
- Part of the direct descendant's estate?



#### No. 3 – the £2m taper

- Tapered RNRB withdrawal for estates with net value >£2m
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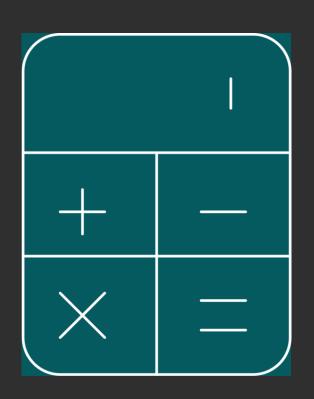
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- Liz, who has never been married, died in 2023/24
- Her 'default' RNRB is £175,000
- Her death estate is valued at £2,350,000
- After tapering, her 'adjusted' RNRB is £Nil

#### Calculating the estate for the £2m threshold

Total of all the assets less any debts or liabilities

- Do not deduct exemptions (e.g. spousal)
- Do not deduct reliefs (e.g. BPR)
- Do not add back lifetime gifts



#### Single client dies in 2023/24

Original estate £2,350,000 - RNRB £0



'Deathbed' gift (£350,000)



RNRB OF £175,000 now reinstated – IHT saving of £70,000 (20% tax relief)



Survive 7 years, £350,000 out estate - save another £140,000 (40%)

IHT Relief(s)

#### Business Property Relief – five fast facts

## 5 things you need to know



Up to 100% relief is available



2-year ownership test



Business must pass the trading test

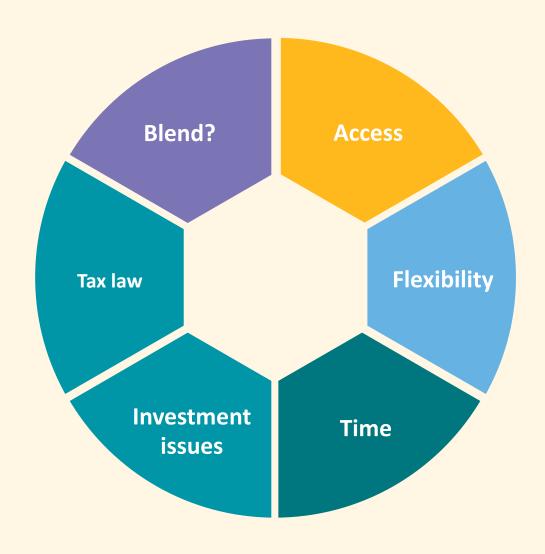


The 50% test



Excepted assets?

#### **Business Relief or Trust?**



## Exempt gifts

#### IHT exempt lifetime and on death





Gifts to spouses and civil partners

## IHT exempt – lifetime only



Small gifts



In consideration of marriage

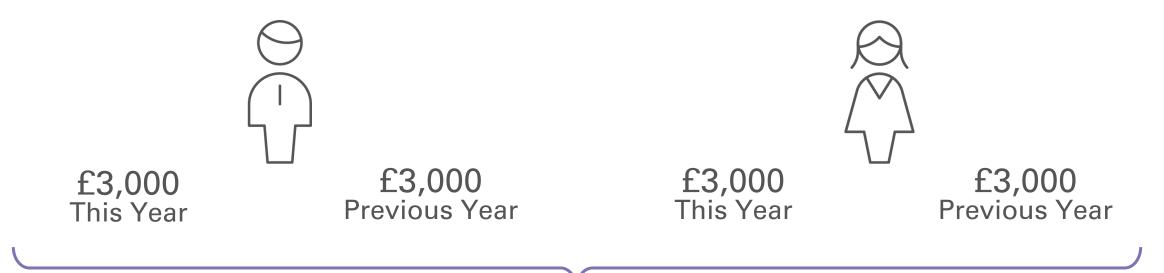


Annual exemption



Normal expenditure out of income

#### **Annual Exemption planning**



Up to £12,000

Gifts

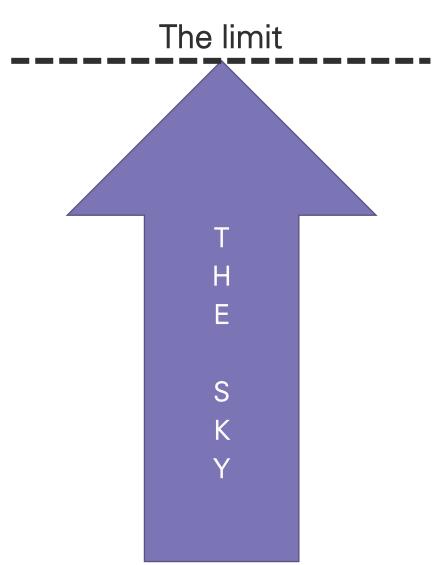
Life policy premiums

Loan write offs

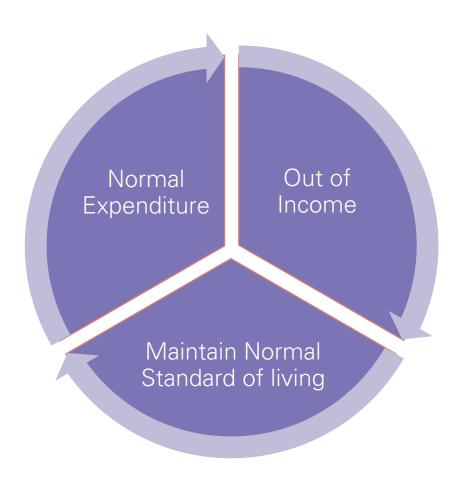
Pensions for others

#### IHT exemptions – a question!

What lifetime only exemption is the most generous and why?



#### IHT exemption with no monetary limit



Pension contributions for family?

Bond in Discretionary Trust?



#### Gifts and other transfers of value

Schedule IHT403

#### When to use this form

Fill in this form to tell us about any gifts the deceased made on or after 18 March 1986.

Do not tell us about any gifts where the total value was £3,000 or less in any tax year, small amounts of £250 or less or if the gifts were made to a spouse or civil partner.

To work out the total value of the estate (on which tax is charged) we may need to add the value of these gifts to the value of the estate at the date of death.

#### Taper relief

Do not deduct taper relief on this form. Taper relief is only available on the tax on gifts that both:

- have a combined value that is more than the Inheritance Tax nil rate band available for the estate
- · are made between 3 and 7 years before the date of death

If tax is due on the gifts HMRC will send you separate calculations and include any taper relief due.

For more information about taper relief go to www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax

Date of dea	th DD MM YYYY	
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#### Help

Please read the guidance notes for form IHT403 in the IHT400, 'Notes' before filling in this form.

For more information or help or another copy of this form:

- · go to www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax
- phone our Helpline on 0300 123 1072 if calling from outside the UK, phone +44 300 123 1072

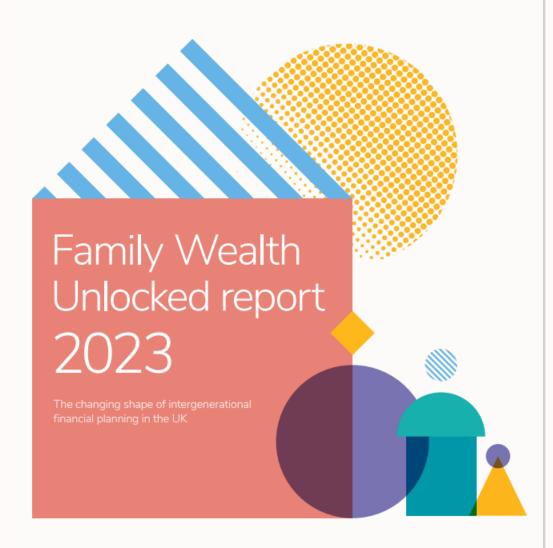
#### Gifts made within the 7 years before death

Did the deceased make any gifts or transfer assets to or for the benefit of another individual, charity or other organisation?  No  Yes	Did the deceased pay any premium on a life assurance policy for the benefit of anyone (other than themselves) who was not their spouse or civil partner?  No  Yes
Did the deceased create a trust or settlement?  No  Yes  Jin the deceased transfer additional assets into an	Was the deceased entitled to benefit from any assets held in trust or in a settlement which, during their lifetime, came to an end (either in whole or in part)?  No Yes
existing trust or settlement?  No Yes	Are you claiming that gifts should be treated as exempt as 'gifts out of income'?  No Yes

If you answered 'Yes' to any of these questions, give full details on pages 2 to 7. If you answered 'Yes' to question 6, give full details on pages 2 to 8.

HMRC paperwork





Despite the cost-of-living crisis, one in four (25%) over-45s says the inheritance they leave will now be larger

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