Case Study: Life Interest Trust

Ms Arrowsmith is the life tenant of a trust, holding an investment bond valued at £1m.

Life Interest Trust

The life interest trust (LIT) is considered part of Ms. Arrowsmith's estate for IHT purposes and is taxable to IHT on her death. This could be mitigated by investing in an alternative asset.



Ms. Arrowsmith £1,000,000 Deemed in Estate

If the trust continues to hold bonds or traditional assets, IHT will apply.

£600k to beneficiaries assumes IHT at 40% applies to whole investment One option would be to reinvest in a Business Relief (BR) qualifying asset.

Ms. Arrowsmith would be eligible to benefit from IHT exemption, meaning the net value to beneficiaries would be £1,000,000

Capital invested is at risk. Tax treatment is subject to change and depends on individual circumstances. Tax year 2025/26. Assets qualifying for Business Relief are subject to change

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