The first question of Fatwa no. 19659:

Q 1: A woman became ill and entrusted me with her gold. She asked me not to give it to anyone after her death, even her mother or her husband, but to keep it with me until her daughters become of age, as they are still young. However, I became worried that this trust might be stolen when we go out to visit my family or anywhere else. If I carry it with me, I fear that an accident might happen to me. My house was indeed robbed, but the gold was with me at the time while I was visiting my family. This increased my worries, so I asked a scholar who told me that it is the father's duty to keep the gold for his daughters, so I gave it to him, and made him bear the trust as his wife did. I have no idea whether he is going to fulfill the trust as his wife wished or not. Have I done the right thing? Is my conscience clear? Please advise, may Allah reward you.

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A: The mentioned gold should be delivered to the heirs so that they can divide it among themselves, because it is a mutual right to all of them. May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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