

**\*\*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE\*\***

**\*\*St. Jude's Care Catering Ceases Trading Due to Economic Pressures\*\***

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the closure of St. Jude's Care Catering. Despite our best efforts, the company has been compelled to cease trading due to insurmountable challenges stemming from increased costs in food, power, and lighting, compounded by inflationary pressures across the board.

Regrettably, there is no state funding available for this vital service, and we have been unable to pass on these escalating costs to our valued clients. Despite trading at a loss for an extended period, St. Jude's Care Catering has been sustained by the support of its sister company, St. Jude's Care, until it became financially untenable to continue.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all our clients for their unwavering loyalty and support throughout the years. Your kind letters of understanding and encouragement have been a source of strength during this challenging time. We want to assure you that this decision was not made lightly, and every effort was made to explore alternative solutions.

We take pride in the fact that St. Jude's Care Catering has always gone above and beyond to serve our clients, even during adverse circumstances, including trading throughout the pandemic and during events like the "Beast from the East". When our chefs were unable to commute, we ensured the provision of a cold meal service, demonstrating our commitment to our customers.

During this difficult transition period, we are dedicated to supporting our clients, so for the next two weeks, we will continue to provide a cold meal service while people make alternative arrangements. Additionally, clients have the option to cancel with immediate effect should they prefer.

We want to reassure our clients that the main business operations of St. Jude's Care remain unaffected by this decision. We stand ready to assist with alternative arrangements, including providing assistance with lunch preparations or any other support needed from our dedicated caregivers.

Once again, we express our heartfelt appreciation to our customers for their support over the years. It has been an honour to deliver this service and we are deeply saddened by the circumstances that led to this outcome.

For further inquiries or assistance, please contact St Jude's Care on 01305 779888.

Sincerely,

St. Jude's Care Catering