

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **HUNDREDS RIDE FOR DOUGIE MAC**

**Hundreds of people have already entered the Annual Dougie Mac Bike Ride ,which takes place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May .**

**The event kindly sponsored by Michelin,the Goodfood Chain & Pro Vision has become an event where the professional bikers & families can all take part.**

**There are 3 routes that people can choose to do;**

**110 miles to Llangollen; 50 miles to Nantwich or a 10 mile local route.**

**Entry fee is £15 before the event & £ 20 on the day.**

**All cyclists will start & finish at the Michelin Athletic Club ( off the A34) at Trent Vale ,Stoke on Trent & the cyclists will leave at staggered times from 7.00am.**

**Last years event raised a fantastic £45,000 for Douglas Macmillan Hospice and Zoe Hollingsworth, the event organizer said;**

**“ We are grateful to our sponsors for making this event possible & judging from the entries already received ,we hope to beat last years fantastic figure so that we can continue to give care for around 1700 patients from this area at the Hospice & at home. The Hospice needs to raise in excess of £7 million each year to maintain the standard of care. “**

## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

1. Douglas Macmillan Hospice provides specialist palliative care for adults across North Staffordshire who face cancer and other life-limiting illnesses.
2. Care is provided at the Hospice and in people's homes across the community.
3. The Hospice is independent (it receives no funding from any national charity) and has no association with any organization bearing the same or a similar name.
4. We need to raise over £7 million each year to help and care for around 1,650 patients each year.

For quotes and comments on behalf of the Hospice, contact in the first instance should be made through Karen Rose, Director of Fundraising on 01782 344302.