

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Snow Hampers Donations to Hospice Shops

The recent extreme cold weather has stopped local people taking donations to our 14 shops across North Staffordshire .

Donations of clothes, bric-a brac , books, furniture, DVD'S ,CD'S are now urgently required to maintain stocks in all our charity shops.

Yvonne Colclough, Retail Operations Manager said ;

“ We thank all those people who have donated items for us in the past, but because of the weather we have lost 2 weeks worth of donated goods. We are appealing to everyone to have a good clear out now, we urgently need things to sell so that we can continue to provide funds to be able to maintain the standard of care at Douglas Macmillan Hospice for those people facing Cancer and other life limiting illness. Please refer to our website [www.dmhospice.org.uk](http://www.dmhospice.org.uk) to see our nearest shop or ring 01782 344304. Our recently opened Hanford shop opens to 7.00 most weekday nights and on Sunday 11.00 am - 4.00pm”

**Photo opportunity: At any one of our outlets in Alsager, Biddulph, Cheadle ,Chesterton, Hanford ,Kidsgrove Leek, Longton ,Meir, Newcastle ,Silverdale ,Stoke, Tunstall from 9.30am-4.30pm.**

#### **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 organisation bearing the same or a similar name.
4. It costs over £7 million each year to run and develop the full range of services form the Hospice. More than two thirds of money comes from local voluntary donations.

For quotes and comments on behalf of Douglas Macmillan Hospice, contact in the first instance should be made through Peter Keller on 01782 344304