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**Tillery Valley secures £1.6 million community meal contract**

Abertillery-based food production company, Tillery Valley has secured a multi year contract worth in excess of £1.6 million with ICare Group, one of the UK's leading independent providers of health and social care services.

The ICare group will deliver frozen, and hot prepared meals provided by Tillery Valley to individuals in their homes across the UK under their community meals service. Work on the contract will begin later this month.

Tillery Valley, established in 1984, supplies prepared meals to the healthcare and education sector and local authorities throughout the UK. The firm also provides a home delivery service, a bespoke service for the care home sector and a tailored catering service for large events. The firm's production site in Abertillery has the capacity to produce one million meals a week.

Lancashire based ICare group provides an extensive range of healthcare and support services for people in the community across the UK, including home delivery of nutritious meals tailored to specific preferences and dietary requirements. Working in partnership with local authorities and health trusts, the company's broad range of healthcare services are designed to enable vulnerable individuals to maintain health and independence, and exercise choice and control in their lives.

Site Director at Tillery Valley, Phil Hall said: "We are delighted to have secured this significant contract with ICare to provide meals for individuals in their homes across the UK. Tillery Valley has a great deal of experience in supplying prepared meals for community distribution. Our extensive knowledge of the needs of the customers receiving this food helps us to continually improve the quality of home service meals.

"Our dietitians ensure that recipes can be adapted to meet a wide range of dietary requirements whilst still maintaining the highest recommended nutritional standards. Our

menus attempt to include an option for every palate, offering both traditional favourites and specialty dishes.”

The Chairman at I Care, Stephen Emmanuel said: “Healthy eating is essential for everyone - but ensuring that there is always a healthy, nutritious, and satisfying meal to be had at home can be a challenge for some people. Our Community Meals Support Workers not only hand deliver the meals, but also carry out awareness checks and provide personal assistance when it is needed. We provide a service which makes a real difference to people’s lives and each of our suppliers is carefully selected through a rigorous process.

“Tillery Valley has a great deal of experience in providing prepared meals in the community and we are very impressed with the professionalism and the flexibility of their service offer. We have selected a menu from Tillery Valley to meet a wide range of tastes and the varying dietary needs of our customers.

“We are very much looking forward to beginning work on this contract and to building on our work with Tillery Valley over the next five years.”