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Dear Friends

### SERVICE REDUCTION PROGRAM

Changes in the delivery of services at RSD UK are to be made from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007. Following consultations with the trustees, directors, major stake holders and the charity commission a program of reduction leading to service closure is being planned.

The timescale to closure will be approximately 10 months and will coincide with the termination of internet services provided to RSD UK, including the domain name, email and all internet services including the forums. The helpline service will also be ended.

The reasons for this decision are many and varied. RSD UK has been in existence in one form or another since Sept 2000 and has made significant progress in raising awareness of the condition and educating medical professionals. All this has culminated in the release of the new book, "Insights into Pain & Suffering", which we will continue to sell until stocks run out.

This will also mean that the RSD UK conference held in 2005 was the last one to be organized by RSD UK and that the proposed 2007 conference will not now go ahead.

In January 2008 the charity will begin its final closure process and any remaining funds in the bank account will go to the Bath Institute for Rheumatic Diseases.

RSD UK has been more than a full time job for those involved in the day to day running and we have made many friends during this time. The Directors and Trustees wish you all well and pray for continued research into the condition.

Thank you

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