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Leg Club model used by Department of Health in QIPP programme

The Leg Club model, a pioneering social approach to the treatment of leg ulcers, is being used as a source of reference by the Department of Health in its Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention programme.

The QIPP programme is being championed by NHS National Director for Improvement and Efficiency, Jim Easton, formerly chief executive of the South Central Strategic Health Authority. The intention is to drive up quality whilst improving productivity - a challenge which means harnessing and spreading innovation and new ideas. QIPP is the key to building on the progress made in implementing the commitments set out in Lord Darzi's white paper *High Quality Care for All*.

The Department of Health references the benefits of the Leg Club model which include:

- reduced costs as a result of fewer home visits;
- care delivered in non-medical setting without the need for appointments;
- patients encouraged and supported by peers;
- care coordinated with other services.

Ellie Lindsay, Leg Club founder and chairman of the Lindsay Leg Club Foundations says: "The Department of Health has identified the need for greater efficiency using innovative models of care. The Leg Club approach is ideal in this respect and I'm delighted that it is being used as a source of reference."

Notes to editors:

The Lindsay Leg Club Foundation is the umbrella organisation that disseminates, promotes and represents Leg Club[®] at the national or international level. Its activities include developing educational materials, research, data collection and analysis, exhibiting and speaking at conferences as well as advising and providing authoritative support for healthcare providers.