Setting up a Leg Club

Typically the process of setting up a Leg Club takes 3-4 months:

Leg Club concept and rationale presented to nurses / team leaders / managers interested in the model and prepared to innovate

Leg Club visit to see the model in action

Elect to set up a Leg Club? — N → / Y

Nursing team present case to management for approval to proceed

Approval to proceed? — N → / Y

Plans communicated to General Practices and local community via colleagues, acquaintances, current and ex patients, local media etc.

Steering committee, volunteers recruited. Constitution enacted, roles designated

Committee set up Leg Club bank account

Nurses and committee locate appropriate premises, ensuring environmental, health and safety, and public liability criteria are addressed

Local events organised in co-operation with community to raise public awareness and generate funds, e.g. health promotion, nursing awareness, coffee mornings

Other sources for funding and support explored, e.g. local grants, businesses, community support groups, individual fundraising initiatives

Nurses receive reference copies of Leg Club guidelines and documentation templates

Nurses / committee purchase equipment, guided by Leg Club recommendations

Training for documentation, Leg Club procedures and, as appropriate, wound care theory and practice delivered to prospective Leg Club staff

Nurses conduct documented risk assessment prior to opening

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