

Press Release

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Leg Club Foundation's chief executive made Visiting Professor of Tissue Viability, Birmingham City University

Dr Michael Clarke, chief executive, Lindsay Leg Club Foundation has been awarded a Visiting Professorship at Birmingham City University. The University is a pioneer in learning and teaching placing great emphasis on research. It is also recognised for its excellence in the application of new technologies.

Dr Clark has thirty years' experience of working in the field of pressure ulcer prevention and has contributed over 150 papers, publications and books upon the topic. He was a founding Council member of the European Wound Management Association. Dr Clark is also Emeritus Editor of the Journal of Tissue Viability having previously been Editor-in-Chief of this title for ten years.

"I'm very pleased to have been awarded a Visiting Professorship at such a highly-regarded institution. It's a partnership that I'm sure will produce benefits for the University and the Lindsay Leg Club Foundation," said Dr Clarke.

Notes to editors:

1) Leg ulcers (and other chronic leg problems like lymphoedema) can affect people at any age, but are particularly common in people over 60. At present, over 80 per cent of all leg ulcers are treated in patients' own homes by district nurses or by practice nurses in GP surgeries. However, patients often find it difficult to adhere to treatment plans, or to maintain the preventive measures needed to avert recurrence of the ulcer. Many leg ulcers consequently reoccur, or remain unhealed for many months or even years.

2) The Lindsay Leg Club Foundation exists to promote the national development of Leg Clubs. The Foundation also provides the necessary support and training for nurses to establish Leg Clubs and follow the Foundation's guidelines, as well as ongoing training in new developments in leg care.

3) The Leg Club is an innovative model of care that has been shown to improve the health and wellbeing of people with chronic leg conditions. By healing chronic leg wounds and keeping them healed, Leg Clubs also have the potential to save commissioners up to 80 per cent of their wound care budget in comparison with conventional leg ulcer treatment. A Leg Club is a local partnership between community nurses, patients and members of the community. Run by a committee of members and local people, each Leg Club operates according to strict guidelines of care, monitored by the Lindsay Leg Club Foundation. The Leg Club title, the wording and logo are protected by Registered Trade Mark in the UK and Australia.

For further information about the Leg Club Foundation and Leg Clubs visit:

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