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The Medical Technology Group (MTG) held its annual Parliamentary Showcase in the Attlee Suite of Portcullis House on Monday 23rd June. As a member of the MTG, the Leg Club Foundation was pleased to participate again this year, as this event offered an opportunity to engage with parliamentarians. The showcase enables organisations' to talk about their current campaigns and priorities aimed at improving patient access to effective, research based care delivery and medical technologies. The MTG attendees included a representative mixture of patient groups, patient charities and manufacturers.

The Foundation was represented by Ellie Lindsay (Chairman) and Lynn Bullock (PA) and the Leg Clubs were represented by Mary James (Leg Club Lead, Worcester Leg Club). We were pleased to meet and speak to a majority of the MPs and Peers attending, and spent considerable time engaging with a number of organisations. Baroness Golding, who is a qualified radiographer, enjoyed the event, and was impressed by the clear layout, the range of clinical areas represented, the depth of information available, and the enthusiasm evident in all who were involved. Due to a personal interest in diabetes, she was particularly interested in INPUT and in the Lindsay Leg Club model.



Baroness Masham of Ilton was so thorough in her engagement that, even though she spent over two hours in the Attlee Suite, she only managed to get half way round the room. A former nurse and vocal contributor to health debates, Baroness Masham was disabled in a riding accident in 1959, and subsequently became a champion for causes related to disability. We are delighted to announce that Baroness Masham has kindly agreed to join our prestigious Patrons. She will provide us with the vocal support in the House of Lords, profiling the cause of our Foundation.

Following the last WCS news regarding affiliating with the Knee Foundation, the Leg Club was invited to liaise with the iLegx organisation regarding support of their conferences and working within the patient sector. iLegx, is an organisation whose objective is to reduce the number of lower limb amputations in the UK, by building awareness and promoting interdisciplinary collaboration between the acute and community services. We are currently in the embryonic stage of affiliating an educational partnership with the iLegx organisation.

Leg Club Events

The Foundation's health promotion initiatives, such as healthy leg awareness days, coffee mornings, public events, presentations and the distribution of educational 'Healthy Legs for Life' materials, encourage the community to embrace best practice. Activities are designed to raise awareness amongst the general public of preventative care relating to all aspects of lower limb disease and to ensure that all socio-economic groups are given access to 'well leg' management. Our 2nd national Healthy Legs for Life week commences Sunday 28th September and the 8th annual Leg Club conference takes place on 1st & 2nd October at the Worcester Rugby Club. This two day conference event for nurses at the frontline of patient care covers a full day of practical workshops. The second day of the conference is being formally opened and chaired by our Patron Professor Richard White, and delegates will have the opportunity of hearing presentations by world class speakers. Naturally we are delighted to have a Foundation Patron, Professor Christine Moffatt CBE, presenting on the global issues surrounding Lymphoedema.

More details of the Leg Club conference will be placed in relevant journals and on the Foundation website www.legclub.org or contact Lynn Bullock for details 01473 749565 or email lynn@legclubfoundation.com