

Press Release

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Unique educational programme launched for Leg Club staff

The Lindsay Leg Club Foundation has launched a unique educational programme for all staff in Leg Clubs throughout the United Kingdom. The programme combines a new online learning zone and a new competency document. Both will ensure members are treated by well-trained competent staff regardless of location.

The educational programme is the result of unique collaboration between academics, clinicians and the Leg Club Industry Partners. Leg Club staff will be able to access a consistent, evidence-based teaching package for individual, or group activity.

The programme:

- ensures all Leg Clubs and Leg Club teams have access to the same, high quality educational support;
- delivers content that can be accessed at a pace and time to suit individual circumstances;
- is evidence-based and in line with the NMC code of practice.

The programme features core presentations specifically aimed at understanding legs ulcers and their management. There are links throughout to various websites for further reading.

Michael Clark, chief executive, The Lindsay Leg Club Foundation said: “This new learning package is the result of combined efforts and as such is something new for the wound care world. It gives Leg Club staff immediate access to a programme that will ensure Leg Clubs offer the same standard of care wherever they are.”

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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