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The Lindsay Leg Club Foundation Announces Affiliation with The British Association of Prosthetics and Orthotics

The Lindsay Leg Club Foundation (LLCF), the UK's leading charity supporting people with lower limb and leg ulcer conditions, is pleased to announce its new affiliation with the British Association of Prosthetics and Orthotics (BAPO).

BAPO, the recognised professional body for the UK prosthetic and orthotic workforce since 1995, represents a wide range of professionals, including prosthetists, orthotists, technicians, support staff, and learners. The association advocates nationally and within multidisciplinary healthcare teams to enhance the profession and its impact on healthcare.

This affiliation marks a shared commitment to improving health system performance through prevention and effective management of lower limb conditions. The partnership will provide greater access to resources and information for individuals affected by leg ulcers and limb loss and promote person-centred care approaches.

Ellie Lindsay OBE, Founder and Life President of the LLCF, said:
"I am delighted that we are now affiliated with BAPO. There is genuine potential to learn from each other when it comes to disseminating public health information regarding lower limb loss, wound care, and general wellbeing. We look forward to sharing insights on health promotion and raising awareness of the Leg Club® model, particularly its role in reducing social isolation."

Dr Nicky Eddison, Chair of BAPO, added: "Our organisations share a commitment to championing person-centred approaches that support healing and education. Together, we can improve how wound care is delivered in the UK." The prosthetic and orthotic workforce are key to supporting people with at risk lower limbs. The partnership signals a strengthened collaborative effort to advance care, education, and awareness for individuals with lower limb health needs.

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 the individuals' own homes by district nurses or by practice nurses in GP surgeries. However, people 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 and foot conditions. Recent findings from Leg Club data analysis have identified that potential savings could be made by healthcare providers in relation to their wound care budget. A Leg Club is a local partnership between practice and community nurses, patients, and the community. Run by a committee of volunteers each Leg Club operates according to framework guidelines of care.

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