



## **Press Release**

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### **Lindsay Leg Club Foundation chief executive, Professor Michael Clark, steps down**

Professor Michael Clark will step down as part-time chief executive of the Lindsay Leg Club Foundation this autumn. The move allows Professor Clark greater involvement with the new Welsh Wound Innovation Initiative. The Welsh Wound Innovation Initiative is funded by the Welsh government and the NHS in Wales to help improve Welsh wound care while promoting Wales as a global centre of excellence in wound healing.

Professor Clark became the Foundation's first Chief Executive four years ago and has led the charity through challenging times when changes to the way healthcare services are commissioned have seen many charities fall by the wayside. He leaves the role with 23 Leg Clubs running successfully in the UK. He has also helped the Leg Club Foundation take a more active role in clinical research through participation in a European Union funded research project into lower limb compression.

Professor Clark, who is also Professor in Tissue Viability at Birmingham City University, will continue to work with the Lindsay Leg Club Foundation providing assistance on research and audit data. He will also be the point of contact between the Leg Club Foundation and the Welsh Wound Innovation Initiative helping to support the eight Leg Clubs in Wales and grow their number over time.

President of the Foundation Ellie Lindsay said: "We have been honoured to have Michael as our chief executive. His knowledge and understanding of wound care

has been of great benefit to the Foundation. We will be making an announcement about his successor later in the year.”

Notes to editors:

1) 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 on-going training in new developments in leg care.

2) 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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