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Third sector has important role in healthcare delivery says Diane Abbott MP

Diane Abbott MP, shadow Minister for Public Health, has said the third sector has an important role to play in delivery of effective healthcare. Speaking at a recent joint Parliamentary reception for The Lindsay Leg Club Foundation and RAFT, she recognised the value of third sector initiatives such as the innovative partnership between two charities.

The event was attended by guests from the House of Commons, the House of Lords, the healthcare industry and healthcare publications alongside volunteers and representatives from the two charities.

The two charities have the joint aim of helping those suffering from the effects of wounds. The Lindsay Leg Club Foundation supports a network of Leg Clubs which assist the health and wellbeing of people with chronic leg conditions, whilst RAFT is carrying out pioneering research into practical and affordable ways to repair skin.

The reception gave guests the opportunity to find out more about the charities, their partnership, and their latest work through speeches from the chief executives of the LLCF and RAFT as well as Mary-Rose Fawkes, a patient and patron of the LLCF.

Cathy Moulton, a clinical advisor from Diabetes UK, said “I found it incredibly informative and have already shared a lot of the information with my colleagues.”

The reception rounds of a successful year for the two charities which has included a joint award for Innovation at the 2012 British Journal of Nursing Awards.

Professor Michael Clark, chief executive, Lindsay Leg Club Foundation, said: “It was good to see so many key people within the wound care world at the reception. We would like to thank Diane Abbott for hosting what feedback has told us was a very successful event.”

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:
www.legclub.org

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(Left to right, Diane Abbott MP, Ellie Lindsay, lifetime president of the Lindsay Leg Club Foundation).