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Charity partnership receives national recognition with British Journal of Nursing award

The Lindsay Leg Club Foundation and the Restoration of Appearance and Function Trust (RAFT) have received recognition at the British Journal of Nursing (BJN) awards 2012 for their joint project work called: *Wound healing from the grass roots: two Charities, one goal.*

The project received a third place award for innovation which honours those who extend the boundaries of nursing practice and improve patient care through genuinely innovative approaches. The award was won in a year which the BJN acknowledged as having the highest number of nominations ever to be submitted at an “incredibly high” standard.

Ellie Lindsay, founder of the Lindsay Leg Club Foundation, who was given a BJN Lifetime Achievement award in 2011, said: “Whilst we value our relationship with RAFT, it is not often that we get public recognition for this so we were very pleased to win a prize in the Innovation category at the British Journal of Nursing Awards.”

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: www.legclub.org

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