

Lindsay Leg Club Foundation



Annual Parliamentary MTG showcase

The annual parliamentary reception was the showcase event of the Medical Technology Awareness week. Many clinicians, NHS staff, policymakers, and parliamentarians came together with patients, volunteers, and industry representatives to discuss the benefits that medical technology brings to patients. Along with other exhibitors, the Foundation and Leg Club® Industry Partners (LCIP) members' exhibition stand was extremely busy. The reception was held in November 2014, and it was focused on demonstrating the value of greater patient access to medical technology and how this can help patients return to work and spend more time with loved ones. The event was hosted by Andrew George, the then Liberal Democrat MP for St Ives, and Barbara Harpham, Chair of the Medical Technology Group (MTG).

LCIP educational grant for EWMA conference

Extensive collaborations between the Foundation's board of trustees; nurses; LCIP; and more importantly, our 10 450 strong UK membership network has established and extended innovative services, such as a data software programme and Wellbeing project. Ongoing collaborations have initiated a number of interventions to enhance patient care and psychological wellbeing of those with leg ulceration.

Many excellent nurses work in Leg Club® across the UK. In recognition of the exceptional commitment and dedication to their Club and the outstanding work they do, the LCIP provide an educational grant to attend the annual European Wound Management Association (EWMA) conference. This year's conference was in London, UK.

An International panel judged the entries and the Bradford on Avon team was announced as this year's winners. The winning entry explained how the team introduced initiatives to set up a Leg Club® and demonstrated the ability to motivate and inspire volunteers and members. Leg Club® nurses are keen to ensure that the essence of their nursing includes the six Cs: care, compassion, competence, communication, courage, and commitment.

Department of Health grant: Compendium of Best Practice

The Lindsay Leg Club Foundation was awarded a grant by the Department of Health (DH) to produce a 'Compendium of Best Practice', which we would share among other Leg Club® members and stakeholders. We had a deadline of the end of March 2015 to produce the first edition of this compendium, which was achieved. The compendium is made out of best-practice statements and quoted feedback from members, volunteers, and LCIP members. The Foundation intends to produce a second edition in the autumn of 2015, which will incorporate feedback from all stakeholders, in particular health professionals, volunteers, nurses and Leg Club® members, LCIP members, and trustees. We hope that this will become an important living document that chronicles the contribution made by Leg Club® to leg ulcer care.

Foundation relationship with health-care industry



Following extensive consultation with a coalition of health-care companies, there was general agreement that corporate partnership was the best way to help the Foundation trustees to achieve its goals. Despite the diverse nature, the Leg Club Foundation and industry had unique strengths to become collaborators, and it is on this basis a very effective partnership was formed. The cooperative LCIP originated in 2005 as an alliance between the health-care industry and the Lindsay Leg Club Foundation (Charity No. 1111259). Through this unique partnership, the Leg Club® movement has also made considerable progress, transforming the level of awareness of its activities in government and participation in All Party Parliamentary (APPG) and MTG groups, NHS circles, and among the public.

Continued working relationships between the Foundation and industry are critical for future development of enhanced treatments and care pathways. Therefore, it is vital that these interactions remain transparent. Fortunately, there are existing frameworks within which the Foundation, practitioners, and industry can work to ensure that all legal, moral, and accountability issues are addressed. Corporate partner feedback is crucial to enhance the performance of our working relationship as we perceive this collaborative approach as a long-term commitment where we seek to maximise the benefits for all community stakeholders.

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