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Subject:	**Life President's report**
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Action required:	Review by board
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Summary:

Meetings / Teleconference / Associations

All EU and international congress & meetings cancelled

As with fellow professional colleagues I have had to readjust to different methods of working, enabled through modern technology internet communication with various stakeholders including virtual meetings:

Since last board meeting:

1) Participating in numerous Zoom and Teams meetings
2) Guest Chair re: opening of a vWin webinar
3) Presentation via Teams to University of Suffolk

Brief synopsis of certain meetings:

Emma Hardy MP Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Vascular and Venous Disease a remote meeting via Zoom.

This meeting served as an opportunity to bring together patient representatives and the vascular clinical community to discuss venous care, both prior to and during the Covid-19 pandemic. Access to venous care has been hit tremendously due to Covid-19. Thousands of people are suffering in silence without access to treatment, and this session looked at providing a platform to share experiences and discuss solutions to improve outcomes for people with venous disease.

Currently working in collaboration with the secretariate of the VVAPPG preparing a general Lower Limb Venous post Covid-19 Leg Ulcer Survey.

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Virtual platform

The importance of communication

Although lockdown has had many negative impacts on people's lives, some infographic 'Tips' for our Leg Club members, volunteers and social media platform were created and well received. Despite being unable to travel and undertake Leg Club visits communication since the start of the current situation has been maintained on a regular basis.

Website reviewed and launch of the International Patient & Carer Advocacy Panel (IPCAP)

Complete review of the digital platform undertaken, streamlining and updating sections to be clear and more user friendly. Privacy policy / terms / conditions / trademark issues addressed and updated to conform with GDPR. Foundation secure link and LCIP public education programmes now live.

The International Patient & Carer Advocacy Panel (IPCAP) as part of the Congress Scientific Program now has a live link to public information leaflets created by a panel of international volunteer experts hailing from both within and outside the wound care arena are now available on the website to download.

vWin Foundation (Associate Leg Club partner)

Over the past twelve weeks the vWin Foundation has undertaken a global educational and humanitarian 'not for profit' initiative inviting our Leg Club network to participate in the webinars. Each week the webinar was opened by a guest of honour. As part of the association with vWin the Leg Club logo was prominently profiled on the introduction / acknowledgement and closing slides to a weekly global audience of delegates!

The College of Phlebology (Associate Leg Club partner)

Professor Mark Whiteley sought to promote the psychosocial Leg Club model for lower limb care to international phlebologists, vascular specialists and the general public in his forthcoming book. A chapter on the importance of the person-centred social model was undertaken and the second chapter was co-authored with Roland Renyi (past Chairman) based on the importance of public health, promotion and empowerment was submitted.

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Supplementary

Virtual meetings with:

LCIP members meeting via Teams hosted by Essity

Example of Medical Technology Group meetings via Zoom involved discussions re:

The government's agenda for the NHS, new ways of working which have developed as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic and how medical technology has aided patients and can continue to do so during the NHS re-start. Dean Russell MP (Conservative member for Watford and member of the Health and Social Care Committee) and Chris Green MP (Conservative member for Bolton West) attended.

Webinar with Matt Whitty, Interim Chief Executive, Accelerated Access Collaborative, discussed how the MTG can support the Accelerated Access Collaborative to increase patient access to life changing technologies and highlight how best practices seen during COVID-19 can be implemented moving forwards. The MTG meetings are extremely popular with circa 29 patient organisations taking part.

Networked with fellow MTG colleagues profiling the work of the Foundation.

Working with VVAPPG and created an online Leg Club survey as the NHS seeks to restart care for people with lower leg wounds, following the impact of the pandemic on the healthcare support accessed since March 2020 requires assessment.

Liaising with research colleagues at Imperial College, London regarding current status of lower limb care and vascular survey.

Respond to draft reports and participated in Zoom meetings as required re: National Wound Care Strategy Programme (NWCSP).

Throughout the current climate website enquires continued to be responded within 12/24 hrs. outlining the model tailored to the need of the individual request plus responding to complex wound advice and navigating to wound and legal experts as required.

Liaise with specialists as required via virtual meetings, email and / or telephone / support and providing information to pre-and post reg students. Preparation and research for PowerPoint presentations, clinical papers and editorial, abstracts and quarterly Leg Club updates.

Funders and public half yearly update undertaken in collaboration with Laura Ripley.

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