



## **Press Release**

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### **Lindsay Leg Club Foundation appoints new chairman**

The Board of the Lindsay Leg Club Foundation (LLCF) will now be led by Roland Renyi following the departure of Mark Courtney in April 2014.

Having been a Trustee for the LLCF for three years, Roland was an ideal candidate for the role, with his knowledge and experience of the Leg Club model combined with an understanding and total commitment to the Foundation's aims and objectives.

Outside of his role as Trustee, Roland has worked in the publishing and communications industries for the past 30 years, working specifically within healthcare since 1992. 13 years ago Roland started Opencity, a healthcare communications agency designed to work closely with opinion leaders and industry to produce enduring international campaigns. Since 2002 Roland has worked extensively in the field of wound care, where he became aware of the work of Ellie Lindsay and the important contribution made by the Lindsay Leg Club Foundation in this field.

Leg Clubs, which are based on an award-winning model founded by former district nurse Ellie Lindsay, collectively treat patients with lower limb condition in a non-medical setting and on a drop-in basis. Evidence shows

this style of treatment leads to improved healing rates by encouraging members to become more involved in their care.

Roland Renyi takes on the role of Chair at a very dynamic time for the LLCF, both within the charity itself and the health sector at large. Roland said: "I am delighted to have this opportunity to lead the board of the Lindsay Leg Club Foundation during this exciting period of our evolution. We have also been re-invigorated by the appointment of four new trustees; two Leg Club volunteers and two managing directors from healthcare publishing and industry. Our immediate priorities are threefold; to continue to support all existing and emerging Leg Clubs, to clearly demonstrate the clinical, human and economic benefits of this model, and to assist local authorities and healthcare providers in seeing how Leg Clubs can work for them and all their patients with lower limb conditions in terms of the 2014 Care Act."

#### **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](http://www.legclub.org)**

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