



## **Press Release**

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### **Lindsay Leg Club Foundation president becomes first honorary member of international society**

Ellie Lindsay OBE, founder and lifetime president of the Lindsay Leg Club Foundation (LLCF), has been honoured by the International Society of Paediatric Woundcare (ISPeW) and the World Union Wound Healing Societies (WUWHS) at a joint award ceremony held in Rome.

She received an Education Award for Excellence in Woundcare and become the first ISPeW honorary board member at a ceremony held on 19<sup>th</sup> November at the Bambino Gesù Children's Hospital Research Institute. The award was presented by the Founding President of ISPeW, Dr Guido Ciprandi, and was given in recognition of her extensive work and dedication to promoting best practice and educational resources in the area of lower limb care.

This is the second international accolade Ellie has received this year. In August, she received an Award for Excellence at an international gala ceremony held by the Scientific Institute of Higher Education (ICES) and Arias Medical Foundation in Xalapa, Mexico, to celebrate her achievements in phlebology

She said: "It was a total shock to receive this award! I feel very privileged to be the first honorary board member of ISPeW. The ISPeW Board have been very welcoming and I look forward to the new challenges this role will bring."

Ellie has immediately swung into action in her new role having already contributed at her first executive board meeting, participated in the ISPeW and WUWHS collaborative awards and chaired a session at their sixth annual conference.

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### **Notes to editors:**

- 1) Conditions of the lower limb such as eczema, leg ulcers, lymphoedema and diabetic foot problems can affect people at any age but are particularly common in people over 60.
- 2) Over a year approximately 4.5% or 2.2 million people of the UK adult population will have a wound, the most commonly treated are leg ulcers. A recent research study has estimated that the annual cost of managing wounds in the NHS and associated comorbidities is £5.3 billion. In the UK most wounds are managed largely in the community by GPs and more commonly by nurses.
- 3) The Lindsay Leg Club Foundation exists to promote the national development of the psychosocial Leg Club model of lower limb care. The Foundation, a third sector charity, 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 lower limb care.
- 4) The Leg Club is an innovative model of care that has been shown to improve the health and wellbeing of people with chronic conditions of the lower limb. By healing chronic leg wounds and keeping them healed, through a preventive "well leg" programme Leg Clubs have the potential to save commissioners time and money in comparison with conventional leg ulcer treatment. A Leg Club is a local partnership between practice and 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.

**For further information about the Leg Club Foundation and Leg Clubs visit:**

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