

Lindsay Leg Club Foundation update

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The Lindsay Leg Club (LLC) Foundation continues to go from strength to strength working towards its vision, which is to:

- ▶ Make LLCs part of government and NHS strategy for leg ulcer management and associated conditions in the UK.
- ▶ Continue the expansion of LLCs throughout the UK.
- ▶ Ensure that LLCs are the leading source of information for the general public on the prevention and treatment of leg ulcers and associated conditions.
- ▶ Continue to implement best practice for the prevention and treatment of leg ulcers and associated conditions in partnership with healthcare professionals, patients, and local communities.
- ▶ Strive to measure and report all key clinical and economic outcomes achieved through the implementation of best practice in conjunction with LLCs and our partners.

The main objective of the LLC Foundation is to facilitate and manage the coordinated growth of the network of leg clubs and to provide the clubs with any information and support that they may require. The Foundation would like to extend its thanks to a trustee who recently stepped down from the role, Salim Sheikh, and to welcome Mary James and Deborah Glover to the board of trustees. The full list of trustees can be found at <http://www.legclub.org/trustees.shtml>. In addition, we are proud to announce that Jacqui Fletcher and Mary Rose Fawkes are two new patrons of the charity.

The Leg Club Industry Partners (LCIP) structure enables corporate partners to be active within the Foundation and LLC network. Since the corporate partnership model began, a collaborative, philanthropic approach to educational marketing and effective communications strategies has developed. Activities range from providing educational grants (enabling the Foundation to produce public health information), to industry's active participation in the Leg Club conference workshops. The LCIP have recently welcomed two new corporate members to the group, Smith & Nephew and Advanced Medical Solutions. A full list of the industry partners can be found at http://www.legclub.org/corporate_partners.shtml.

The LCIP has also allowed the development of an innovative, online teaching programme available via

the LLC's website in the Leg Club Learning Zone. The online learning programme is available to LLC nurses, volunteers, and LCIP. It comprises of nine modules, including the recently added lymphoedema module. Many thanks go to Haddenham Healthcare for their assistance in the development of this module.

The annual LLC conference provides a high-quality educational event for individuals with an interest in lower-limb issues. Presentations from conferences since 2009 are freely available on the LLC website. Available presentations include the 2009 introduction from LLC patron Christine Moffatt, Kath Vowden's 2010 presentation on why and when an ABPI should be undertaken, Marco Romanelli's 2011 discussion of vasculitis, and Debbie Blanchfield's experiences of setting up an LLC in Australia. Last year's contributors included Alistair McInnes delivering an informative presentation on the diabetic foot, and "chat with the expert" videos from John MacDonald on wellbeing, Karen Ousey on research, and Keith Harding on the physiology of wound healing (available at: <http://www.legclub.org/meet-the-experts.shtml>).

The conference theme for 2013 is *Caring and Sharing: Exemplary Practice in Wound Care*. The first day of the conference reflects the ethos of LLCs, is workshop based, and is presented in conjunction with the LCIP. The second day comprises stimulating and informative presentations from national and international speakers. The conference will be held in Worcester on 25–26 September 2013. I would urge healthcare practitioners to attend the event. Registration forms can be downloaded at: <http://www.legclub.org/downloads/leg-club-conference.pdf>.

A celebration for the LLC Foundation was the recent bestowing of a British Journal of Nursing Community Award on Cynthia Jones, Brecon LLC Lead Nurse (see the photograph alongside). Well done, Cynthia!

The Lindsay Leg Clubs are looking forward to a productive engagement with the recently formed commissioning groups in England. On a personal note, I am very proud of the fact that we have eight LLCs in Wales and hope this will increase in the near future.

If you would like information on how to set up a LLC, please go to <http://www.legclub.org/setup.shtml> for more information.

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Cynthia Jones, (Brecon Lindsay Leg Club Lead Nurse; pictured far right) received a British Journal of Nursing Community Award