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Lindsay Leg Club Foundation shortlisted for Health Investor Award

The Lindsay Leg Club Foundation has been shortlisted for the Third Sector Organisation of the Year Award in this year's Health Investor Awards.

The HealthInvestor Awards promote excellence and innovation in the healthcare sector and will be held in London on 27th May. The judging panel included:

- Lord Ara Darzi
- Bob Ricketts, the Department of Health's director of system management and new enterprise
- Nick Bosanquet, professor of health policy at Imperial College London
- Martin Green, chief executive, the English Community Care Association
- Susan Anderson, director of public service and skills, CBI
- David Worskett, director, NHS Partners Network

Ellie Lindsay, Leg Club Founder said: "It's not the first time the Foundation has been nominated – so our fingers are crossed for the event in May. We are obviously doing something right and making a valuable contribution to improving the lives of people with lower leg problems."

Patrons Dr Timothy Cutler MA MB BChir FRCP FLS Baroness Masham of Ilton Mr Alistair McInnes BSc(Hons) DpodM HPC Regd Professor Christine Moffatt CBE PhD MA RGN DN Professor Richard White PhD
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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

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