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Lindsay Leg Club Foundation launches updated eLearning programme

The Lindsay Leg Club Foundation (LLCF) and its Leg Club Industry Partners have launched an updated Lindsay Leg Club education programme to ensure a consistent level of training is available to all its Leg Club staff.

The LLCF Learning Zone aims to ensure all Leg Clubs and Leg Club teams have access to the same, high quality educational support giving Leg Club teams the opportunity to access the programme content at their own pace and time. Utilising this programme will help Leg Clubs maintain excellent standards of care using evidence-based practice in line with the NMC code of practice.

The programme, which is made of 11 modules and will cover everything from lower limb management to data and legal issues, is associated with a competency framework which will demonstrate learners' acquisition of knowledge and skills. It is available to everyone working at a Leg Club who is involved in lower limb management, from health care assistants to newly qualified staff.

The course has been endorsed by the Welsh Wound Innovation Centre (WWIC) and Gary Bain, also known as The Wound Guy, a renowned wound management consultant.

Mr Bain said: “It is my great privilege to be associated with the Lindsay Leg Club Foundation and to endorse the Foundation’s learning modules. The material contained within them will be of value to all clinicians.”

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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.

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