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The Lindsay Leg Club Foundation announces winner of the 2020 LCIP/World Union of Wound Healing Societies (WUWHS) Congress Scholarship

The Lindsay Leg Club Foundation has announced the winner of the collaborative Leg Club Industry Partners/WUWHS Scholarship award. The prize, to attend the WUWHS 2020 Congress, was awarded to Clare Mechen, Best Foot Forward, Poole, Dorset.

This joint award aims to support a practitioner to advance their skills and knowledge in wound care and the winner also benefits from the participation in the global WUWHS community.

Entries for the LCIP/WUWHS Scholarship Award were assessed by an independent international judging panel, renowned in the field of wound care. The judges were impressed with the high quality of entries which demonstrated the commitment to provide safe, efficient and innovative care. The panel nominated Clare Mechen for her outstanding work within the Best Foot Forward Leg Club.

The theme of the 6th WUWHS conference is “Global Healing. Changing Lives" and it will offer an extensive scientific program including numerous symposia, training sessions, workshops and focus sessions with leading international experts in the field of wound management.

The WUWHS 2020 is being held at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC) in Abu Dhabi and will be an important moment of cultural unity, networking and professional exchange for wound care specialists from around the world providing a unique opportunity for Clare Mechen to participate.

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Notes to editors:

1) Problems of the lower limb, 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, individuals often find it difficult to adhere to treatment plans, or to maintain the preventive measures needed to avert recurrence of lower limb problems or their leg 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 psychosocial Leg Club model for lower limb care is an innovative model that has been shown to improve the health and wellbeing of people with chronic lower limb 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 lower limb treatment. A Leg Club is a local partnership between practice and community nurses, patients and members of the community. Run by a committee of volunteers, 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 Trademark in the UK.

For further information about the Leg Club Foundation and Leg Clubs visit: www.legclub.org

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