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Lindsay Leg Club Foundation Patron honoured in Queen's Birthday list

Lindsay Leg Club Foundation (LLCF) patron Jacqui Fletcher has been named in HM The Queen's Birthday Honours List for 2020. She received the Officers of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for services to Wound Care Management.

In addition to her role as patron of the LLCF, Jacqui Fletcher OBE is currently Senior Clinical Advisor for the Stop the Pressure Programme (NHS England and NHS Improvement), has her own clinical consultancy business and is the clinical editor for Wounds UK Journal.

She is widely published and speaks at both national and international conferences on wound care management. She is also an advisor for the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) and actively participates in many projects for the National Institute of Health and Clinical Excellence. (NICE).

Jacqui, who is passionate about prevention of pressure ulcers and wounds in general, said: "I'm delighted to have been awarded an OBE for service to wound care and grateful to everyone who has helped me on my tissue viability journey. It's fantastic that wound care is being recognised and I hope we can keep its profile up."

Ellie Lindsay OBE, Lifetime president, The Lindsay Leg Club Foundation, said: "We are thrilled for Jacqui, who is so deserving of this honour. Her experience

and input as patron for the Lindsay leg Club Foundation has been invaluable and her dedication to shining a light on wound care, particularly during this difficult time in healthcare, is inspirational."

Jacqui Fletcher OBE was one of the many health and social care workers who made up 14% of the 2020 honour's list. It was delayed this year to take into consideration additional recipients whose award has been made based on their exceptional contribution to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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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 the individuals' own homes by district nurses or by practice nurses in GP surgeries. However, people 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 and foot conditions. Recent findings from Leg Club data analysis has identified that potential savings could be made by healthcare providers in relation to their wound care budget. A Leg Club is a local partnership between practice and community nurses, patients and 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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