



Associate Parliamentary Limb Loss Group

for the promotion within Parliament and Whitehall of the prevention of limb loss and the provision of prosthetic, orthotic, wheelchairs & special seating, and other vital rehabilitation services/technologies for all persons with limb loss in the United Kingdom and Internationally.

NEWSLETTER

Another most constructive well attended meeting of the APLLG was held at the House of Commons on 28th January. Here are some of the highlights.

An Early Day Motion was proposed to urge Her Majesty's Government to ensure that access to Prosthetic and Orthotic and Wheelchair Services in Developing Countries is mainstreamed and adequate thus enabling people with disabilities to be included in pushing Growth up the development agenda.

MPs involved include **John Battle, John Bercow, Dr. Vincent Cable, Ann Clwyd, Justine Greening, Mark Hunter.**

The following two photographs illustrate the vital need for international funding and services.



Santar from Laos



Cremilde from Mozambique

Government promises to improve understanding of **VETERANS' HEALTH NEEDS**, and to raise awareness with healthcare professionals – including drawing attention to **Priority Treatment** for Veterans with Service-attributable conditions, were discussed. **DOUG NAYSMITH MP** offered to arrange meetings with appropriate Ministers..

A Study Day, to be launched by **JUSTINE GREENING MP** at the **Douglas Bader Rehabilitation Centre**, should help enhance opportunities for recruitment and career development for **Apprentices**.

Difficulties in recruitment/retention of Prosthetists/Orthotists were again a prominent feature. It was claimed that one reason for difficulties in recruitment/retention in the South East was the **inadequate London Weighting of Salaries of BHTA Company employees**. Patients were requesting that this claim be assessed and any necessary actions taken.

The participation of **ANGELA WATKINSON MP** in a Study Day for Children with Limb Loss (congenital and acquired) & Families, planned to be held in Westminster in November, and lead by the **Harold Wood Disablement Services Centre**, was welcomed.

The support of **CAROLINE SPELMAN MP** for a Study Day for Vocational Rehabilitation planned to be held at the **West Midlands Rehabilitation Centre** in Birmingham was welcomed.

A report on “Innovations in Amputee Rehabilitation” will soon be available from the **Chartered Society of Physiotherapy**

The **College of Occupational Therapy** has launched its **Vocational Rehabilitation Strategy**. The **OT Prosthetics Group** is developing Practice Guidelines for working with lower limb amputees.

To help **Avoid Amputations**, The **Society of Chiropody & Podiatry** is seeking to spread best practices in requisite services.

On the initiative of **Lord McColl**, a **Course in Amputation** will be held at the **Royal College of Surgeons**.

The **National Wheelchair Managers Forum** is updating its Healthcare Standards for Wheelchair Services under the NHS.

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