



"This indeed is a very important issue that for quite some time hasn't been given the full attention it deserves. Upon discussion amongst the Officers of the College it has been agreed the RCGP will endorse this very worthy patient-led campaign."

**Dr Roger Neighbour – President  
Royal College of General Practitioners**



"The Royal College of Physicians is delighted to endorse the work of the Lymphoedema Support Network (LSN) in raising awareness of lymphoedema within PCTs. We believe that the work that LSN does to improve the quality of life for patients with this very debilitating condition is a vital and an invaluable source of support."

**Professor Carol Black – President  
The Royal College of Physicians**



"I wish the LSN every success and hope that the care of patients who suffer from lymphoedema radically improves as a result of its hard work and worthy endeavours."

**Beverly Malone – General Secretary  
Royal College of Nursing**



"Macmillan Cancer Relief is pleased to support the LSN in its activities to raise awareness of the devastating effects of lymphoedema. We have already funded a number of posts in acute settings/hospitals and hospices and welcome efforts to improve facilities in the community."

**Dame Gill Oliver  
Director of Service Development  
Macmillan Cancer Relief**



"I agree that for too long lymphoedema has been sidelined as an issue and Breakthrough Breast Cancer would very much welcome the opportunity to support LSN on a campaign to raise the profile of lymphoedema with PCTs."

**Delyth Morgan – Chief Executive  
Breakthrough Breast Cancer**



"The British Lymphology Society is delighted to support the LSN Campaign to target the Primary Care Trusts in an attempt to raise awareness of lymphoedema and to ensure equality of access to specialist treatment for all sufferers."

**Rebecca Billingham – Chair  
British Lymphology Society**



"There is evidence of a frequent lack of understanding by health and other professionals of the needs and experiences of many people with long-term conditions, such as lymphoedema. LMCA supports the need for more awareness of this condition, its impact on a person's quality of life and the need for specialist experience."

**David Pink – Chief Executive  
Long-Term Medical Conditions Alliance**



"ACPOPC endorses LSN's campaign, which is targeted at the PCT's, we hope that it will increase their awareness of lymphoedema and educate them in to what can be achieved by treating people with this chronic condition."

**Gillian Percy – Chair  
Association of Chartered Physiotherapists  
in Oncology and Palliative Care**

"Health economists need to measure the economic costs of lymphoedema. These would include treatment costs, including emergency admissions, and costs to patients and carers. For some, the disease could mean that they cannot work with heavy costs from long-term disability. It is likely that the disease burden for lymphoedema has been greatly under-estimated and that we could develop some cost effective treatments quite quickly for this orphan disease."

**Professor Nick Bosanquet  
Health Economist  
Imperial College, London**



"The Framework Project fully supports the work of the LSN in putting Lymphoedema on the health care agenda. We are committed to demonstrating that appropriate care should be delivered to all patients suffering from lymphoedema within Primary Care Trusts. We believe that patients can and must play an important role in shaping the way in which care is delivered and provide a unique perspective on research into the problem. Part of this work is identifying and breaking down the barriers, which prevent effective care. This has included working with the Drug Tariff reimbursement agency to allow for the availability of products within the community. The passion of the LSN to achieve appropriate care has been a major driver to us in our quest for national provision of care for lymphoedema."

**Professors Christine Moffat and Peter Franks  
The Lymphoedema Framework Project – Thames Valley University**