

# The Scottish Post Polio Network - Scottish Orthotic Conference

## Saturday 27 April 2013

To provide a platform to enable Orthotists to share ideas and experiences, with the aim of reducing the incidence and costs occurring from unused and poorly fitting orthotic appliances. It is anticipated that this will lead to less pressure on the NHS orthotic and orthopaedic services, improve the service to the patient and reduce financial waste arising from unused appliances. It is envisaged that this one-day conference will generate interest and enthusiasm for regular exchange of information among orthotists, and that the benefits of the conference will be self-evident and will result in orthotists seeking to continue to exchange information for mutual benefit.

Scottish Post Polio Network will promote the conference through the British Association of Prosthetics and Orthotics and the Long Term Conditions Alliance Scotland, as it is recognised that although Post Polio is a specific problem the provision of orthotic appliances affects people with many other long term conditions.

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## Programme

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**Opening** Mary Blackford (on behalf of Margo MacDonald)

**Introductory remarks** Scottish Post Polio Network Chairperson

**Chair** Mr Malcolm Macnicol Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon and past-President of the British Orthopaedic Association

**Facilitators** Professor Nigel Thorp and Billy Fenwick

## Speakers

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**Improving Services: "Turning the Oil Tanker"?** Professor James Hutchison, Professor of Orthopaedics University of Aberdeen

**Overview of Orthotic Services's in Scotland** Robbie Rooney, Orthotic Manager Lanarkshire

**Case Studies** compiled by Professor Nigel Thorp

**The Patient's Journey Q & A Session** Lorna Duncan, Orthotic Service Manager Tayside

**Recent Advances in Orthoses** Elaine Figgins, Reader in Orthotics University of Strathclyde

## Afternoon Session

**The Future of Orthotic Service in Scotland** Mr Alex Neil, Cabinet Secretary for Health & Wellbeing

**Relevant Gait Analysis Data** Professor Rami Abboud, Head of Department, Orthopaedic & Trauma Surgery, Director Institute of Motion Analysis & Research (IMAR)Tayside

**Finance, Quality and Technology: Can we afford to improve the service?** Chris Rowley, Orthotic Clinical Lead/Manager NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde

**Conclusion** Mr Malcolm Macnicol Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon and past-President of the British Orthopaedic Association