



## Associate Parliamentary Limb Loss Group

*for the promotion within Parliament and Whitehall, of the provision of prosthetic and other rehabilitation services to all persons suffering limb loss in the UK and internationally.*

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**Nick Clegg MP**  
**Member of Parliament for Sheffield Hallam**

### **SHEFFIELD MP PRAISES LIMB LOSS TRIUMPHS AND SERVICES**



Nick Clegg MP for Sheffield Hallam has followed up his membership of the new All Party Parliamentary Group on Limb Loss by seeing for himself the wonderful work of all the caring and skilled NHS staff, with Blatchford's limb designers, at Sheffield's special centre at the Northern General Hospital.

Nick says: "I was enormously interested to see for myself the excellent work of the Sheffield Rehabilitation Centre. The care and attention devoted to the individual needs of all the patients at the Centre was particularly impressive, as was the expert workmanship of those who design and maintain artificial limbs at the centre."

Typical of the joy brought to patients at the Centre is the following letter from a patient who has just received her new artificial hand with the unique (beautiful is not too strong a word) Cosmesis that the Centre provides:

*"As you know I collected my new artificial hand just before the New Year. I sobbed nearly all the way home. I was so happy! I have really got two hands now!! I can only imagine the work that went into the making of my hand. Nothing could have prepared me for this. The model you took from my own hand made me think it would be good but nothing could have prepared me for this - it's identical!!! The colour, the nails, even down to the knuckles and the bone on the wrist, and it even had a proper elbow. It's amazing. I've always worn a watch but I can wear rings as well now.*

*I cannot thank you all enough for choosing me to have a hand like this. Please pass my true thanks to everyone involved in the making of this for me; I am so very truly grateful.*

*If you ever required someone to promote these hands I would jump at the chance. I am just so happy; Put's a whole new meaning to Happy New Year."*

Double amputee Advisor to the Parliamentary Group Sam Gallop comments: *"We are all most grateful to Nick for his caring interest and support. If it were not for the skills of the wonderful people at Centres like Sheffield, we amputees would all be trapped at home with minimal independence. They enable us to get mobile and to stay mobile and to reach out to help others as we are being helped. It is good to have Nick on our side."*

Dr. Dippak Datta  
(centre with tie)  
and the team at Sheffield  
Rehabilitation Centre.

