



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 UK and Internationally.

News Release

MARK HUNTER MP SETS THE PACE!

Concern for Veterans and for Constituents who Lose Limbs



(L-R) Mark Hunter MP, Bryn Clegg (PACE patient), Carolyn Hirons (PACE Physiotherapist) & Dr Ernest Van Ross (Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine)

Mark Hunter, Cheadle MP and Vice Chair of the Associate Parliamentary Limb Loss Group, has again visited PACE Rehabilitation the innovative healthcare company reaching out worldwide from its Cheadle HQ to care for veterans and for people in his Constituency, and beyond, who have had their upper and/or lower limbs amputated.

Mark Hunter MP says, "PACE is one of the UK's leaders in this healthcare field. Because of PACE, through the introduction of double amputee veteran Sam Gallop CBE, I joined the Associate Parliamentary Limb Loss Group. I'm very keen to support and sustain this important area of health services".

"People who go through horrific incidents and lose limbs must have the most up-to-date technology and the highest level of both physical and psychological support and therapies. They get this from PACE's wide range of skilled and caring healthcare professionals who are second to none".

"There has rightly been much focus on men and women from the Army, the Navy and the Air Force who have lost their lives in the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. We must also not forget the many who have returned and will continue to return home with life-long injuries such as limb-loss. Like Bryn, they put their lives on the line to protect our security. They deserve the best treatment possible. PACE's close connections with serving and ex-military amputees gives and reinforces the specialist care they need."

“PACE is not here for the short-term. Like an amputation PACE is with us for the long-term as is evident from their commitment, which I welcome, to the recruitment and training of Apprentices in Skills for Health at both Cheadle and their other important centre, ably led by Jamie Gillespie in Chesham.”



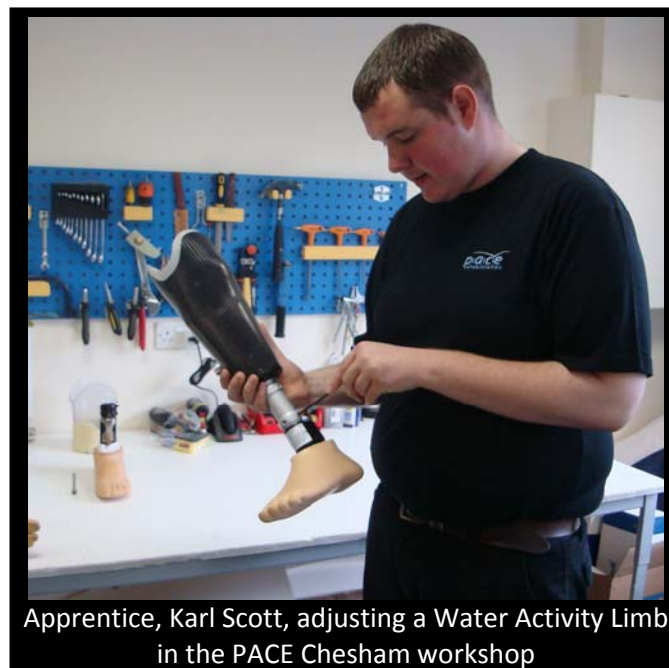
Trainee Technician Mike Merrington demonstrates a prosthesis to Mark Hunter MP



Nigel Firth (PACE Head Technician) demonstrating a knee unit to Mark Hunter MP

During his visit Mark also met trainee Technician Mike Merrington, who recently completed his Level 2 NVQ in Assembly & Manufacture. Head Prosthetic Technician Nigel Firth explains;

“It has been good to see Mike learn and develop since joining us. This qualification is a great achievement for him. Mike is the first PACE Apprentice to achieve this qualification...Karl Scott at Chesham is progressing successfully on a similar course.”



Apprentice, Karl Scott, adjusting a Water Activity Limb in the PACE Chesham workshop

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