

**Reclaimed Identities:  
Contemporary practice in personal injury/medical negligence  
Thursday 19th September 2019, Burnley Football Club, Burnley**

**Summary, Accounts & Feedback**

**Summary**

In collaboration with OT Solutions, EmSEVEN were delighted to organised their second annual conferencing /training event in support of LimbPower. LimbPower is the National Disability Sports Organisation that supports amputees and the limb impaired to reach their sporting potential. The charity's mission is to engage amputees and the limb impaired in regular and sustained participation in recreational and competitive sport and the arts, to improve their quality of life and aid physical, social and psychological rehabilitation.

The event offered an opportunity for professional networking and to engage developments in contemporary practice within the field of personal injury/medical negligence.

A total of £3277.77 was donated to LimbPower. EmSEVEN and OT Solutions would like to thank everybody who presented/attended and supported this hugely successful event. Thank you.

**Accounts**

The following table gives a summary of monies taken, expenditure and balance donated to LimbPower.

	<b>Monies in (£)</b>	<b>Monies out (£)</b>	<b>Balance (£)</b>
Income received from delegates, exhibitors and advertisers	5645.00		
Burnley Football Club		1625.00	
Name Tags & Programmes		412.23	
APIL: event fee & accreditation (inc. VAT) APIL: accreditation annual assessment fee (inc. VAT).		330.00	
<b>Total</b>	5645.00	2367.23	3277.77
Balance donated to LimbPower			3277.77

**Feedback**

Sixty-eight people subscribed to attend the event. With the exception of one, all attended. Delegates represented a broad range of professions and allied services, and speakers also included clients with lived experience. This feedback is based upon hard-copy feedback sheets that were completed on the day (n=31) which represents a return of 46% (a response rate in keeping with a figure of 41% from last year).

Feedback sheets presented 7 items in terms of a 4-point Likert scale. All questions were answered by all respondents. Space was left for respondents to comment upon areas they felt could be improved upon, and to indicate which areas they felt were of particular benefit to their practice.

Overall, a positive response to the conference was made, with at least 83% of respondents indicating a measure of 'excellent' across the 7 items, and 97% indicating a measure of 'good' or above (either 'good' or 'excellent'). This is an impressive record which builds upon the 2018 conference.

#### *Specific comments*

More detailed analysis of the feedback suggests that over 90% (n=28) felt that the conference was well-organised, and 100% (n=31) indicated that it was organised to a good standard or above. Organisation was also positively indicated in the comments section.

Likewise, all respondents indicated their positive response to the presenter's knowledge, with 100% (n=31) reporting that this was to a good standard or above. Indeed, over 90% (n=29) rated this to be of an excellent standard. The expertise of invited speakers, and this includes the expertise of those with lived experience, was also noted in the comments section.

Just short of 97% (n=30) felt that the invited speakers set out their material in an interesting manner, to a standard that was good or above. 100% (n=31) of respondents reported that the material presented was both relevant to practice and helpful. Indeed, there was a broad range of commentary to this effect. Some respondents found individual speaker's material helpful in terms of generating innovative insights into different (often novel) therapy / equipment / treatment options. Other respondents found the specific detail surrounding relevant topics to be helpful.

As with the 2018 conference, the feedback from respondents at this year's conference made reference to the helpfulness of being able to listen and learn from those with lived experience, and the particular insights that clients were able to bring to the day. The use of case studies and a visible person-centred approach was also commented upon.

The majority of respondents (>90%; n=29) found the facilities to be of a good or excellent standard. That said, there was one issue reported concerning access to a power source, and one issue pertaining to the audio/visual output. This latter point was reported last year and the organisers were able to go some way to offset any problems in this regard.

Over 90% (n=28) rated the conference as 'excellent' in achieving its purpose, rising to 100% (n=31) who rated this as good or above. Further evidence from the comments suggest that respondents found much value in the opportunity to network, make (local/regional) contacts and engage collegial discussion. All respondents (100%; n=31) indicated that the event met their expectations and rated the good (13%; n=13) or excellent (87%; n=27).

This venue has been chosen for the second year running, and the learning from last year in terms of the layout and broader options available was put to good use this year. Whilst offering relatively good access via primary routes, the venue also allows the organisers the judicious balance of being able to meet expected conferencing standards whilst at the same time maximizing a charitable donation, as this year has shown.

The organisers of this event (EmSEVEN and OT Solutions) are most appreciative of the support received before, during and after the event, and would like to say thank-you to all concerned. Thank you.