



**The British Association of
Prosthetics and Orthotics**



PROTEZ HUB

International collaboration – joint statement

The British Association of Prosthetics and Orthotics (BAPO) and Protez Hub are pleased to announce a new international partnership focused on strengthening the prosthetic and orthotic profession worldwide. Across borders and healthcare systems, the prosthetic and orthotic workforce face common pressures, made more urgent by the staggering number of people living with limb loss and limb difference as a result of conflict. This collaboration brings both organisations together to respond collectively to these challenges through shared learning, advocacy, professional recognition, and the promotion of high standards of care.

Dr Nicky Eddison, Chair of BAPO, said:

“Our profession carries a growing responsibility in a world where conflict continues to leave many people with life changing injuries. By working with Protez Hub we can share expertise, collaborate on global issues impacting our members, and advocate for the workforce needed to deliver high quality prosthetic and orthotic care to those who depend on it”.

Antonina Kumka, Chief Director of Protez Hub, said:

“The scale of limb loss caused by conflict demands a united response. No single organisation or country can meet this need alone. Through collaboration, we are strengthening global cooperation, amplifying the voice of the prosthetic and orthotic workforce, and helping ensure essential care reaches the people whose lives and independence depend on it”.

BAPO and Protez Hub will collaborate on initiatives that support education, professional development, raise the profile of prosthetics and orthotics, and recognise the life changing impact prosthetics and orthotics has on millions of people worldwide.

The collaboration reflects the shared commitment to coming together in the face of growing global need, ensuring prosthetic and orthotic services are available, sustainable, valued, and capable of meeting the needs of our communities.