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### THYROID UK IS NOW A REGISTERED CHARITY

Thyroid UK has been working towards registered charity status for some time and after a lot of work, they have now achieved this.

Thyroid UK's objects are:

The relief of sickness of persons suffering from thyroid disease and related areas, for the benefit of the public, particularly but not exclusively by:

- (a) providing information and support to sufferers of thyroid disease
- (b) promoting public awareness in regard to thyroid disorders
- (c) acting as a resource centre and disseminating information
- (d) encouraging scientific research for the education, alleviation, care, treatment and cure of thyroid disease
- (e) raising funds needed to achieve the stated objectives.

“Achieving registered charity status will mean that we will be seen as a more professional organisation and also that more funds will become available to us to achieve our objects,” says Lyn Mynott, Chief Executive.

Thyroid UK has recently been chosen by the Department of Health from over 120 applications to participate in the testing phase of a new scheme to ensure good quality information across the health and social care sector. Thyroid UK is the second largest thyroid charity in the UK and is an independent organization - run by patients for patients.

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#### Note to the Editor:

Lyn Mynott was ill for 15 years without knowing what was wrong. Finally, after a thyroidectomy and treatment with thyroxine, she started to get well again. She began campaigning for better treatment and

started a small support group meeting in her living room. After appearing on BBC Watchdog Healthcheck in 1999, she was inundated with emails and phone calls which spurred her on to set up Thyroid UK.