

# NKF In Touch with KPAs

Information from The National Kidney Federation – supporting kidney patients, their friends & family

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Welcome to the October edition of NKF In Touch with KPAs newsletter. Please forward any articles etc that you would like sharing via the next newsletter to Andrea Brown [andrea@kidney.org.uk](mailto:andrea@kidney.org.uk) by 10<sup>th</sup> November.



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## Who NKF seeks to influence:

NHS England  
NHSBT  
Department of Health  
Government Ministers  
Welsh Government  
Northern Ireland Assembly  
Scottish Executive  
All Party Parliamentary  
Kidney Group  
Trusts and Hospitals

## Action Point



## PART TIME ADVOCACY OFFICER – POST REF PTNW

Closing date for application is 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Home based (travel required) - Area North West England

Salary £10,411 per annum

An exciting opportunity has arisen to work as Regional Advocacy Officer for the North West of England. The National Kidney Federation (NKF) wishes to appoint an enthusiastic and ambitious individual who has excellent communication skills and the ability to work with peers, Trusts and health organisations throughout the area. The successful applicant will join our team of experienced Advocacy Officers. Full training will be provided. The position will be home based, but extensive travel may be required. Knowledge of the charity and kidney patient issues would be advantageous.

Applicants must be well versed in using Microsoft Office – Word, Excel and Outlook, be able to drive and own a suitable vehicle.

A full job description and person specification are available from our Headquarters at National Kidney Federation, The Point, Coach Road, Shireoaks, Worksop, Nottinghamshire, S81 8BW, or by email at [nkf@kidney.org.uk](mailto:nkf@kidney.org.uk). The position is subject to a DBS check being carried out prior to commencement.

Applications by CV with covering letter should be marked for the attention of Timothy F Statham OBE and sent to the address listed above, clearly marked 'Advocacy Application' with the post reference (PTNW) on the application

## Information from the Royal College of Physicians



# Royal College of Physicians

**Are you interested in improving health services for people with long term conditions?**

We are looking for people with chronic, long-term conditions (i.e. on-going symptoms or need for treatment) and/or their carers to contribute to a meeting to ensure that the patient information recorded about them meets their needs.

It will involve coming to a workshop and working in small groups to comment on draft documents. We are interested in your experiences as a patient/carer however you will not need to share any personal or private medical information.

Lunch will be provided and we will pay for travel expenses to/from the venue which will be in London. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

The workshop will be held on 13 November, from 1pm-4pm at the Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrew's Place, London, NW1 4LE.

If you are interested in getting involved, please email **Darren Wooldridge** at [darren.wooldridge@rcplondon.ac.uk](mailto:darren.wooldridge@rcplondon.ac.uk), phone him on 0203 075 1484 or write to him at Health Informatics Unit, Royal College of Physicians, 1 St Andrew's Place, London NW1 4LE.



**Do you have unanswered questions about Kidney Transplantation?**

**Help shape future research. We would like to hear from Clinicians and patients, their families and carers who are**

- Transplant recipients
- On the transplant waiting list
- Living kidney donors

**Bringing together patients, carers and clinicians to prioritise future research in kidney transplantation.**

**We want to improve care and outcomes for people waiting for, or who have had, a kidney transplant or who have been living donors. We know that many people have important questions about kidney transplantation and we want to find out what they are. We want to use these questions to set priorities for research that will improve care for this group of patients.**

**We would like to hear from patients, their families and carers, living donors and clinicians with experience of kidney transplantation, the transplant list or living donation.**

**Please think about your own experiences of kidney transplantation and fill in our quick and simple online survey. It should take you about 10 minutes to complete.**

**Complete your survey now: [www.transplantpsp.org/kidney/survey](http://www.transplantpsp.org/kidney/survey)**

**If you would prefer a paper version to return by post, please email us at [kidney@transplantpsp.org](mailto:kidney@transplantpsp.org) or phone Sandra Regan, Oxford JLA coordinator, on 01865 223298.**

# THE 2014 NKF ANNUAL PATIENTS' CONFERENCE BLACKPOOL

Taking  
control



NKF would like to thank everyone who participated in and attended the Annual Conference in Blackpool last weekend. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and successful event attended by many.

The information, pictures, speaker's presentations and much more are/will be available on NKF website [www.kidney.org.uk](http://www.kidney.org.uk)

## Commissioning of Dialysis Services

*NHS England Commissioning intentions were published on 3rd October*

*Please view the Commissioning Intentions document [here](#)*

*<http://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/comms-intents-2015-16.pdf>*

*As NKF had anticipated there is a plan to cease Commissioning Dialysis as a "Specialised Service" and instead devolve commissioning responsibility to Clinical Commissioning Group consortia (CCG's)*

*In the past NKF has always resisted such a move, however NKF has been promised full consultation in the coming months and we approach these potential changes with a cautious but open mind.*

*It would be helpful to the NKF if all those with an interest in Dialysis, read the Intentions document carefully, then fed their views back to*

*Timothy F Statham OBE (NKF CEO) at [tim.statham@btinternet.com](mailto:tim.statham@btinternet.com) so that NKF can make submissions that reflect the widest perspective - either good or bad.*

*Please do not leave this to others - it is your service and such major changes matter.*

*Please keep checking back to the NKF website [www.kidney.org.uk](http://www.kidney.org.uk) for the latest news.*

## **NKF Head Office**

I would like to inform you that Margaret Parkin (NKF Office Manager at Worksop) has now left the employment of this Charity, and leaves with our best wishes. Until a permanent replacement is made Andrea Brown (currently Assistant Office Manager), will be temporary Acting Office Manager, with all the authority and responsibility of NKF Office Manager.

Timothy F Statham OBE, Chief Executive, NKF

## **JOY FOR CAMPBELTOWN PATIENTS**

The NKF are delighted to report that for the patients from the Mull of Kintyre who endure a thrice weekly perilous journey to Glasgow for dialysis, (as reported in Kidney Life), their nightmare should soon be over.

For them, the three and a half hour each way journey will hopefully end in early Spring when a dialysis unit will open in the town's hospital.

NHS Highland have committed to start the conversion within the hospital immediately and tenders for the work will be out within the month.

The campaign to have a unit within Campbeltown Hospital was orchestrated and guided by the NKF, ably assisted by the local campaign committee, led by Donald Kelly, Chairman. However a great deal of credit goes to NHS staff within Campbeltown Hospital who worked tirelessly to ensure this unit became a reality.

Finance remains an issue as this unit is going ahead in a timescale that falls outwith normal budgeting and lead times for new projects, leaving the campaign committee a great deal of work to do to raise the money to fund this unit.

Applications are being made to Trusts and Charities to cover the cost of the conversion work and Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board have kindly offered two machines and two chairs on loan to keep initial costs down.

The NKF are delighted with this outcome and delighted the patients will have dialysis on their doorstep.



With Christmas just around the corner NKF would like to remind you that we recycle postage stamps to raise vital funds. At this time of the year we receive more and more post so please remember to cut off the stamps for kidney patients. You can send your stamps to: Stamps N All, Dept NKF, PO Box 245, Plymouth, PL5 2WX or if your collection is over 10kg please telephone 0845 257 0813, Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

## Christmas 2014



Thanks to those of you who have already placed your Christmas orders. We have had a fantastic response. HQ is very busy with many orders arriving daily via our web shop, post and telephone. Please don't be disappointed place your orders as soon as possible as stock of some items is running low.



## Choctober

A massive thank you to those of you who are taking part in the NKF Choctober Challenge. It is proving to be a very successful event and we look forward to it growing year on year! To donate to NKF text **CHOC03 to 70070**



## Lottery

For just £1 per week you will be allocated a six digit Unity lottery number and be in with a chance of winning up to £25,000 and many other prizes every week. NKF receive profits directly from the number of lottery players we recruit, so we need your support. Contact Pete Revell for further information. Entrants must be over 16 years of age

**NKF Cash Prize Draw – Don't forget to return your draw ticket stubs to the office along with the remittance. There are 13 prizes in total!!! 1<sup>st</sup> prize £2000**

**The winning tickets will be drawn on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like extra tickets please contact the office.**

**Your KPA could receive 60% of the ticket price by selling tickets on our behalf, contact the office for your supply of draw tickets. The KPA draw tickets are a different colour (orange).**

[www.kidney.org.uk](http://www.kidney.org.uk)

*The NKF - the largest Kidney Patient charity in the UK*  
*A federation of more than fifty patient charities, supporting kidney patients & carers*

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