

Newsletter 3 – July 2017

An update on progress



Kidney Quality Improvement Partnership developing regional activity, a faculty and leadership training opportunities for the renal community

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Welcome to the third newsletter from KQuIP. KQuIP continues to gain real momentum, strongly supporting quality improvement in the UK kidney community.

Here are the highlights of recent activities and developments

- **Regional Days.** The UK Renal Registry and KQuIP are arranging regional audit and quality improvement days. Kidney Care UK (formally BKPA) has provided funding to support the regional activity through a Project Manager to support regions. To find out more about what's happening within the regions please visit the KQuIP website [here](#). In summary:
 1. **West Midlands** - The first KQuIP/UKRR regional day was held on 23rd March and was very successful. Renal units defined their QI leads (Medics and MPT) and chose Home Therapies and AKI Network as the key focus. To find out more please visit the KQuIP website [here](#).
 2. **Yorkshire and the Humber** - 6th July. The region has been working closely with the UKRR and KQuIP to ensure this will be a successful day. The agenda has a clear QI theme focusing on the KQuIP National Priority projects. There has been some great progress made and the region is really looking forward to the day. There is a real spotlight on this day for registrar involvement. Find out more [here](#).
 3. **East Midlands** - The East Midlands have identified the 12th September as their regional day. KQuIP is working to support the region in implementing an action plan. Further details will be posted online when available.
 4. **Greater Manchester and Lancashire** – The final region for 2017 is Greater Manchester and Lancashire and KQuIP is currently working to support the region in securing a date in November and has started to develop and implement an action plan. Further details will be posted online shortly.
- **2018 and Future Regions** - KQuIP have now started to think about regional activity for 2018 and in the first instance have made contact with Wales regarding a regional day early next year. KQuIP will be looking for expressions of interest from any regions interested. Please contact james.mccann@renalregistry.nhs.uk for further information or please visit the KQuIP website [here](#).
- **KQuIP's Priority projects.** Following input from the renal community KQuIP will be focusing on three priority areas for national quality improvement projects. These projects are all at different stages of development and further details on each one can be found [here](#).
 1. **Transplant First** has been developed in the West Midlands under KQuIP. The project is being packaged to provide resources to enable other interested regions the option to adapt and embed. All project documentation including a useful case study can be found [here](#). KQuIP has also set up and will support a regional education and audit day focusing on Transplant First in July within the West Midlands.

2. **Home Therapies** - KQuIP has now set up a steering group including members from the UK Dialysis Conference group and is working towards the development and delivery of a home therapies national project with the emphasis on spread and sustainability once launched. The project will be launched in September 2017 at the next UK Dialysis conference. Further details will be posted on the KQuIP website [here](#).
 3. **MAGIC - Managing Access by Generating Improvements in Cannulation (previously named Vascular Access)** – This is a joint project between the BRS VA Special Interest group and the Vascular Access Society for Britain and Ireland (VASBI). KQuIP will support the development of this project along with the spread and sustainability once launched. For more information on MAGIC visit the KQuIP website [here](#).
- **Developing the KQuIP Faculty.** KQuIP are currently looking to develop a KQuIP Faculty which will include multi-disciplinary professionals as well as patients. The focus of the faculty will be to build leadership and improvement skills across the renal community to support the embedding of QI into daily practice. Further information will be added to the website shortly. Watch this space!
 - **KQuIP presence at UKKW and BRS.** KQuIP has had a busy presence at both the UKKW and BRS events this year with presentations at both events and also a presence on the UK Renal Registry Stand. If you visited us at the stand and need any further information please visit the KQuIP website [here](#).
 - **The KQuIP Hub.** The ongoing development of the KQuIP Hub will help us to spread and share good practice and to learn from each other. It is an expanding repository of QI initiatives, education, abstracts, case studies, projects and practical advice on, ‘how do I start or develop a QI project in my unit’. The KQuIP hub can be found [here](#). We have just recently added renal specific resources that could help others with the measurement aspects for their local quality improvement projects.
 - **KQuIP Workstreams.** KQuIP has successfully delivered on a number of its start-up phase workstreams which have now closed. This has provided an opportunity to realign and focus on three areas; Development (Led by Richard Fluck and Daljit Hothi), Projects (Led by Hugh Gallagher) and Measurement and Understanding (Led by Katie Fielding). More information on these workstreams can be found [here](#).
 - **Renal Leadership Training.** KQuIP has identified an excellent 2 day leadership course which is highly evaluated in Leadership Development. The course, entitled Leading People, will aim to develop the self-awareness, effective behaviours, leadership skills and understanding to become competent, confident and resilient senior leaders of Renal Services. A communication has gone out to individuals and further details of this course and any future relevant opportunities can be found [here](#).

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