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Dear Colleague

Challenges facing Living Donor Kidney Transplantation in the UK

I am pleased to send you a copy of a Discussion Paper on Challenges facing LDKT in the UK. NKF is very concerned about the downward trend in the number of live kidney transplants in the UK and wishes to initiate a national debate on this matter. We need to understand the reasons for the drop in numbers over the last three years, consider what more needs to be done to address these and highlight good practice. I am requesting you to consider the Discussion Paper and submit your views to the NKF by the end of August 2017.

The Discussion Paper has been developed by Kirit Modi, Life Vice-President of the NKF, on behalf of the NKF. We are most grateful for the input and support of a number of colleagues in the development of the paper. However, the views expressed are of the NKF.

Once we had had responses from the kidney community, we will request the All Party Parliamentary Kidney Group to arrange a Summit on Living Donation, sometime in the Autumn of 2017. This Summit will hear from a range of experts on Living Donation and we plan to publish a Manifesto on Living Donation, setting our recommendations for meeting the challenges we face. .

I would be most grateful if you would submit your response to the Discussion Paper to Andrea Brown at [nkf@kidney.org.uk](mailto:nkf@kidney.org.uk) by the end of August 2017.

With many thanks.

Yours sincerely

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