

NKF In Touch

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

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Welcome to the NKF In Touch newsletter for October 2016.
Please forward any articles etc that you would like sharing via the next newsletter to Andrea Brown andrea@kidney.org.uk by 10th November.



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Who NKF seeks to influence:
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NHSBT
NICE
Department of Health
Government Ministers
Welsh Government
Northern Ireland Assembly
Scottish Government
All Party Parliamentary
Kidney Group
Trusts and Hospitals

Action Point

NKF CEO – Timothy Statham – change of details

Timothy Statham (NKF CEO) has relocated to Northamptonshire and the following work contact details come into immediate effect – please amend your records and distribution lists.

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NKF Conference, Blackpool 2016



Conference Sponsors

We would like to thank everyone that attended the NKF Conference at Hilton Blackpool Hotel last weekend for making the Conference a very successful event.

We would also like to thank our sponsors, Renal Services and NxStage for their support in providing vital sponsorship to enable the NKF to provide this Conference to you all. A big thank you also, to the speakers for giving up their valuable time to share their experiences with us all.

We have received very good feedback and we shall be listening to it all. The Conference Committee and NKF staff will start planning the 2017 Conference next month and we will share the details as soon as we have them.

All of the speakers presentations will be available as listen again on our website very soon, along with the photographs www.kidney.org.uk

The photography was very kindly supplied by Mr Keith Pennington – thank you very much for your valuable time also Keith.

We look forward to seeing you all next year.



NKF CEO – Timothy Statham



NKF Chairman – David Marshall



Transforming Participation in CKD Programme – UKRR Patient Survey Results on Patient View

The TP-CKD is rapidly gaining momentum and we want to tell you about the exciting progress being made.

The TP-CKD programme is about supporting and helping patients with kidney problems to develop the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to be involved in actively managing their own health care. This is known as patient activation. We are also interested in understanding how kidney problems affect the way people with CKD live their lives.

Kidney patients from 10 renal units have completed the 'Your Health Survey' which measures how involved they feel they are with their own health care, what symptoms they have and how they feel they are managing their day to day life.

One important thing patients involved in this programme have told us is that they really want to see the results of the survey. We know that often this doesn't happen and so people tend to lose the sense of involvement and connection with projects.

The TP-CKD team is delighted that the results of the 'Your Health Survey' can be viewed on Patient View screens. The hope is that this will encourage patients who completed the surveys, and who are on PV, to access the screens and read their results. We're reminding patients that their results with a poster which will be in patient areas in the units taking part. Using PV to report results has great potential and can help patients lead and change conversations for a more person centred approach.

I would urge you to go onto PV and see what is available and encourage as many people as possible to register. If you are unable to access PV but took part in the survey, ask your clinical teams for the results as they have been made available to them.

For more information on the programme please visit the Think Kidneys Transforming Participation in CKD website [here](#).



Information from NKF**Helpline** **KEEPING YOUR HOME WARM THIS WINTER**



Warm Home Discount and Broader Groups Scheme

The colder months are upon us so don't forget to check with your electricity supplier to see if you are eligible for a one off payment of £140 towards your energy bill.

The Warm Home Discount applies to two groups:

- a) The Core group are households that receive the guarantee element of Pension Credit. In most cases, these households will be identified automatically by the supplier and won't need to apply for it.
- b) The Broader group are customers in vulnerable groups. Each supplier has its own eligibility criteria, which are approved by the regulator Ofgem.

Is the Warm Home Discount only for pensioners?

No. Energy companies pay the Warm Home Discount to a broader group of people who struggle to pay energy bills. Gas and electricity suppliers have a degree of discretion over which of their customers make up the broader group and how many to help, based on their market share. The participating suppliers have had their own sets of eligibility criteria approved by Ofgem and have a limit on the number of customers who can benefit. Consumers who may be eligible could include those on low income with a disability, long-term illness, with young children or in receipt of certain means-tested benefits.

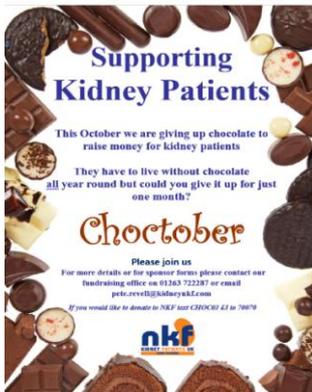
If you already receive this but wish to change supplier, be careful as the actual criteria used will vary depending on which electricity supplier you are with.

Customers of smaller energy companies should check with their supplier to see if they offer the Warm Home Discount Scheme.

Please note that the Home Heat Helpline closed on 30th June 2016.



NKF Fundraising

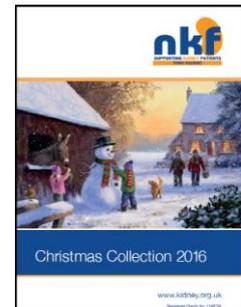


Thank you to everyone who is taking part in the **Choctober Challenge 2016**.

It may be very difficult to give chocolate up for a month but just think of all the kidney patients that are not allowed any chocolate any time of the year. You will be pleased to know so far we have raised £2,300 – please keep going !

NKF Christmas Cards

Christmas is just around the corner now and sales of our Christmas cards are increasing by the day – you can order your cards by calling the office on 01909 54499 or go to our web site and have a look at the great selection we offer this year www.charitycardsonline.com/nkf



Christmas PRIZE DRAW

Don't forget to return your sold draw tickets ready for the Christmas draw on 7th December – you never know you could be the winner of £2,000!

Thank you to those of you who have already sent ticket stubs back and a special thanks to those who added a donation. If you would like more draw tickets or did not receive any, please call 01909 544999.

Please remember to inform the office if you have or are about to change your address.

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