

NKF In Touch

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

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Welcome to the first edition of NKF In Touch with KPAs newsletter for 2015. NKF hopes you all had a wonderful Christmas. Please forward any articles etc that you would like sharing via the next newsletter to Andrea Brown andrea@kidney.org.uk by 10th February.



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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

KPA day 2015



Dear Colleagues

KPA Day 2015 Millennium Room, Arden Hotel, Nr Birmingham: - 10.15 am – 4.00 pm

I am very pleased to invite you to our third KPA day, following the success of last years. The KPA Day for 2015 will take place on 28 March 2015, between 10.15am and 4.00pm, and will be held at the Arden Hotel. The format of the day will be as last year, and a programme is attached. We will, of course, send out further details about our AGM and the Council meeting to you.

Attendance is open to anyone interested and I am hoping we will have at least one representative from each KPA at this meeting. There will be no cost for attending the day.

However, NKF will not pay for any travel or other costs for KPA representatives. There is no limit on the number of people attending from any KPA, and representatives from KPAs, which are not members of the NKF, are welcome to attend. I would be grateful if you would complete the attached attendance sheet, and return it to Andrea Brown by email at nkf@kidney.org.uk or by post as soon as possible but no later than 9th March, 2015.

Travelling to the venue is fairly easy.

By Car - enter this code into your SATNAV - B92 0ED (ignore the postal code of the Hotel)

The nearest Railway Station is – Birmingham International (not Birmingham New Street) - only 2 minutes Taxi drive to the hotel.

See map for Pedestrian access to the Hotel from the Railway Station (5 to 10 min walk).

With many thanks,



Kirit Modi
Chairman, NKF.

Information

NKF Conference 2015 – Living life to the full

NKF is pleased to announce that this years Patients' Conference will be held at the Hilton Reading Hotel.



The conference will take place on 9th to 11th October 2015. Save the date in your diaries, we hope to see you all there.

INFORMATION FROM NKF **HELPLINE**

Helpline Patient Information

The NKF medical information on our website is reviewed every two years by our medical specialists under a strict Document Control System. Currently we are awaiting several reviews and, therefore, a lot of information is marked with a warning saying "This information may be out of date."

As soon as reviews are received all amendments and updates will be made to both the website information and the paper leaflets to ensure that all medical information provided by the NKF is current and up to date. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause during the review period.





This year World Kidney Day is Thursday March 12th a day when kidney disease and organ donation can be highlighted to the outside world and a chance to raise money for the NKF and KPA's. World Kidney Day materials will be available via the web site www.worldkidneyday.co.uk/ if you are organising an event or you need help please contact us nkfadmin@kidney.org.uk

NKF Fundraising



In the past two weeks we have had two of our supporters become winners in the Unity lottery, if you would like a chance of winning and help support the NKF please visit their web site <http://www.unitylottery.co.uk/charity/display/national-kidney-federation> or call our head office and we can send an application form out to you and you could win up to £25,000

Last year the NKF saw a record amount of people taking part in sponsored events to raise vital funds for the charity, this year we want to encourage even more people to go that extra mile so we can support kidney patient's right across the UK.

On our web site at www.kidney.org.uk/fundraising/ you will find a vast range of events, if you're into cycling 2015 offers so many different events and dates including a special event organised by a lady who donated one of her kidneys to her husband – this cycling event is from Paris to Cambridge. We also offer a very popular London to Paris ride that has been reduced in price and has a few dates to choose from.

As you will see from our web site we offer so much from cycling, running, walking and even a tough mudder event but if you fancy organising your own event however large or small our events team are on hand to offer you support, advice and take any hassle out of the planning side. Everyone who raises money for the NKF receives a fundraising pack that includes sponsor forms, promotional material and a guide to setting up a Just Giving Page.

Please call the Fundraising office on 01263 722287.



Please help us reach out to more kidney patients – if you receive a local magazine/newspaper please send the name of the publication along with the contact details to HQ or by email to nkfadmin@kidney.org



NKF Sponsored Events

Are you doing anything special in 2015, how about you or a family member or friend take part in a sky dive to raise money for the NKF, parachuting is an event you will remember for ever and the good thing is you can do it from an airfield near you any time this year, Details can be found at <http://www.kidney.org.uk/.../spon.../parachuting/tandem-skydive/> or call our fundraising office on 01263 722287



**FRESENIUS
MEDICAL CARE**

NKF is very pleased to announce that Fresenius medical care have chosen the NKF as their charity for 2015, we are very much looking forward to working with all 57 renal units across the UK with their activities on World Kidney Day and throughout the year.

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*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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