

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 July 2015. Please forward any articles etc that you would like sharing via the next newsletter to Stephanie Scott stephanie@kidney.org.uk by 10th August.



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NHS England

NHSBT

Department of Health

Government Ministers

Welsh Government

Northern Ireland

Assembly

Scottish Executive

All Party Parliamentary



Action Point

NKF Conference 2015 – Living Life to the Full – Hilton Hotel Reading - Berkshire

RENAL SERVICES
INDEPENDENT DIALYSIS



CENTRES

NKF Conference Sponsors

Every year the conference attracts the very best, knowledgeable and highly respected speakers who want to share with us up-to-the-minute news on developments in our care and well being. It is proving to be very popular! A booking form and further information has been attached to this newsletter for your convenience and can be found in the last edition of *Kidney Life*, please IGNORE the dress code stated there's really no need for tuxedos and cocktail dresses smart attire will do! Don't delay, book today! Bookings can be made over the phone 01909 544999 or online www.kidney.org.uk



PART TIME ADVOCACY OFFICER – POST REF PTNW

Home based (travel required) - Area North West England
Salary £10,567 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. 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

NKF are pleased to announce that they have a new member joining the staff team at Head Quarters. Andrea Goodall will be joining the team as part time Helpline Administrator on 20th July. NKF welcome Andrea and wish her every success in her new role.

Please help



Unfortunately, many copies of Kidney Life are returned to the office by Royal Mail 'undelivered' and some households receive more than one copy! Please help us keep the costs down by informing the office of any change of address or any duplicate copies you may be receiving. We do our best to maintain a 'healthy' database.

However, due to data protection renal units are not allowed to inform us of deaths or of new patients. If you know of anyone who would like to receive a copy of Kidney Life please send their details to HQ. If you know of any deceased patients please let us know, with your help we may spare further upset. Thanks.

Calling all transplant patients

- Have you had issues with late or incorrect delivery of your immunosuppression medication?
- Do you ever have long waiting times to collect your medication from the hospital pharmacy?



We want to hear from you.

Please help us to understand more about how you receive your immunosuppression medication by completing a 2 minute survey available on the NKF website @ <http://www.kidney.org.uk/home/news-2/transplanted-patients-safety-survey/>

This survey was made possible through support from Astellas Pharma Ltd
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Advocacy Services

Western Sussex Hospitals 
NHS Foundation Trust



Clinicians at Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust have collaborated with Patienttrack to develop a system that systematically identifies and flags patients who are at risk of developing AKI (Acute Kidney Injury) as well as those who already have the condition, so that early interventions can be made to prevent and manage it.

The AKI warning and alerting system uses a ground-breaking clinically developed algorithm that is combined with other data to risk score and flag patients developing or with AKI so that appropriate care packages can be immediately given to patients.

For the first time clinicians are being given complete visibility of the AKI status of all of their patients, wherever they need it.

ORGAN DONATION in BLACK & ETHNIC MINORITIES

There is an event taking place at Trident Community Enterprise Centre in Bradford on 27th July 2015, 13.00 - 16.00. It is organised being organised by Mr Mukhtar Ali who is working voluntarily with renal patients from Black, Asian and other Ethnic Minorities to promote organ donation, especially live donation.

Please contact Mukhtar directly on kingmaker786786@yahoo.co.uk for further information.

8th Annual UK Home Therapies Conference 24/25 September 2015 Manchester Venue: The Lowry, Manchester

The Eighth UK Annual conference of Home Dialysis is aimed at sharing new insights and best practice in home dialysis therapies involving all stakeholders from multidisciplinary clinical staff to academia and the industry.

We have an exciting 2 day programme which will provide a detailed overview of the current practices, new concepts in care delivery, the fundamentals, challenges and controversies essential to successfully develop and maintain an effective home dialysis program both for new, as well as expanding programs.

The sessions will also allow interactive discussion with leading international experts in the field. In addition, the exhibition will showcase the latest and emerging therapy developments in the technology products and services.

This program is intended for clinicians, nurses, fellows, administrators, policy makers, researchers and other members of the healthcare team providing dialysis care, patients and the dialysis industry. All patients and carers are welcome **free of charge** for the conference with a cost of £45 should dinner be required, hotel accommodation charges apply.

To register or for further details please contact Diane.Comer@cmft.nhs.uk as soon as possible.



Helpline – 0845 601 02 09 (free to call from UK landlines)

FREE! Food with Thought recipe book - p&p £2.50. Simple yet tasty recipes for someone on a renal diet. To receive a free copy please send a cheque made payable to NKF and send to NKF The Point, Coach Road, Shireoaks, Worksop S81 8BW For debit/credit card payments call 01909 544999. For multiple copies please contact the office



Food with Thought is also available to download
http://www.kidney.org.uk/documentlibrary/food_with_thought.pdf



NKF Fundraising

Fundraising events



Thank you to those people who took part in various events in the past month to raise money for the NKF - events included the Grand Union Challenge, a sky dive, the Edinburgh night ride and Tough Mudder.



On Sunday 12th July comedian, folk singer and a regular visitor to Channel 4's Countdown dictionary corner Richard Digance entertained at the **Picnic in the Park**, Northwold Norfolk. The event proved very successful despite the rain! Thanks to all who attended.

Good Luck!

The NKF would like to wish all the best to the following people who will be raising money for the charity in the next month, **Rachel Stevens** 10K run, the **Lode Ladies** with their cycle tour, **Ollie Power** and his boxing night and **Rebecca Fleetwood plus six friends** climbing Snowdon.



Still Time



There is still time this year to take part in one of our organised events please visit www.kidney.org.uk/fundraising or if you wish to organise your own however large or small you have the full support of the fundraising team please call 01263 722287 to discuss ideas and how we can help.

London Marathon



We are looking for one person to represent the National Kidney Federation at next year's London marathon, as we only have one place we really want to make the most of this. If you or someone you know is interested in taking part please email Pete with why you would like to run, how much you hope to raise and how you intend to raise it – email pete.revell@kidneykf.com

Transplant Games



This year's Transplant Games will be on Sunday 2nd August in Newcastle, the NKF will be there will you? Come and say hello at the NKF stand meet Representatives of the NKF, Young@nkf, Helpline and Advocacy Services

If you are going to the games why not wear one of our Transplant T shirts with pride?



Small – 36 inches
Medium – 38 inches
Large – 42 inches
X Large – 46 inches (*All sizes are approximate*)

Just £10 each and can be ordered by calling our Head office on 01909 544999

WE NEED YOU!

We realise not everyone can fundraise by jumping out of a plane or walking up a mountain...Below you will find other ways of supporting the great work of NKF

A regular donation from you will help the NKF to reach each and every kidney patient in the UK

£20 a month Will help with the ever increasing printing costs to enable our Helpline to continue to produce, print and distribute, patient information leaflets free of charge. There are over 150 titles!

£10 a month Will help towards the ever increasing postage costs incurred in sending out information to patients and renal units nationwide.

£5 a month Will help the NKF to spread the word about the importance of Organ Donation

£2 a month Pays for your Kidney Life magazine

To donate call Pete Revell 01263 722287 or email pete.revell@kidneykf.com

www.kidney.org.uk

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A federation of more than fifty patient charities, supporting kidney patients & carers

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