

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



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NHSBT

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A message from the Conference Chairman



It was great to see so many new and returning members at the NKF Conference last weekend in Reading.

I would like, as Conference Chair, to thank the speakers for their interesting and varied presentations and thank all the NKF Staff, Chairman and the NKF Executive for the willing support that they gave to this event.

I would ask, that all attendees, who have not yet completed their questionnaires to do so at their earliest convenience and return them to HQ so their needs and wants can be considered and applied to future NKF events.

It is hoped that all attendees enjoyed the NKF "Living Life to The Full" experience.

Denny Abbott – Conference Chairman



Can you help with ideas? - We are already preparing for conference 2016! Do you have ideas of where you would like the conference to take place? Do you know of a suitable venue which could accommodate around 300 delegates? Could you be a speaker or do you know of a speaker? Perhaps you know of a photographer or an entertainer. We want to know your thoughts and ideas on how you'd like the conference to be. We welcome your feedback. Email nkf@kidney.org.uk



NKF are saddened to report the death of former NKF Chairman and Life Vice President Michael Hill. The funeral is provisionally booked for Monday 19th October at 12.45pm at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip and then at a nearby function room. Please contact the office for further details.



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.

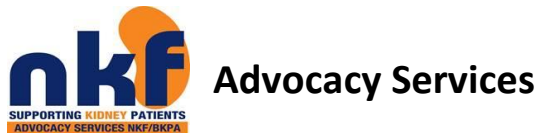
Applicants must be well versed in using Microsoft Office – Word, Excel and Outlook, be able to drive and own a suitable vehicle.

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

Humberside Kidney Patients Association - A Service of Remembrance

To be held at Chamberlain Hall Unitarian Church, Park Street, Hull HU2 8TA on Sunday 1st November, 2015 at 4 pm. This will be a simple service of remembrance for all our fellow renal patients who have fallen by the way over the years, and who are sadly recalled and missed. It will be suitable for all denominations and faiths, and none. It will centre on the inauguration and first reading of names of a new Book of Remembrance, which will include a Nursing Roll of Honour. There will also be an opportunity for personal eulogies and tributes, or prayers of other faiths (volunteers are asked to notify beforehand or to turn up early), and a period of silent recollection. There will be light refreshments and a chance to meet others afterwards. Our thanks go to the Minister and trustees who have lent us their church. Please contact your HKPA representative for any further details, to volunteer a contribution or to add names to the Book of Remembrance.



Advocacy – North East - On Sunday 4th October Linda Pickering attended the opening of KDARS Pitstop In The Park, a cafe and information centre in Sidney Park Cleethorpes. It is run by KDARS (Kidney disease and renal support) a group set up by Heather and Stephen Davis. The group was set up to support families with children suffering CKD who feel isolated.





Helpline – 0845 601 02 09



KIDNEY LIFE IS AVAILABLE BY AUDIO CD

Kidney Life magazine is available in **LARGE PRINT** in also in **AUDIO CD** format. If you need help to read our magazine and would like to receive Kidney Life in either of these formats please contact the NKF Helpline on 0845 601 02 09



NKF Fundraising

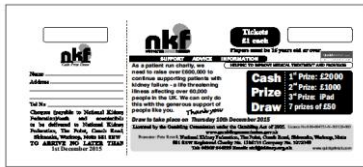
Christmas collection 2015



Christmas is weeks away and here in the NKF office we are surrounded by Christmas cards and frantically sending out Christmas card orders – some stocks of cards are already getting low.

Please visit the NKF Christmas shop at <http://store.kidney.org.uk/> and see what all the fuss is about, you won't be disappointed with cards for all the family including one pack for children to use in school, we also have gift wrap and money wallets.

2015 Winter Draw

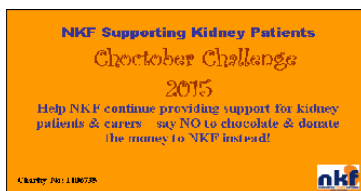


Thank you to everyone that has bought and sent back their draw tickets so far, if you are taking part please send the stubs and your cheque (National Kidney Federation) back by December 1st

We have ten prizes to give away including a first prize of £2,000 and even an iPad.

If you would like more tickets please call 01909 544999 Good luck!

Choctober



We are about half way through Choctober - thank you to everyone that is taking part in Choctober and raising money for the NKF. For those of you that have not heard of Choctober, lots of people have chosen to give up chocolate for the month of October and are being sponsored to do so.

Lode Half Marathon



Good luck to everyone taking part in the Lode Half marathon in Cambridgeshire on November 1st The Lode runners who organise the event each year have chosen the NKF as their charity of the year!

Corporate support



Do you work for a company that supports charities, do they have a charity of the year – if so please can you email the details to pete.revell@kidneynkf.com

Thank you to the following companies that have already chosen the NKF as their 2016 charity of the year

Sandy Croft Construction

Fresenius medical care

Diaverum UK Ltd

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

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