

NKF In Touch with KPAs

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

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Welcome to the September edition of NKF In Touch with KPAs newsletter. NKF hopes you have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer, and looks forward to seeing you all at the conference. Please forward any articles etc that you would like sharing via the next newsletter to Andrea Brown andrea@kidney.org.uk by 8th October.



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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

THE 2014 NKF ANNUAL PATIENTS' CONFERENCE BLACKPOOL

10th – 12th October 2014

Taking
control



HURRY HURRY HURRY.....

Time is running out to book your place at this years Conference.

To book your place or for further information please call 01909 544999, you can also book online at www.kidney.org.uk

Bookings close on 26th September.

PART TIME ADVOCACY OFFICER – POST REF PTNW

Closing date for application is 7th November 2014

Home based (travel required) - Area North West England

Salary £10,411 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

STOP PRESS - Changes to the Dialysis Tariff



Thanks to everyone who has protested to their Member of Parliament about the unfair changes (cuts) proposed in the money provided to Units for Dialysis services see:-

<http://www.kidney.org.uk/home/news-2/changes-to-dialysis-tariff-payments-latest/>

Now Earl Howe has replied to a letter asking for clarification from our APPKG co-chairman Glyn Davis. Not much new is revealed in this letter; however there is a hint that the figures may be revised as they were only meant to be draft figures! We all need to keep up the pressure for an upward revision of these figures.

The NKF will be meeting with MONITOR on the 1st October 2014 to argue our case against these cuts in Dialysis Tariff.

Also

It is not too late to add your name to the 8,000 online signatures protesting about these cuts. Just go to:-

<http://www.kidney.org.uk/home/news-2/please-sign-this-petition/>



This October we are giving up chocolate to raise money for kidney patients; they have to live without chocolate all year round. By donating the money you would have spent on chocolate, you'll make a positive change to the lives of thousands of British kidney patients experiencing kidney related problems. Not only will you be helping others, you'll feel better for it too. For a Choctober fundraising pack please send your name and address to pete.revell@kidneyuk.com

Our Head office is already getting very Christmassy, every evening the postman picks up sacks filled with Christmas card orders. If you have not seen the 2014 Christmas card range please visit our web site <http://store.kidney.org.uk/> you won't be disappointed as we think this year's range is the best we have ever had to offer.

New self-care unit opens in Harrogate



On 28th August, Linda Pickering, Advocacy Officer for North East, Yorkshire and Humber was invited by Dr David Border of York Teaching Hospital to view the newly built self-care unit in Harrogate. It is loosely designed around the Jonkoping unit in Sweden.

Harrogate self-care unit is a purpose built haemodialysis unit designed to cater the needs of independent self-caring patients in Harrogate and those holidaying in the area. The unit has been part funded through an incredible campaign led by patients, carers and staff. Dr Border went on to say

how grateful they were to the BKPA for their generosity too.

It is hoped that the unit will be up and running later this month. Michael Paul, lorry driver and self-care patient from Harrogate said he was looking forwards to being one of the first patients to use this facility as it would give him so much more flexibility.

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

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