

**MINUTES OF THE 38<sup>th</sup> COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE HILTON BLACKPOOL HOTEL,  
ON SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2014 AT 09.30**

<b>TRUSTEES PRESENT</b>	Mr K Modi	Chairman – Lister Area KPA
	Mr J Higgins	Vice Chairman - Northamptonshire KPA
	Mr M Abbott	Treasurer - Gloucestershire KPA
	Mr M Walker	Secretary – Leicestershire KPA
	Mrs D Abbott	Gloucestershire KPA
	Miss T Sinclair	Wessex KPA
	Mr D MacDonald	Wessex KPA
	Mr D Marshall	SAKA
	Mr W Beale	Bristol Area KPA
	Mrs A Beale	Bristol Area KPA

<b>In attendance</b>	Mr T Statham	Chief Executive
	Mr P Revell	Head of Fundraising
	Mrs A Brown	Acting Office Manager
	Mrs P Pinkos	Helpline Manager
	Mr N Palmer	Head of Advocacy
	Mr E Maclean	Advocacy Officer – Scotland
	Mrs K Creswell	Advocacy Officer – South West
	Mr M Davies	Advocacy Officer – West Midlands
	Mrs S Lines	Advocacy Officer – East Midlands & East of England
	Mrs Linda Pickering	Advocacy Officer - North East, Yorkshire and Humber

Plus 25 Official voting delegates (as per register) and 28 non-voting delegates as per the Attendance Register

A quorum of 30% of official representatives was met.

- 617 Welcome and apologies for absence** - Kirit Modi welcomed everyone to the meeting, he introduced NKF Officers and all other member of the Executive committee that was present. He also Introduced Frank Howarth, NKF President and Timothy Statham, NKF Chief Executive. Apologies had been received from Robert Price, Six Counties KPA and Geraldine Church, North east KPA.

Kirit Modi read out a personal statement - due to his kidney function declining and having to go to dialysis in the future, he will be stand again as NKF Chairman or member of the Executive at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in March 2015. He explained that he had already started the transition process by involving Executive members in the work of the Chairman.

Two new KPA's had become members of the NKF since the last meeting, Royal Derby and Colchester. Sandy Lines was thanked for her hard work in supporting the two new KPAs. NKF now has 55 KPA members.

- 618 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2014** - It was proposed by William Beale, Bristol Area KPA, seconded by David MacDonald Wessex KPA, and agreed unanimously to accept the minutes of the meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.

- 619 Matters arising** – Nick Palmer stated that calls received by Advocacy regarding Bedroom Tax has reduced slightly, however the problem had not gone away. Assessments are being looked upon more favourably for those having treatment at home. Advocacy Officers (AOs) write supporting letters to help. Disability Living Allowance has now moved to Personal Independence Payment, AOs also help with assessments for this. The outlook is not positive. NKF and other patient organisations have good advisory services, and there are also professional benefits advisors available. Kirit Modi thanked Nick Palmer and his team for all the work they do in this important area. .

**620 NKF Half Yearly Report** - The half yearly report had been provided, the full year report will be available in March 2015 at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). There had been a new threat of a change to Commissioning and KPAs will be kept up to date on what is happening. Timothy Statham will be pulling this together for the NKF, and will campaign if necessary.

The next KPA day will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at the same venue as this year, The Arden Hotel in Birmingham. All KPAs are encouraged to attend. Kirit Modi stated at the next KPA day two KPAs will be talking about themselves and what they do, commissioning may also be talked about if it is still ongoing.

Everyone was encouraged to join the NKF Executive Committee, there can be up to 16 people on the Committee, the commitment is six meetings per year bi monthly, in London on a Saturday.

The next All Party Parliamentary Kidney Group (APPKG) meeting is to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014, the subject being Transplantation, Elizabeth Buggins will be the speaker on this. The Chairman of each KPA was invited to attend, someone else can attend from the KPA should the Chairman not be available. This is not an NKF meeting it is run by the APPKG, this meeting can only be attended by invitation as this is needed to be shown when entering Parliament, requests are to be sent to Timothy Statham.

Kirit Modi thanked Andrea Brown for putting together the In Touch with KPAs newsletter, this is meant to compliment Kidney Life and keep KPAs informed about what is happening. KPAs welcomed this and found it useful. KPAs are welcome to send information to be put into the newsletter, they are to direct this to Andrea Brown. Deborah Duval, Kidney Life Editor stated she would like to also hear from KPAs. Kirit Modi stated Kidney Life is now circulated to over 24 thousand people per quarter; he asked KPAs to keep their membership details updated and send them to the NKF to ensure NKF database is kept up to date. Vanessa Hardy Tyneside KPA stated they are looking at patients having to opt out of having their information given out to third parties at pre dialysis stage. Ken Tupling, SAKA stated hospitals are not letting KPAs have deceased patient's details, and this causes problems. They cannot refuse to give these details as they are not protected by the data protection act. **Ken Tupling has information regarding this and will forward it to the NKF.**

**621 Feedback on 2014 Conference** - The general feedback was that it had been a really good conference, and weekend. The Comedian did not go down well with all. The food was lovely and the best Gala Dinner food yet. Lawrence Keogh was well received and entertained everyone. The professional Speaker was good but not given enough time, and not enough of a mix of professional and patient speakers, another professional speaker would have evened it out. Timothy Statham explained the management of speakers with regards to their time allocated and speakers know exactly how long they have to make their presentation, if they run over it has a knock on effect with the rest of the day, it is then up to the Chair of that session to remind them of the time. NKF would normally have two professional speakers but this year Lawrence Keogh was used instead of one. Denise Abbott, Gloucestershire KPA thanked Andrea Brown and her team in the NKF office for putting on a fantastic Conference. Brian McGowan, Bolton KPA and Jonathon Hope, Guys and St Thomas KPA, stated this was their first conference and they had a great weekend and enjoyed it. Jonathon Hope had been a patient speaker at the Conference, and believes that patient speakers can be important to nourish our minds. Tracey Sinclair stated all speakers' presentations would be available on the NKF website shortly. Kirit Modi thanked Tracey Sinclair for being the Conference Chair, and Andrea Brown who had lead from the NKF Head Office for the Conference.

**622 Open Forum** – Michael Walker, Leicestershire KPA had a request from James Warham to ask if NKF could help with getting Renal Social Workers in all units. Mark Davis stated he was a patient representative on the Clinical Referencing Group and funding was a big issue in Shropshire. The level of patient services was appalling, every trust should have a Renal Social Worker, but it is unlikely to happen any time soon. Kirit Modi thanked Mark Davis; he stated NKF have regular meetings with Richard Fluck, Clinical Director for NHS England. NKF will raise this with him and ask what patients can expect and how it is monitored and put pressure on nationally.

Sharman Maxwell, West London KPA spoke about the poor patient transport services available in her area. A strict criteria was put together and everyone was assessed individually, the service is now much better. There was interest shown about setting up a NKF working group on patient transport. The people interested were: Angela Beale, Mark Davis, Vanessa Hardy, Judith Sidaway, Kate Cresswell, Sandy Lines, Simon Elmore, Sonia Moorhouse, Valerie Green, Ewen Maclean, Stephen O'Keeffe, Marion Higgins, Denise Abbott, Linda Pickering and Michael Walker. NKF will coordinate this.

Kirit Modi thanked everyone for their attendance at this meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Chairman .....Date .....