

MINUTES OF THE 35th COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE GOVERNOR'S HALL, ST THOMAS' HOSPITAL, LONDON, ON SATURDAY 31ST MARCH 2012.

TRUSTEES PRESENT	Mrs. M. Higgins	Chairman
	Mr K Modi	Lister Hospitals KPA
	Mr. R. Bradbury	SAKA
	Mr R Price	Six Counties KPA
	Mr M Abbott	Gloucestershire KPA
	Mrs S Lines	United Norwich KPA
	Miss T Sinclair	Wessex KPA
	Mrs B Morris	Lancs and South Cumbria KPA
	Mr A Sutton	Doncaster & Bassetlaw KPA
	Mr M Walker	Lincolnshire KPA
	Mr R Mackey	NEKPA

In attendance	Mr. T. Statham	Chief Executive
	Mr N Palmer	Head of Advocacy
	Mr P Revell	Head of Fundraising
	Miss J Thorpe	Senior Office Administrator
	Mrs S Edwards	Accounts Administrator

Plus 21 Official voting delegates (as per register) and 26 non-voting delegates as per the Attendance Register

A quorum of 30% of official representatives was met.

Marion Higgins welcomed everyone to the meeting.

586 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Aintree KPA, Mark Davis NSKPA, Simon Lloyd Tyneside KPA, Julie Oldfield Kidney Cancer UK, David Myers RFHKPA, Vivienne Dodds Walsgrave KPA, St George's KPA, Ian Cundell St James KPA, Nick Flint Queen Elizabeth KPA, Alison Blezard Scottish Kidney Federation & South East Scotland KPA, Chris Eillott ST Georges KPA, Michael Molyneux Aintree KPA, Claire Lewis Young@NKF, John Powell SAKA and Ewen Maclean Scottish Kidney Federation.

587 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2011.

It was proposed by Louis Toussaint Royal Free KPA seconded by Sharman Maxwell West London KPA and agreed unanimously the minutes of the meeting held on 9TH October 2011 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

588 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

589 NKF ROADSHOW 2012 – Hinckley Island Hotel 12-14th October 2012

Barbara Morris Roadshow Chairman reported 2012 Roadshow would take place at Hinckley Island Hotel, Leicestershire. She stated the venue had proved popular previously and the layout of the exhibition hall and Roadshow hall was excellent. The roadshow programme is in the planning stage however the theme is expected to be exchanging information and subjects such as Dialysis Away from Base– knowing your rights and Doctor/Patient relationships will be covered throughout the weekend. She hoped more people would stay to enjoy the Sunday morning workshops which would include benefits and insurance. Booking by credit/debit card would be available. Denny Abbott asked if there would be a disco, Barbara Morris stated there would be evening entertainment.

In reply to a question raised by **Louis Toussaint Royal Free KPA** Barbara Morris confirmed, the price of the Roadshow would be similar to that of 2011 and an early bird price would again be offered.

590 WORLD KIDNEY DAY (WKD)

NKF had attended the Parliamentary reception in the House of Commons on 7th March 2012, which had been very well attended. The BME Manifesto had been well received and Kirit Modi was thanked for his efforts on the project. Marion Higgins stated the question panel at the reception consisted of Nicholas Owen (chair on the panel), Nicholas Evans, Fiona Loud, Chris Rudge and Donal O'Donoghue, the panel covered many subjects and the event was very successful. Timothy Statham added around 41 WKD events will be covered in the next edition of Kidney Life.

591 **ADVOCACY EXPANSION**

A grant received from the British Kidney Patient Association (BKPA) has assisted NKF to increase the current Advocacy team from three to eight, four new part-time posts and one full-time post for Scotland. This will be a new service for this part of the UK. Nick Palmer added the original team of three were covering a massive area and with the new recruits in place local issues will be drilled down. He hoped the Advocacy team would be able to work in partnership with KPA's, raise awareness and help patients to access grants through the BKPA. The next six to twelve months will be a very interesting time and the NKF are looking forward to working with the new officers. The training for the new team will commence 10th April 2012, which will give them the opportunity to learn the role and develop their skills.

592 **OPEN FORUM**

Sharman Maxwell West London KPA –stated KPA's need to aware of the NHS budget cuts to hospitals and support them where possible. She went on to say the attitudes of patients and staff needs to change towards the cost of transport. An eligibility criteria is being put in place to assess whether all patients should be receiving transport. Further information on the above can be gained from the West London KPA newsletter and website. **Bob Price Six Counties** added he was uncomfortable that KPA's could potentially cut back resources for patient. The KPA's do not have the strength for this, however transport needs to be looked at as a whole and criteria must be met.

Kirit Modi Lister Hospital KPA – stated the Satellite Unit in St Albans had an issue of Car Parking raised. It was agreed Dialysis patients would park free of charge, however this was overridden and if a blue badge was displayed a charge would still apply. After six months lobbying by Lister KPA, it was agreed dialysis patients would park for free. KPA's need to fight hard. **Sharman Maxwell West London KPA** added a similar situation had arisen at their hospital and the KPA had become involved.

Frank Howarth NKF President added KPA's should get involved and build up strong relationships with the staff to give patients a voice which will be known in the hierarchy of hospitals. Marion Higgins Chairman stated this would be something advocacy could give support on. A suggestion was made by **Sharman Maxwell West London** for KPA's to invite staff to KPA meetings and vice versa.

Sharman Maxwell West London – stated the KPA was working on a new idea of buddy groups which originated from the Roadshow. The buddy groups would be a team of patients available at the end of the phone. Timothy Statham added NFK also run a similar buddy system through the Helpline. **William Beale Bristol KPA** stated volunteers could go to the Executive Meeting of the Renal Department and be involved with the appointment of staff. Bristol KPA has a strong relationship and this helps the unit to run more smoothly, he invited anyone to attend meetings at Bristol KPA to show how this can be done.

Judith Sidaway Dudley KPA – stated Queen Elizabeth Hospital is offering training for the buddy system. Ray Mackey added Kidney Care were offering £25,000 grants for the help with the buddy systems.

Judith Sidaway added there have been demonstrations following Fresenius staff cuts in the Midlands. This problem has also affected the Gloucestershire area, where the contract with Fresenius had come to end and had been taken over by B Braun.

Nick Palmer Head of Advocacy stated advocacy is monitoring closely the staff cut situation in various areas. There is very little communication with patients, however advocacy are promoting working with networks and trusts to be open and honest with patients. He urged KPA's to give feedback to NKF and details of patient/staff ratios.

Michael Abbott Gloucestershire KPA thanked the NKF officers for their contributions throughout the year.

Frank Howarth thanked all members of staff for their hard work.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.55pm

ChairmanDate