

Newsletter 2 – April 2017

An update on progress



Kidney Quality Improvement Partnership starts delivery of regional network QI events, launches KQuIP Hub and appoints the first Regional Network Project Manager

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Welcome to the second newsletter from KQuIP. KQuIP continues to gain real momentum, strongly supporting quality improvement in the UK kidney community.

Here are the highlights of recent activities and developments

- **Regional Days.** The West Midlands KQuIP and UK Renal Registry Regional day was held on 23 March. It was designed in partnership between KQuIP and clinicians in the West Midlands, led by Clara Day, Network lead. The day focussed on outcomes review and learning and development to identify areas for improvement for each unit. Renal units in the region identified their QI leads (one medical and one multi-professional). Their focus regionally was agreed to be improving access to home therapies. This will help to steer the KQuIP programme of activity within the West Midlands region.

The next regional audit and quality improvement days are being planned at which we'll discuss and agree the KQuIP priorities, next steps and delivery of improvements. Following the West Midlands event, the Yorkshire and Humber day is planned for 6 July, the East Midlands day will be during September and we're talking to the North West to find a suitable date. Further details regarding our work with the regions can be found on the website [here](#). The report from the West Midlands day detailing the highlights and QI information shared will also appear on these pages when ready.

- **KQuIP's Regional Network Project Manager appointed.** We are pleased to announce that Vicky Powell has joined KQuIP as our KQuIP Network Project Manager. This role has been supported by the British Kidney Patient Association. Vicky will be planning the regional days and will provide support to help develop the work in the regions and to deliver KQuIP's three agreed priorities.
- **KQuIP's Priority projects.** Information on these key priorities can be found [here](#).
 1. **Improving access to kidney transplantation.** Pre-emptive transplant listing and kidney transplantation rates vary across the UK. **Transplant First** has been developed by the West Midlands to provide resources and support for the renal community to make access more equitable. Learning and development tools will be available on the KQuIP website.
 2. **Home Therapies.** Wide variation exists in access for patients to both peritoneal and home haemodialysis. Following the UK Dialysis Conference in September 2016 we agreed to develop a national QI project to improve access to home therapies. The KQuIP team will begin to engage key stakeholders shortly to progress this work. Further details of this priority's aims and timescales for delivery will appear on the website once confirmed.
 3. **Vascular Access.** This priority aims to reduce variation, improve incidence and prevalence rates, improve patient experience, and reduce complications of cannulation of arteriovenous fistulae and grafts. The aim is to provide learning and development

resources. This is a joint project between the BRS VA Special Interest Group and the Vascular Access Society for Britain and Ireland (VASBI), with KQuIP providing support.

- **The KQuIP Hub** is now live. An online portal, accessed through the website, the Hub is the place to go for renal improvement stories, case studies, improvement tools and methodologies to help with your improvement work. Thanks go to everyone who is working with us to record their QI projects, but of course we'd like more. If you have a tale to tell, an improvement to share, click [here](#) to access the Hub and to find out how to submit your story, or ask for help to get it published.
- **KQuIP Workstreams** have been re-organised to reflect the priority areas. There are now three workstreams which are Development, Measurement & Understanding, and Projects. More information on these workstreams can be found [here](#).

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