



‘THINK KIDNEYS’

Quality Improvement programmes led by the renal community, working to improve the lives of people living with kidney disease

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THE RENAL COMMUNITY IS PUTTING THE PERSONALISED CARE AGENDA INTO PRACTICE

In the document, [Universal Personalised Care: Implementing the Comprehensive Model](#), released in January of this year, NHS England set out how it plans to deliver personalised care across the NHS over the next ten years. The document states:

“As well as being morally the right thing to do, a growing body of evidence shows that better outcomes and experiences, as well as reduced health inequalities, are possible when people have the opportunity to actively shape their care and support.”

This plan, co-produced with people with lived experience, brings together six evidence-based and interlinked components that are needed to realise the full benefits of personalised care.

In the light of this report, the Renal Association’s quality improvement team have been reflecting on the work being done across the kidney community, and just how far the community has come in the last few years on the journey towards personalised care. Whilst there is some way to go, we highlight some of the things our community has achieved.

[Read the full news story](#)

THE STRATEGIC VISION FOR THE RENAL ASSOCIATION

Graham Lipkin, Renal Association President, sets out the new strategic vision for the Renal Association and how the association will deliver on its new mission: “Improving lives by supporting professionals in the delivery of kidney care and research” [Read this story](#)

“There lots of exciting opportunities ahead to improve UK Nephrology and the RA role. I am privileged to work with such a dynamic and effective Board, Secretariat and RA Council. Come and join the RA and help us deliver. See you in Brighton.”



Acute Kidney Injury

The NHS campaign to improve the care of people at risk of, or with, acute kidney injury

Transforming Participation in Chronic Kidney Disease

The programme to transform participation for people living with CKD to improve experiences and outcomes

Kidney Quality Improvement Partnership

Working to develop , support and share improvement in kidney services

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- World Kidney Day! How are you celebrating?
- KQuIP regions—upskilling the renal community in quality improvement
- UK Kidney Week—Brighton 2019

KIDNEY QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP: REGIONAL NETWORKS BEGIN COLLABORATIVE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT



Yorkshire and Humber—MAGIC project launch



Process mapping in action



South West regional day

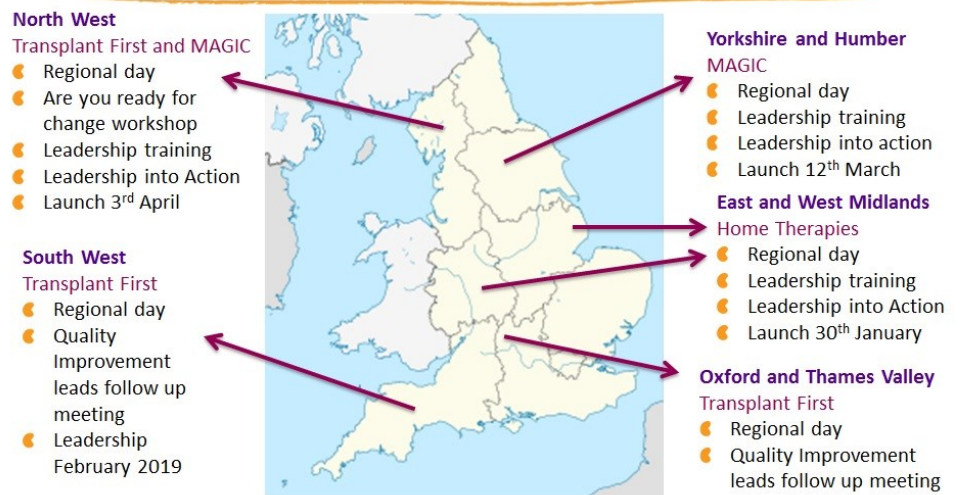
The aim of KQuIP is to enhance quality of life and clinical outcomes for people living with kidney disease by engaging the whole kidney multi-professional team in quality improvement, and enabling leadership.

Six regions in England are currently participating and collaborating on one of the three national projects supported by the programme. To date, two regions have chosen Home Therapies (DAYLiFe), two have chosen Transplant First, and one has chosen Vascular Access (MAGIC). One region has chosen two projects (Transplant

First and MAGIC). The national paediatric community has also had a KQuIP day and a clear leadership structure and work-plan is developing.

Since the development of KQuIP, the Getting It Right First Time programme has begun, highlighting the need for QI support in the majority of units visited. The KQuIP leads are developing their QI and leadership skills whilst building a sustainable network of change agents for the renal community in the future.

[Read more on KQuIP via our website](#)



DEVELOPING RENAL LEADERSHIP - FEEDBACK FROM LEADERSHIP TRAINING

“The central message I took away was to be confident and talk frankly. I think this is something we can all learn from”

“The main thing I brought away is how personalities can affect leadership skills...how to deal with difficult situations brought about by conflicting views in small teams”

“The central message of confident, compassionate straight talking will stay with me and be used to good effect”

KQUIP'S NATIONAL PROJECTS

Transplant First: Increasing Pre-emptive listing and living donor kidney transplantation

The quality improvement programme Transplant First is now being implemented across three regions with KQUIP—North West, South West and Oxford and Thames Valley.

A unique data collection tool has been developed to support teams to collect and understand their own transplant data in order to improve their transplant service.

[Find out more about Transplant First here](#)

Home Therapies—Dialysis at Yours: Life Fulfilled – Day Life

The DAYLife programme has launched in the East and West Midlands. Renal teams got together in January of this year to discuss their drivers for change and plan their first change cycles.

[Read the latest DAYLife project bulletin and launch day report here.](#)

[Read about Sam's journey to home dialysis here.](#)

Improving AV Fistula and Grafts Cannulation Practice (MAGIC)

MAGIC has now launched in the North West and Yorks and Humber regions.

The MAGIC group have been working tirelessly on an E-learning package, which should be ready for regional use very soon.

Katie Fielding is currently working with the Renal Registry to develop a MAGIC data collection tool.

[Find out more about MAGIC here](#)



“Great conversations from yesterdays [#KQuIPHomeDialysis](#) project launch in The Midlands...”

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THINK KIDNEYS TEAM MEMBER RECEIVES AWARD FOR CHAMPIONING CHANGE



“And the winner of the [Individual Fab Change Champion Award 2018](#) is Leanne Lockley!”

These words resound in my head every day; never in my wildest dreams would I envisage winning a ‘Fab Award’ presented by NHS England CEO Simon Stevens! But what does this mean?

These awards are hosted by the [Academy of Fab Stuff](#). A social movement platform that allows everyone who has made a change and improvement in their place of work to share their fabulous stuff...

[Read more on Leanne's achievement here](#)

TRANSFORMING PARTICIPATION 2: PEER ASSIST

The Transforming Participation in Chronic Kidney Disease (TP-CKD) programme is about people with chronic kidney disease (CKD) working closely with their renal team and others so that together they can learn how best to live life to the full by developing their knowledge, skills and confidence.

Since 2018, the Transforming Participation 2 programme has developed partnerships with four renal units who are working to transform the way people are involved in their own care. A Peer Assist event on 8th February 2019 brought these units together.

[Read more about the TP2 peer assist event here.](#)

ACUTE KIDNEY INJURY (AKI)

The latest AKI data being received from labs report for October 2018 is available on the Think Kidneys website [here](#).

We have 149 labs out of 162 (92%) submitting in total. We continue to receive backdated data from labs, and the data completeness for the majority of 2018 is over 90% of the labs submitting. 109 labs – almost 70% - have submitted October data at the time of writing. The website link above shows a breakdown of labs submitting by month...

[Read more here](#)

KIDNEY HEALTH

FOR EVERYONE EVERYWHERE



Today is World Kidney Day! Thursday, 14 March 2019. World Kidney Day (WKD) is an annual global awareness and education event, held on the second Thursday in March every year.

The 2019 campaign will focus on the burden of kidney disease, disparities and access to healthcare with the theme: Kidney Health for Everyone Everywhere.

The UK initiative is led by the [Kidney Charities Together Group](#) comprising the four leading UK kidney charities.

[Find out more and get involved here.](#)

“AKI bundles and measuring AKI outcomes.... What should we be focusing on?”

[Read the latest iSpyAKI blog here](#)

THINK KIDNEYS - KIDNEY PATIENT LEADER IN THE PRESS

Claire Corps had a kidney replaced at the age of 11. Now she is a transplant expert and has been a leading figure in a number of quality improvement projects in renal over the years, including co-chairing the TP-CKD measurement work-stream which developed the patient experience measure that has since been adopted nationally.

She hit the press earlier this year with an interview in the Guardian.

[Read the full article here.](#)

E-LEARNING

The Renal Association E-learning platform is used to house free to access training for all. Modules are currently being developed on AKI, haemodialysis and rare diseases. If you would like to see a particular module on the platform, or if you would like to be involved in developing some E-learning, please contact Julie.slevin@renalregistry.nhs.uk

THE UK RENAL REGISTRY

The UK Renal Registry is part of **the Renal Association**, a not for profit organisation registered with the Charity Commission (Registered in England No. 2229663).

We are recognised as having one of the very few high quality clinical databases open to requests from researchers. The UKRR collects, analyses and reports on data from 71 adult and 13 paediatric renal centres.

The sources of information (data and reports) held by the UKRR are **a shared resource** and are used to develop further research into kidney disease and improve the quality of care for renal patients.

THE RENAL ASSOCIATION QUALITY IMPROVEMENT TEAM

“Our ambition is to ensure that people at risk of, or living with kidney disease are able to live their best life”



Rachel Gair



Julie Slevin



Leeanne Lockley



Catherine Stannard



Teresa Jane-Wallace



Beth Carter-Crosby

UPCOMING EVENTS

We attend and organise events to highlight and share the work of the registry’s QI programmes.

Here’s a few for your diaries:

- ◇ 27th—29th March 2019: **International Forum on Quality and Safety in Health Care** (Glasgow)
- ◇ 2nd April—**North East KQuIP regional day**
- ◇ 3rd April—**North West Transplant First /MAGIC Project Launch**
- ◇ 11th April—**South West Transplant First Project Launch**
- ◇ 3rd June—**South East KQuIP regional day**
- ◇ 3rd—5th June 2019: **UK Kidney Week 2019** (Brighton)

INTERESTING READS

We’ve selected a few recent articles we enjoyed reading - follow the links to read them in full:

- ◇ [Universal Personalised Care Plan](#)
- ◇ [NHS Long Term Plan](#)
- ◇ [Making data count](#)
- ◇ [Rethinking medicine](#)
- ◇ [Outpatients: The future—adding value through sustainability](#)

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