

# The Kidney Quality Improvement Partnership

## North East regional day review



### Engage

### Learn

### Mobilise

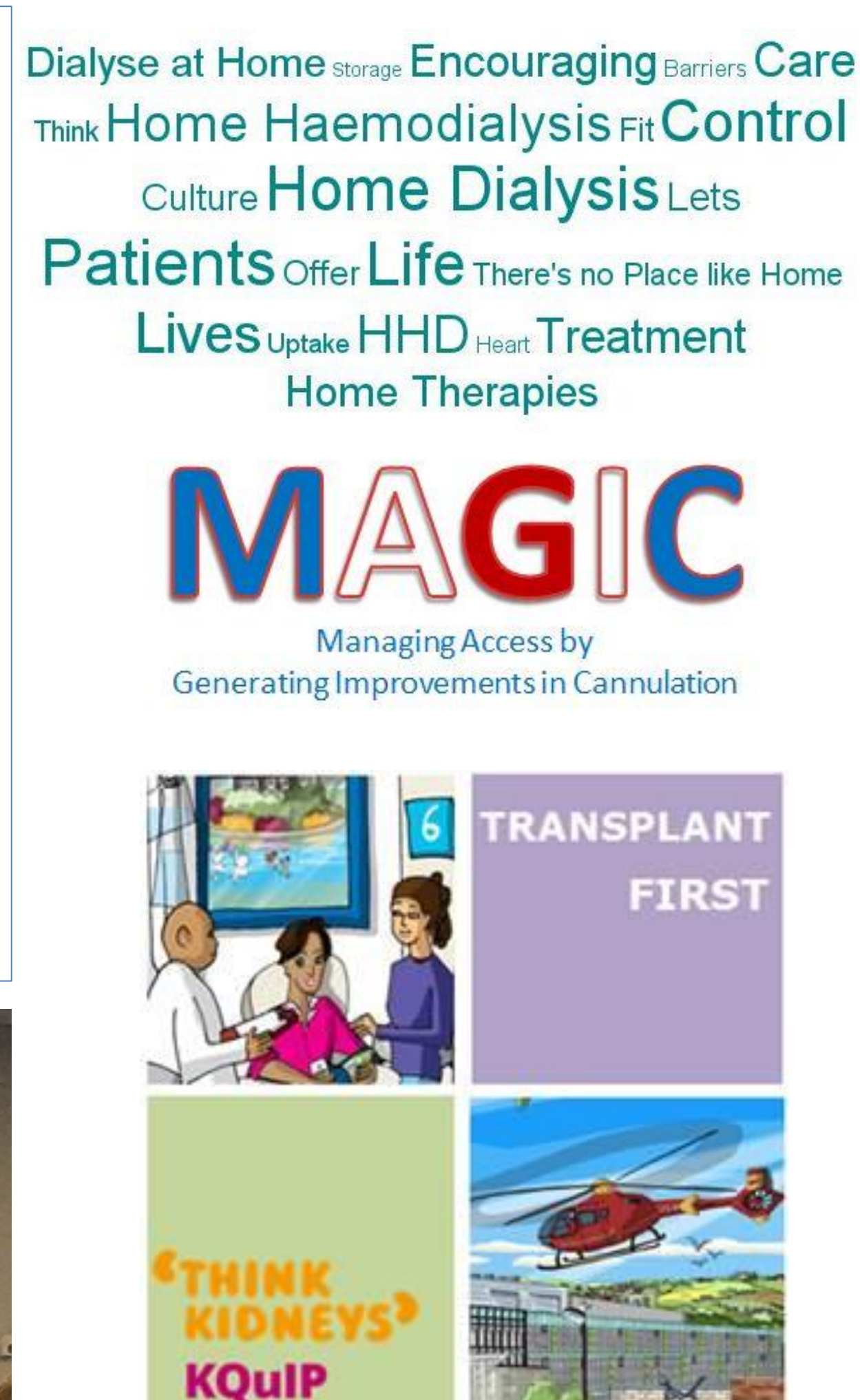
### Plan

### Co-design

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at The Village Hotel in Newcastle, the UK Renal Registry hosted a KQuIP regional day. The purpose of the day was to bring together the North East renal community, including medical and multi-disciplinary colleagues and patients, to consider and discuss data provided by the UK Renal Registry, Public Health England and NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT). The day began with an introduction from the regional lead, Katy Jones, and co-chair of KQuIP, Paul Cockwell, co-chair of KQuIP, who welcomed everyone and set the scene. You can access the slides presented on the day, together with photographs and outputs of the group work from this [link](#).

Presentations were given about the three KQuIP priority areas for national quality improvement (QI). You can follow the links for more information about these projects:

- Home therapies ([DAYLife](#))
- Vascular Access ([MAGIC](#))
- Transplantation ([Transplant First](#))



We heard from North East Kidney patient, Keith Vickers. He described his experiences of being a kidney patient on dialysis and having a kidney transplant. Keith is secretary of the Tyneside Kidney Patients Association, who support kidney patients and their carers

Charlie Thomson presented on “How do you demonstrate success in QI?” and encouraged the delegates to think about how and what they will measure. This session helped the delegates in their understanding of this area, reinforced by some small group working.

Trios – delegates in groups discussed three questions to identify key themes

**(i) “What are we doing well?”** identified

- Good communications
- Friendly staff
- Self care
- Transplantation
- Patient experience

**(ii) “What isn't going so well?”** identified

- Education
- Staff shortages
- Availability of dialysis at home
- Vascular access
- Communication

**(iii) “What are our barriers?”** included

- Staff
- Time
- Education
- Communication

There was a lot of crossover of themes: these areas we can work on when implementing the project over the coming year.



The next step will be for the QI leads from each unit to confirm which project the region will implement.

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