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Introduction:

Welcome to a round-up of all the news and updates from the [Transplant First programme](#), the KQuIP improvement programme with the overall aim of improving access to the best care possible for kidney patients and their donors. Included is information on current and future Transplant First activities, links to relevant articles and reports, as well as updates from renal teams taking part in the programme, links to case studies and blogs.

We hope you will get involved in sending through content, feedback and ideas for this bulletin to the contact details below.

Transplant First: What are the common themes we are finding from working with regions?

Dr Kerry Tomlinson, Transplant First National Project Lead

The Kidney Quality Improvement Partnership (KQuIP) has visited most regions in England and facilitated group discussions around barriers to access to best practice transplantation. In every region there are areas of good practice, but no region has transplant listing absolutely cracked and we found several recurring themes. I presented these at UK Kidney Week (UKKW) 2019 but, for those of you who couldn't attend, I have summarised here...[read Kerry's full article on regional collaboration here.](#)

Transplant First Measurement Tool webinar – recording now available:

An online measurement tool is now ready for units participating in the Transplant First programme to use. Transplant First teams are now able to record and review their transplant data throughout their project via this tool. Kerry Tomlinson presented a webinar on 2 May, describing how to use and get the best out of the tool. You can download and watch the 40-minute webinar [here](#).



Being a Transplant Recipient: The good, the bad, the ugly and the future

A new blog from Transplant First can be seen at [Kidney Thinking. The blog from Think Kidneys.](#)

Regional highlights

South London

KQuIP is supporting the South London Renal Care Alliance to implement the Transplant First project across four Trusts – Epsom and St Helier, Guys and St Thomas, Kings and St George's.

A regional learning and sharing event was held on 9 October in Croydon. [Click here for further information.](#)

Northwest region

We have great engagement for the project in the North West and people are really keen to work collaboratively. We had a launch day in April and QI training in February and June.

Information on all of the North West regional activity can be found on the

[Think Kidneys website here.](#)

- [Launch Day](#)
- [Training Day One](#)
- [Training Day Two](#)



Oxford and Thames Valley

The Oxford and Thames Valley region has chosen to implement Transplant First as its improvement initiative.

In July the teams from Reading and Oxford held a *learning and sharing* event where they described their current status and themes emerging for improvement in pre-emptive transplantation. They also heard from two patients who described their experiences.

The teams are now collecting data and meet again in November to share and learn about QI tools to support implementation of the project. [Keep updated with the Oxford and Thames Valley regional project here.](#)

South West

South West Team Transplant are working together on their shared aim – “More transplants, faster, and with the best experience”. Their project involves improving access to surgery, increasing awareness of living donation, improving the efficiency of the living donor work-up and identifying what matters most to patients. Six teams across the region are testing their change ideas and meeting quarterly to feedback to each other, share learning and develop the South West quality improvement network.

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