

Newsletter 4 – October 2017

An update on progress



Kidney Quality Improvement Partnership delivering regional days, leadership training opportunities for the renal community and developing a faculty

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Welcome to the fourth 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 UK Renal Registry and KQuIP are arranging regional audit and quality improvement days. Kidney Care UK (formally BKPA) has provided funding to support the regional activity through a Project Manager to support regions. To find out more about what's happening within the regions please visit the KQuIP website [here](#). In summary:
 1. **West Midlands** - The first region have been working hard to deliver a Transplant First Audit and Education Event as well as setting up their AKI Network and their first Peer Review day with the support of KQuIP. To find out more please visit the KQuIP website [here](#).
 2. **Yorkshire and the Humberside** – The region are working towards identifying their QI leads in each unit and developing next steps to ensure deliver of QI within the identified KQuIP National priority project areas. Find out more [here](#).
 3. **East Midlands** - The East Midlands regional day went ahead on the 12th and are excited to implement an action plan to deliver QI which is under development with the support of KQuIP. Further details are available [here](#).
 4. **North West** – The next regional day is actually three regions; Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Merseyside. Due to the spread of the regions the regional day will go ahead on the 31st January 2018. The regions are working together to develop a programme for the day and implement an action plan. Further details can be found [here](#).
- **2018 and Future Regions** - KQuIP have now started to think about further regional activity for 2018. KQuIP are working with a number of regions to develop this further, however we are still looking for expressions of interest from any regions interested. Please contact james.mccann@renalregistry.nhs.uk for further information or please visit the KQuIP website [here](#).
- **KQuIP's Priority projects.** Following input from the renal community KQuIP will be focusing on three priority areas for national quality improvement projects. These projects are all at different stages of development and further details on each one can be found [here](#).
 1. **Transplant First** has been developed in the West Midlands under KQuIP. The project is being packaged to provide resources to enable other interested regions the option to adapt and embed. All project documentation including a useful case study can be found [here](#).
 2. **Home Therapies** - KQuIP has now set up a steering group including members from the UK Dialysis Conference group and is working towards the development and delivery of a home

therapies national project with the emphasis on spread and sustainability once launched. Further details will be posted on the KQuIP website [here](#).

3. **MAGIC - Managing Access by Generating Improvements in Cannulation (previously named Vascular Access)** – This is a joint project between the BRS VA Special Interest group and the Vascular Access Society for Britain and Ireland (VASBI). KQuIP is supporting the development of this project along with the spread and sustainability once launched. For more information on MAGIC visit the KQuIP website [here](#).
- **Developing the KQuIP Faculty.** KQuIP are currently looking to develop a KQuIP Faculty which will include multi-disciplinary professionals as well as patients. The focus of the faculty will be to build leadership and improvement skills across the renal community to support the embedding of QI into daily practice. Further information can be found [here](#). Watch this space!
 - **The KQuIP Hub.** The ongoing development of the KQuIP Hub will help us to spread and share good practice and to learn from each other. It is an expanding repository of QI initiatives, education, abstracts, case studies, projects and practical advice on, ‘how do I start or develop a QI project in my unit’. The KQuIP hub can be found [here](#). We have just recently added renal specific resources that could help others with the measurement aspects for their local quality improvement projects. We have also recently added a fantastic blog by Katie Fielding, a vascular access nurse in Derby, who is also the chair of the KQuIP Measurement and Understanding workstream focusing on measurement tools that are easy to use and accessible to all professionals looking to do a QI project. You can find it [here](#).
 - **KQuIP Workstreams.** KQuIP have been focusing on the following three areas; Development (Led by Richard Fluck and Daljit Hothi), Measurement and Understanding (Led by Katie Fielding) and the Projects Workstream previously led by Hugh Gallagher. More information can be found [here](#).
 - **Renal Leadership Training.** KQuIP organised and supported the delivery of an excellent 2 day leadership course in September. This first course, entitled Leading People, was aimed at clinical directors. The course aims to develop the self-awareness, effective behaviours, leadership skills and understanding to become competent, confident and resilient senior leaders of Renal Services. It has received fantastic feedback which can be found [here](#). One attendee fed back *“This is not your run of the mill leadership course. The hands on approach and challenging feedback, offer an incredible opportunity for personal and leadership growth. I’m really looking forward to practising what I’ve learnt.”* This is a really exciting opportunity and based on the feedback received, KQuIP will be looking to spread this course and make it available to leaders within the wider renal community, further details to follow. Further details on the course including the programme can be found [here](#).
 - **ELearning Platform.** KQuIP and the UK Renal Registry are currently in the process of developing a centralised e-learning platform for the renal community that will be free at the point of access for patients, MDT members and clinicians. This will open many opportunities for the renal community to develop renal specific training modules that will be accessible to all across the renal community. The scope of this platform will be led by the Renal Association and the British Renal Society.

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