

Newsletter 1 – January 2017

Updating you on progress since the launch in June
2016



Kidney Quality Improvement Partnership moves into delivery

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Welcome to the first newsletter from KQuIP. Since KQuIP was formally launched at UK Kidney Week in June last year, we have already shared with you some of the work to develop the initiative and you can view and engage with some of that activity on the website.

The start of 2017 sees KQuIP moving into its crucial delivery phase, bringing new challenges and opportunities, read our [blog](#) to find out more about other aspects of development. Some key highlights can be found below. Please share this newsletter as far and wide as possible within the renal community.

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- **Workstreams** are planning their activities for the coming year. Some are evolving with Leadership and Education combining to become the Development Workstream. Plans are in place for a new Patient Safety Workstream recognising that safety and quality improvement are two sides of the same coin. This new workstream will commence in February and more detail will appear [here shortly](#).
- **KQuIP's priorities** Following input from the renal community we will be focussing on three priorities
 1. **Improving access to kidney transplantation** Pre-emptive transplant listing and kidney transplantation rates vary across the UK. Transplant First has been developed in the West Midlands under KQuIP. The project is being packaged to provide resources and support to enable other interested regions to develop their work in this area.
 2. **Home Therapies** Wide variation exists in access for patients to both peritoneal as well as home haemodialysis. KQuIP presented at the UK Dialysis Conference in September 2016 and agreed joint work to develop a national QI project to increase home therapies. KQuIP workstreams will develop resources to support unit and regional QI in this area.
 3. **Arteriovenous fistulae access** Aiming to reduce variation, improve incidence and prevalence rates, improve patient experience, and reduce complications of cannulation of arteriovenous fistulae and grafts. Work on this project is about to commence with the focus being on education packages in the first instance. 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**, an online portal, is currently under development and will be the repository and place to go for renal improvement stories, case studies and improvement tools and methodologies to help you with your improvement work. Thanks to those who are working with us to record their QI projects,

but of course we'd like more. If you have a tale to tell click [here](#) to find out how to submit your story, or ask for help to get it published.

- **Regional Renal Events** The UK Renal Registry and KQuIP are arranging regional audit and quality improvement days. We are currently in discussions with the West Midlands, Yorks and Humber and the East Midlands in the first instance to plan these days. In addition, the BKPA have provided funding for two BKPA/KQuIP Project Managers who will be able to support regions. We'll report on the outcomes and feedback on the website regarding progress with this work.
- **Education Workstream online survey** To assess current knowledge levels of QI and future training and education needs we would like as many renal team staff to complete a brief online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KQuIP>. It has only seven questions and takes just a couple of minutes to complete. Almost 500 people have completed it to date but the more, the better so please share the link with your team, colleagues, and networks.
- **Join us** and encourage your colleagues to do the same, by signing up for regular, but not overwhelming communications, about KQuIP's progress, resources and achievements at www.thinkkidneys.nhs.uk/kquip and **Tweet** with us @thinkkidneys

Feedback

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