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Welcome!

Welcome to Issue 2 of the Yorkshire and the Humber Renal Network News for 2015.

This e-bulletin aims to highlight national developments in renal care and support collaboration and sharing of best practice across Yorkshire and the Humber.

If you have any comments on this edition, ideas for improvements or suggestions for future editions please get in touch! Contact details can be found [here](#).

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Dialysis Commissioning Consultation Outcome

Regarding the proposed move of dialysis commissioning to CCGs, NHS England has released a statement confirming that it has listened to patients and clinicians and will continue national commissioning of specialist renal and morbid obesity services in 2015/16.

NHS England has stated that it will keep under review whether to transfer responsibility to clinical commissioning groups after April 2016.

To view the statement in full please click [here](#).

Dialysis Away From Base Consultation

NHS England has launched a 3 month consultation on proposed changes to the service specification for Dialysis Away From Base. Comments on the proposals are being welcomed. To view the proposed changes and provide your comments please click [here](#).

Feedback from the Dialysis CRG

Further to a recent meeting of the Dialysis Clinical Reference Group (CRG) a slide pack highlighting the achievements of the CRG has been shared and can be accessed [here](#).

Updated Service Specifications for Renal Dialysis and Renal Transplant

NHS England has recently published updated service specifications for Renal Dialysis and Renal Transplant. The service specifications are important in clearly defining what NHS England expects to be in place for providers to offer evidence-based, safe and effective services.

To read the updated specification for Renal Dialysis click [here](#) and for Renal Transplant click [here](#).

Launch of New Therapeutic Apheresis Services Referral Forms

NHS Blood and Transplant's Therapeutic Apheresis Services (TAS) have introduced new apheresis referral forms.

The new forms (as listed below) can be found on the NHS Blood and Transplant Hospitals and Science website:

<http://hospital.blood.co.uk/patient-services/therapeutic-apheresis-services/how-to-make-patient-referrals-to-tas/>

- Request for therapeutic apheresis
- Request for therapeutic plasma exchange
- Request for ECP for GvHD
- Request for ECP for CTCL

Health Foundation Funding Available

The Health Foundation currently has £1.5 million available for up to 20 teams to test and develop innovative ideas to improve health care delivery in the UK.

The funding is available for projects that aim to improve health care delivery and/or the way people manage their own health care. Each team could

potentially receive up to £75,000 of funding, over 15 months, to support the implementation and evaluation of their health care innovation project.

If you would be interested in applying for this funding opportunity please visit www.health.org.uk/innovatingimprovement.

Act FAST

Kidney disease is a known risk factor for stroke and recently Public Health England has launched its Annual “Act FAST” campaign.

The campaign urges people to Act FAST if they notice any of the following symptoms, even if they disappear within a short space of time:

- Face: has their face fallen on one side? Can they smile?
- Arms: can they raise both their arms and keep them there?
- Speech: is their speech slurred? If they notice any of these symptoms it is
- Time: time to call 999 if you see any single one of these signs.

To read more about this campaign and the success it has celebrated in saving lives please click [here](#).

World Kidney Day 12th March 2015

World Kidney Day has been held annually since 2006 and this year will be held on 12th March 2015. The theme for the day this year is “Kidney Health for All”.

A variety of activities and events will be held nationwide to raise the profile of those living with kidney disease. To read more about the day and any upcoming events in your area please click [here](#).

AKI Forum – 13th February 2015

On Friday 13 February, 13:30-17:00, we will be hosting the Yorkshire & the Humber Acute Kidney Injury Forum at Hatfeild Hall, Wakefield. If you would like to attend, or require further information, please contact [Sarah Boul](#).

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Links and Partner Organisations

- British Kidney Patient Association. Click [here](#) for the website.
- National Kidney Federation. Click [here](#) for the website.
- NHS Improving Quality. Click [here](#) for the website.
- Yorkshire and the Humber Strategic Clinical Networks. Click [here](#) for the website.
- Yorkshire and the Humber Clinical Senate. Click [here](#) for the website.
- Yorkshire and Humber Academic Health Science Network. Click [here](#) for the website.

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