



Yorkshire and the Humber Strategic Clinical Networks

## Yorkshire and the Humber Renal Network News

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### Welcome!

Welcome to Issue 3 of the Yorkshire and the Humber Renal Network News for 2015.

The aim of this e-bulletin is to provide a summary of national and regional developments in renal care and support the sharing of best practice amongst staff and patients across Yorkshire and the Humber. Upcoming dates for regional events will also be highlighted. If you have any suggestions for the content of future editions, please get in touch. Our contact details can be found [here](#).

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### AKI Update

**Recent Meetings:** The Acute Kidney Injury Patient Care Initiative (AKIPCI) Forum met again on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015 and was pleased to welcome international speaker Professor Mitchell H Rosner, who delivered a presentation on Best Practice in AKI management. To view the notes and presentations from the meeting please click [here](#).

**AKI Audit:** An audit of compliance with AKI NICE Clinical Guideline 169 and the NHS England Patient Safety Alert has recently been completed. We are pleased to confirm that the majority of Trusts in Yorkshire and the Humber are compliant with CG 169. Further work will be conducted to support Trusts that are not yet fully compliant. To view the results from the audit please click

[here](#).

**Current Work Areas:** The AKIPCI has identified a number of priorities for future work:

- Baseline data collection
- Education in primary and secondary care
- Engaging with CCGs and primary care teams
- Pathway development
- Implementation of AKI e-Alerts and care bundles

If you would like to be involved in any of these areas or wish to share information about best practice, please contact [Sarah Boul](#).

**AKI and Sepsis CQUINs:** NHS England has recently launched the CQUIN Guidance for 2015/16 and this includes a CQUIN to promote better communication with primary care teams when patients with AKI are discharged from hospital. There is also a CQUIN to promote better management of acute sepsis. To read the CQUIN guidance in detail please click [here](#).

**Latest Best Practice Guidance:** The 'Think Kidneys' national programme has recently released some best practice guidance on Transmitting AKI Warning Stage Data to the UK Renal Registry. To read the document in full, please click [here](#).

### **Dialysis Away From Base and Specialised Commissioning Consultations**

NHS England has launched a consultation regarding Dialysis Away From Base (DAFB). The DAFB commissioning policy and FAQ paper are now out for public consultation and further information can be found [here](#).

A consultation about how NHS England should prioritise investment in specialised services has also been launched. Transplantation is mentioned in Section 20 of the consultation document. If you would like to comment on the consultation please click [here](#) for further information.

### **Renal Transplant National Tariff Update**

The Renal Transplant Clinical Reference Group (CRG) has recently written to Renal Transplant Units and Renal Centres with an update on current discussions regarding the Transplant tariff.

A costing methodology pilot study has recently been undertaken, using a template that was designed in conjunction with a number of providers. The aim of the pilot was to identify the range of service costs associated with the transplant pathway and understand how financial flows matched to the

currency.

During the pilot, ten transplant centres and one referring renal unit have returned costing information and this information is now being evaluated.

NHS England and Monitor are now working in partnership to introduce shadow or non-mandatory prices into the Tariff Engagement Document (TED) in July 2015 in readiness for implementing a 2016/17 tariff. Further work needs to be done on the proposal before any shadow prices can be agreed.

### **Renal Transplantation – Immunosuppressants Guidance**

Following publication of the Specialised Services Circular (SSC) no. 1405 regarding repatriation of patients receiving immunosuppressive drugs post-transplant to specialist centres, there have been queries regarding the potential use of generic renal transplant immunosuppressants.

As a result the Renal Transplant Clinical Reference Group has produced guidance to be implemented by Providers as follows:

1. All clinicians must make cost effective use of NHS resources. Each transplant unit should initiate and maintain immunosuppression with the most clinically cost effective regimen for that patient.
2. Multiple or frequent changes of supplier of critical dose immunosuppressants should be avoided as they can confuse transplant recipients and may lead to adverse outcomes such as acute rejection or nephrotoxicity.
3. There are sub-groups of transplant patients who may benefit from regimens that are more expensive in the short term but which may be more cost-effective in the long term by maximising graft survival.
4. This guidance should not result in only one brand of a critical dose immunosuppressant being prescribed across the country, where more than one brand is available that fulfils the current European Medicines Agency (EMA) criteria for bioequivalence, and should not be used to facilitate this position. Multiple brands are acceptable if cost-effectiveness is achieved without compromising patient safety.
5. Where switching within a transplant or renal unit from one critical dose immunosuppressant to another occurs, it is recognised that support will be needed to facilitate this change. Resultant savings must be shared across the NHS including the unit where the switch is undertaken.
6. All prescribing of critical dose immunosuppressants must be by brand name.

## **National CKD Audit Year 1 Report**

The National Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) Audit is a 3 year project running from 2014-2016 with the aim of improving the identification, management and care of CKD patients in primary care.

The CKD Audit has recently completed its pilot phase and has published its Year 1 report, which can be accessed [here](#).

Following on from the pilot phase the next step for the audit is to work with the Health and Social Care Information Centre to deliver free interfaces with all principle clinical system providers to allow practices to install the audit software. Further information is available [here](#). Please do all you can to encourage the participation of GP practices throughout Yorkshire and the Humber. We have established that the audit can be supported by all primary care electronic patient record systems. Dr Katherine Griffith leads the project and we have invited her to speak at a forthcoming regional meeting.

## **World Kidney Day 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

World Kidney Day has been held annually since 2006 and this year will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> 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](#).

## **Upcoming Dates for Your Diary**

Please note the following dates for your diary:

- Wednesday 25 March, 1230-1700, **Yorkshire & the Humber Home Therapies Forum**, East Riding Medical Education Centre, Hull Royal Infirmary
- Thursday 23 April, 1000-1400, **Nurses AKI Forum**, Samuel Fox House Room 243, Northern General Hospital, Sheffield

If you would like to attend any of the above, or require further information, please contact [Sarah Boul](#).

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- NHS Improving Quality. Click [here](#) for the website.
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