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Welcome!

Welcome to Issue 8 of the Yorkshire and the Humber Renal Network News for 2015.

Summer is upon us, and whilst the promised heatwave is yet to deliver, the slightly warmer days and lighter nights should at least encourage us all to partake in some physical activity. Participants in the [Transplant Games](#) show us the way and the upcoming [Dialysis Games](#) will certainly provide additional inspiration!

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Think Kidneys Sick Day Rules Position Statement

Think Kidneys has released a Position Statement regarding “sick day rules”. The statement refers to such advice given to patients when they are well, about how to manage their own medication should they become unwell. To read the statement in full please click [here](#).

AKI Care App

The Greater Manchester, Lancashire and South Cumbria Strategic Clinical Network has developed an app to assist clinicians in identifying and treating the emergency complications of AKI. The app is aimed at medical students but can be used by any clinician and is available to download on both the

AppStore and GooglePlay. Further information is available [here](#).

Care of the Dying Adult – NICE Consultation

NICE have opened a consultation on [Care of the Dying Adult](#), which closes on 9 September 2015. This guideline applies to all adults who are potentially entering the last days of their lives, in any setting that is covered by NHS services and includes those who may be dying from chronic diseases such as kidney disease.

Please read the guidelines and [comment on the consultation](#).

Dialysis Games: Sunday 13 September 2015

The Dialysis Games will be taking place on Sunday 13 September at Joseph Rowntree School, York. The Games is an inclusive sports and activity event for people with kidney disease, who need to dialyse, the first of its kind held in the UK.

Advanced kidney disease can cause muscle weakness, chronic fatigue, and reduced capacity for exercise. The aim of the Dialysis Games is to promote activity and exercise for those with the condition, as it is well recognised from research literature that exercise and a healthy lifestyle can have positive benefits for people on dialysis.

The day intends to be a fun, family-friendly event with sports taster sessions and activities as well as stalls, inflatables, games and refreshments. To find out more click [here](#) or contact [Vicky Pursey](#).

Decreased Organ Donation and Transplantation Activity

NHS Blood and Transplant has recently reported that the number of [deceased organ donors has dropped](#) for the first time in 11 years. The statistics show the number of transplants has decreased from 4855 in 2013/14 to 4431 in 2014/15.

Both the [NKF](#) and [BKPA](#) have released responses to this news. It is essential that discussion about organ donation is encouraged along with signing up to the [organ donation register](#). These messages were also emphasized at the recent [BAME organ donation event](#) held in Bradford on 27th July.

Kidney Transplantation – NICE Consultation

NICE have opened two consultations on kidney transplantation. One consultation is on [immunosuppressive regimens \(review of TA99\) in children and adolescents](#) closing 27 August 2015 and the other is regarding [immunosuppressive therapy \(review of TA 85\) in adults](#) closing 26 August 2015.

Please read the documentation and comment on the consultations.

Dates for your Diary!

Forums:

- Tuesday 22 September, 14:00-17:00 (lunch from 13:00), **Yorkshire & the Humber Home Therapies Forum**, The Strayside Education and Clinical Skills Centre, Harrogate
- Friday 9 October, 14:00-17:00, **Yorkshire and the Humber AKI Forum**, Hatfeild Hall, Wakefield.
- Wednesday 11 November, 09:30-1200, **Yorkshire and the Humber Transplant Forum**, Venue to be confirmed, Wakefield.

If you would like to attend any of the above, or require further information, please email sarah.boul@nhs.net.

Events:

- Thursday 24 and Friday 25 September, 09:30-17:00, **The Eighth UK Annual Conference of Home Dialysis**, The Lowry Hotel, Manchester.

For more information and to book your place please contact [Diane Comer](#).

- Wednesday 25 November, 09:00-16:00, **Improving Care in Acute Kidney Injury: Sharing Best Practice**, Mercure Bolton Georgian Hotel.

This event is also welcoming a submission of 500 word abstracts for presentation around the following themes:

- Implementation and evaluation of AKI education programmes
- Research in AKI
- Audit and measurement of AKI programmes

The abstract should be submitted by **11th September 2015** and be as informative as possible containing the following information:

1. Background and Objectives, 2. Method, 3. Results, 4. Conclusion

If you would like to attend the event or submit an abstract please contact [Caroline Parkin](#).

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- British Kidney Patient Association. Click [here](#) for the website.
- Devices for Dignity - Renal. Click [here](#) for their website.
- National Kidney Federation. Click [here](#) for the website.
- NHS Improving Quality. Click [here](#) for the website.
- Sharing Haemodialysis Care. Click [here](#) for the website.
- Think Kidneys. Click [here](#) for the website.
- West Riding KPA. Click [here](#) for the website.
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