

‘THINK
KIDNEYS’

Introduction to KQuIP

Kidney Quality Improvement Partnership



What is KQuIP?

KQuIP is a dynamic network of kidney health professionals, patients and carers who are committed to developing, supporting and sharing improvement in kidney services in order to enhance outcomes and quality of life for patients with kidney disease.



What does KQuIP do?

KQuIP will improve the lives of adults and children affected by kidney disease by supporting healthcare professionals, kidney units, kidney networks and commissioners across the UK to achieve the highest quality of care for patients.



KQuIP builds on rather than replaces existing quality improvement structures.

It will do this by:

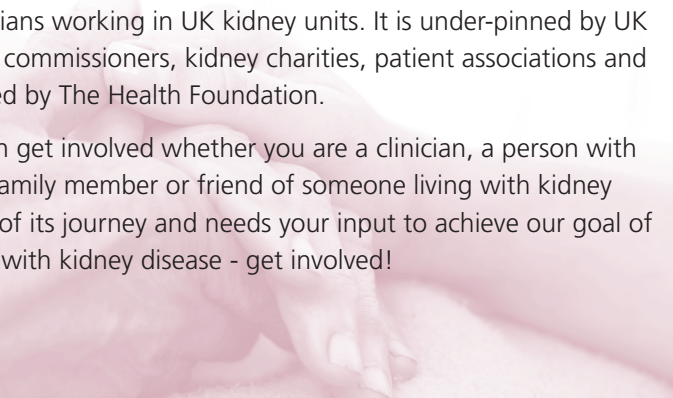
- helping kidney services to embed quality improvement into daily practice
- understanding and reducing unwarranted variation in care
- spreading and sharing good practice.



Who is involved?

KQuIP will be enduring and not subject to constant NHS reorganisation as it has been developed and is led by clinicians working in UK kidney units. It is under-pinned by UK kidney professional societies, commissioners, kidney charities, patient associations and renal industries. It is supported by The Health Foundation.

You too are welcome and can get involved whether you are a clinician, a person with kidney disease, a carer, or a family member or friend of someone living with kidney disease. KQuIP is at the start of its journey and needs your input to achieve our goal of better outcomes for patients with kidney disease - get involved!



Quality improvement and kidney services

Kidney teams have a long history of innovative service improvement – the UK Renal Registry, Patient View, AKI Programme Board to name a few, and teams are always working to deliver the best service possible for their patients.

KQuIP will enhance and progress this spirit and enthusiasm by capturing ideas, innovation and change for the good of the whole community. But most importantly KQuIP will help us learn together and share improvement, so that people with kidney disease, wherever they are in the country, will benefit. Through training and development KQuIP will build and reinforce quality improvement (QI) skills and capability across the whole kidney team.

How will KQuIP help me?

Improving quality should be part of the day job for all healthcare professionals. Whether you are a complete beginner or an expert in improvement, KQuIP will have something for you.

KQuIP will support and promote:

- Leadership in kidney units that engages and encourages those who deliver and receive kidney care
- Everyone's (staff and patient) improvement ideas that work and make change happen
- Innovation that is effective and cutting edge
- Existing renal networks to remain effective
- Home Countries renal improvement services
- Commissioning for improvement
- Education that teaches everyone how they can be effective improvers
- Sharing lessons learned by pairing renal units (Peer Assist): how to do things differently and achieve successful outcomes
- Data collection to measure improvement and the change it deliver
- Current and future leaders to make sure people have the right skills and approach to QI and can share their knowledge with others

Effective clinical regional renal networks are key to improving kidney service delivery and KQuIP will work them and provide support.

With your help we can develop a culture where improvement is at the heart of the care that we provide or receive, with kidney services leading the way in the NHS.

How to get involved and find out more...

The KQuIP website at www.thinkkidneys.nhs.uk/kquip provides lots of information about who is doing what, how you can be involved, information about resources, and a mechanism for sharing what you are doing, as well as getting involved in discussion about your work.

We will aim to make sharing improvement lively and interesting, but most importantly – high impact and effective so that we make a difference by increasing everyone's skills in QI and making change happen.

On the website you will be able to register your interest to be updated on KQuIP's progress and latest news. Complete the form and we will stay in touch with you.

We will make use of social media – Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn so watch out for activity over the next few months.

www.thinkkidneys.nhs.uk/KQuIP

Your comments and feedback are always welcome –
email us at KQuIP@renalregistry.nhs.uk