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## **Kidney Quality Information Partnership appoints its first national clinical lead**

James Medcalf has been appointed as the first national clinical lead for the Kidney Quality Information Partnership (KQIP).

James, who is a consultant nephrologist at University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust, has joined KQIP on secondment, and will spend two days a week in the new role, with the remainder of his time at Leicester. In his KQIP role, James will provide advice and clinical representation, and will also be an active member of the Renal Information eXchange Group (RIXG).

The post is funded by NHS Kidney Care. Welcoming James's appointment Beverley Matthews, director of NHS Kidney Care, said: "The appointment of a clinical lead is an exciting step forwards for KQIP, and we are delighted that the post has been accepted by James. Improving informatics in kidney care is hugely important in enabling more streamlined, joined-up services, and supporting the development of robust care planning systems - which will help to raise the quality of care for kidney patients, while saving money. James will play a key role in ensuring that strategic developments take full account of both clinical and patient requirements."

James Medcalf said: "The work of KQIP is extremely important in enabling the delivery of consistent, high quality kidney care. I feel privileged to be playing a key part in the continued development of KQIP, and I look forward to the exciting challenges ahead."

The Kidney Quality Information Partnership co-ordinates, supports and acts as a portal for the development and progression of developments in renal informatics. It enhances access to, and use of, information within kidney care, enabling consistent delivery of high quality care for patients.

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**Notes to Editors:**

NHS Kidney Care works with clinical teams and commissioners of kidney care to transform the services available to those with kidney disease, in order to continually drive up the quality of care. The organisation works to ensure the implementation of the [National Service Framework for Renal Services](#), a government pledge to improve quality of care for kidney patients in England by 2014. Clinical priorities are set by the Kidney Care Programme Board, a partnership between NHS Kidney Care, the Renal Policy Team and Dr Donal O'Donoghue, National Clinical Director for Kidney Care at the Department of Health.

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