



# Yorkshire & the Humber Renal Network News

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## Welcome to Yorkshire & Humber Renal Network News!

Welcome to the second edition of the Yorkshire and the Humber Renal Network Newsletter!

This Newsletter aims to communicate developments and facilitate joint-working and a coordinated approach across Yorkshire and the Humber.

The intention is to promote Renal Network Developments, local and national news and examples of best practice.

Following feedback from the last edition, the Newsletter now includes a focus on a 'Renal Role' and a patient update.

This edition features progress with **Home-Based Therapies and Self-Care**, **Quality Innovation Productivity Prevention (QIPP)** and **Patient Transport Services**.

There is also an update on **Green Nephrology** and a **patient's perspective**.

Each edition will include a **national update** and **useful contacts** and **websites**.

This edition contains details of a number of local and national **events** which may be of interest.

If you have any comments on this edition, ideas for improvements or suggestions for future editions please contact [Rebecca.Campbell@barnsleypct.nhs.uk](mailto:Rebecca.Campbell@barnsleypct.nhs.uk)

## Did you know?

- The Yorkshire & the Humber SCG Website now has regularly updated Renal pages: [www.yhscg.nhs.uk/renal-network.htm](http://www.yhscg.nhs.uk/renal-network.htm)
- The next National Kidney Care Audit Patient Transport Survey will take place on 13th & 14th October 2010.
- The Renal Network has supported a bid to the Health Foundation for £400k 'Closing the Gap' funding to develop shared staff-patient self-care arrangements in all dialysis units across the region. Award holders will be informed by the end of September.

The first Yorkshire & the Humber Kidney Care Home Therapies Forum was held on 29th June 2010.

This multi-disciplinary forum has been established with the following objectives:

- To plan the home therapies & self-care strategy for Yorkshire & the Humber
- To be interactive and multidisciplinary
- To share best practice, problems and solutions
- To review progress and activity
- To hear updates on

new developments.

The event was well attended by a range of health professionals, patients & carers. There was a mixture of presentations, group discussions and networking opportunities. Copies of the notes and presentations are available on the website: [http://www.yhscg.nhs.uk/](http://www.yhscg.nhs.uk/homebasedtherapies.htm)

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Feedback from the event favoured quarterly meetings which rotate around the Renal Centres in the Region. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 5th October at 1pm** at Castle Hill Hospital, Hull. Contact [Debbie.rae@barnsleypct.nhs.uk](mailto:Debbie.rae@barnsleypct.nhs.uk) to book your place.



Discussions at the Forum on 29th June

## Quality Innovation Productivity Prevention (QIPP)

**QIPP** is used to describe the approach to successfully delivering national and local service and quality objectives within funding constraints.

It is made up of four inter-linked elements: Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention. The intention is that together they will enable the NHS to deliver on its vision for change and improvement whilst maintaining the quality and range of services people want and need.

The Yorkshire & the Humber Specialised Commissioning Group (SCG) QIPP

Programme Report was discussed by the SCG Board at its meeting on 28th May. Each of the proposals contained within the report had been assessed for: potential to improve quality, and for potential to deliver financial savings.

Those proposals which were agreed by the SCG were subsequently submitted to NHS Yorkshire & the Humber (Strategic Health Authority—SHA), who will now be monitoring the performance of all QIPP proposals across the region.

Four proposals, supported by the Renal Strategy

Group, were submitted to the SHA in relation to Renal services. These are:

1. Appropriate access to Conservative & Palliative Care
2. Increasing Home-Based Therapies & Self-Care
3. Introduction of National Mandatory Tariff
4. Increasing Kidney Transplants

It is now a priority to focus attention on these four areas and delivery will require the support and commitment of all members of the Renal Network.

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## Patient Involvement—by Paul Taylor

*“The most important thing from a Leeds perspective is the Water Treatment Plant replacement at St James’s Hospital and how it is going to affect patients/staff. This is gathering speed and many patients will be displaced over the coming months. It is also good to see the new Huddersfield Renal Satellite finally getting started with a committed working group and a start date of March/April 2011 but disappointing that*

*the LGI proposal was turned down.*

*I am encouraged by the proposal to allow patients to become more involved with their treatment by doing something, however little, towards their dialysis be it opening packs, lining machines, even needling as this, I feel, will in time increase the home therapy cohort and also lead to the patient feeling more in charge of their treatment.”*

Paul is the Secretary of Leeds St James’s Kidney Patient Association. He also represents Leeds & Bradford patients at the West Yorkshire & York Renal Local Implementation Group. Paul is involved as a patient representative in developments in Home-Based Therapies & Self-Care.

To input into any of these areas contact Paul on [pqt67@hotmail.com](mailto:pqt67@hotmail.com)



**St James’s KPA increasing public awareness of kidney disease**

## Green Nephrology Update from Andy Connor

### Recruiting: Green Nephrology Fellowship 2010-11

The Green Nephrology programme is looking for an enthusiastic health professional with experience in kidney care to be the next Green Nephrology Fellow. After a brilliant first year, the programme is seeking to build the national Green Nephrology Network and raise its profile within

the renal community. The successful candidate will take a lead role in this exciting new dimension of the specialty, developing skills in leadership and quality improvement. This is a six-month post, to start Autumn 2010.

Full details from: <http://www.greenerhealthcare.org/nephrology-fellowship-2010>  
Closing date: 23 August 2010, 12pm

### Green Nephrology Summit 2010

The **Green Nephrology Summit** will be held on 24th September. We’d love to see as many Local Representatives and clinicians there as possible – in fact, the day is designed primarily for you!

See page 4 for more details.



**Find out more about Green Nephrology at:**  
<http://greenerhealthcare.org/green-nephrology>

## Patient Transport Services (PTS)

From the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 responsibility for commissioning patient transport services (PTS) transferred to Primary Care Trusts (PCTS). Whilst the remit extends beyond renal services, the Renal Network has been keen to ensure that developments fully take account of this patient group. Experiences and services vary across the region, but transport remains high on the agenda of many patients, particularly those regularly attending for hospital and satellite based dialysis.

To progress work on PTS, Yorkshire & the Humber have split into four areas and a lead PCT & commissioner has been nominated for each area. Progress is as follows:

**West Yorkshire:** There is a two year programme of improvement, with monthly review and key milestones

biannually. A new service specification has been developed with a separate service specification for renal.

**North Yorkshire:** York Renal Patient & Carer Reference Group has conducted a survey and has instigated a feedback mechanism on the unit. A meeting of commissioners, Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) and patient representatives has been scheduled for September.

**Hull & North Lincolnshire:** A service specification has been developed for all transport services for a new service to start in April 2011. In the meantime, a schedule of quality improvement and performance management meetings has been arranged with YAS to address the current service provision. These meetings include renal patient representatives.

**South Yorkshire:** An initiative has been introduced to more consistently apply national eligibility criteria. At Rotherham Foundation Trust, all escort bookings are now being routed through the PTS booking team in order to ensure that the eligibility criteria is being applied. This will be rolled out across the rest of South Yorkshire in the near future. In addition, a separate Renal PTS service will be commissioned from April 2011.

The next National Kidney Care Audit's Patient Transport Survey will take place on 13 & 14 October 2010. The aim is to achieve the highest response rate possible from patients receiving haemodialysis. All renal units will also be sent a questionnaire about the PTS provided. There is also likely to be a survey of those commissioning PTS services.

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## National Update

**Revised Clinical Guideline on Anaemia in CKD open for Comment:** Members of the kidney community have until **27<sup>th</sup> August** to comment on the final draft of the updated Clinical Practice Guideline on Anaemia in Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD), which is now available at: <http://www.renal.org/Clinical/GuidelinesSection/AnaemiaInCKD.aspx>

**New Features on Renal Patient View:** Kidney patients are set to benefit from new tools available on the Renal Patient View website, which are designed to help patients take a more active role in their care.

NHS Kidney Care is funding a number of innovative developments to the site, which is used by more than

14,000 kidney patients, including a tool for patients to enter their own data, and a discussion forum.

**UK Tops the ranking in End of Life Care:** A new report from the Economist Intelligence Unit comparing end of life care across the world, has placed the UK top in the 'Quality of End of Life Care' sub-category.

*The quality of death. Ranking end-of-life care across the world* used indicators such as public awareness, training availability, access to pain killers and doctor-patient transparency to measure the quality of end of life care.

**Dialysis Charges for overseas students:** The Department of Health has issued guidance on access to dialy-

sis treatments for overseas students. <http://www.kidneycare.nhs.uk/Library/ialysisforOverseasstudentsandchargesJune2010.pdf>

**Renal Education Network:** A new group has been set up to support the delivery of high quality education for patients with Chronic Kidney Disease, and for those caring for them.

The network will help to provide a framework for curriculum development, educator training, quality assurance and audit which meets the Department of Health criteria. To find out more about the Renal Education Network, and to become a member, please email [Kate.Mccarthy@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:Kate.Mccarthy@warwick.ac.uk)



Kidney Care



Please also have a look at the latest news from Donal O'Donoghue via the Renal Tsar's Blog: <http://renaltsar.blogspot.com/>

Find out more about these and other developments in the latest edition of **Kidney Care Matters** at: <http://www.kidneycarematters.nhs.uk/>

Further information and updates are also available from the **NHS Kidney Care** Website: <http://www.kidneycare.nhs.uk/>

## Forthcoming Events

Best Practice Approaches to the

### Renal Unit Capacity Challenge

Forward planning, resource management and patient treatment case studies

Date: Tuesday 14th September 2010

Venue: City Inn, Birmingham

[http://www.sbk-healthcare.com/event\\_intro/RN1040/](http://www.sbk-healthcare.com/event_intro/RN1040/)

**pccs** 13<sup>TH</sup> PRIMARY CARE CARDIOVASCULAR SOCIETY ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING & AGM

## Cardiovascular Disease – the next 10 years

The Queens Hotel, Leeds

Wednesday 29th September  
Thursday 30th September  
Friday 1st October 2010

Registration for this event is to be made via the website [www.pccs.org.uk](http://www.pccs.org.uk)

### Third Annual Symposium Home Dialysis

**Nuts and Bolts of Home Therapies**  
14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> October 2010  
Venue: The Lowry, Manchester, UK

An educational meeting for multidisciplinary renal professionals

Key Topics include:

- Advances in Home therapies
- Progress from UK centres
- Pushing Selection Boundaries (thinking outside the Box)
- Technical forum with a difference
- Future Research directions
- Overcoming Human factors
- Home dialysis finances explained (PbR, CQUIN...)
- Practical workshops
- Industry Display and more...

Directed towards nephrologists, trainees, renal nurses, technicians & managers, caregivers and other interest groups including primary care staff and commissioners

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and Professor Ken Farrington

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Please register early to avoid disappointment

## Green Nephrology Summit 2010

Date: Friday 24th September 1000-1600

Venue: Birmingham Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust,  
Steelhouse Lane, Birmingham, B4 6NH

- How can kidney care be made greener and better?
- What IS a carbon footprint?
- What do patients think about it all?
- And finally... what has that Green Nephrology Fellow been getting up to all year?

For more Information: <http://greenerhealthcare.org/green-nephrology-summit-2010>



## National Kidney Federation Patients Road Show 2010

Date: 8-10 October 2010

Venue: Hinckley Island Hotel, Leicestershire

<http://www.kidney.org.uk/roadshow10/>

## British Renal Society / Renal Association Conference 2011

**Together Again!**

To build on the success of 2010,

BRS and RA will hold another combined meeting

Date: **6 - 9th June 2011** • Venue: **ICC, Birmingham**

Theme: **Sharing knowledge and experience to accelerate**

**improvement in kidney care**

<http://www.britishrenal.org/Conferences/Conferences-Home/BRS-RA-Conference-2011.aspx>

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The Yorkshire and the Humber Renal Network has been established to lead on the modernisation and development of Renal Services across the region. The strategic planning and commissioning of renal services across Yorkshire and the Humber, in accordance with the National Service Framework for Renal Services and National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence Guidance is delivered through the Renal Strategy Group, which is supported by three Renal Local Implementation Groups (LIGs). These reflect and support local commissioning, provider and patient population groups and relationships within the region.

The Network is coordinated by a dedicated Network Manager, and has Clinical, GP, Nurse and Public Health leads.

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### Websites

Are your kidneys healthy? NHS Choice Health check:  
<http://www.nhs.uk/Tools/Pages/Kidneydisease.aspx?Tag=Lifestyle+checks>

Chronic Kidney Disease: A Guide for Primary Care:  
<http://www.ckdonline.org/home/>

Kidney Patient Guide—'an experiment in online patient information': <http://www.kidneypatientguide.org.uk/site/contents.php>

NEPHRONLINE—'nephrology at your fingertips': <http://www.nephronline.org/index.html>

### Renal Strategy Group Updates

Look out for updates following the Yorkshire & the Humber Renal Strategy Group Meetings. These will provide a summary of agenda items and key points discussed at these regional Network Meetings.

The Update for the meeting held on 28th June is available on the website: [www.yhscg.nhs.uk/renal-network.htm](http://www.yhscg.nhs.uk/renal-network.htm). The next Renal Strategy Group will be held on 6th September.

### Feedback and For More Information

*Comments and suggestions for future editions would be gratefully received. If you would like to share any examples of good practice or feature in the next edition....*

*Or if you would like copies of any of the documents mentioned in this newsletter or more information....*

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