



AKI Newsletter July 2017

### **Think Kidneys AKI Programme Activities**

Members of the Think Kidneys Acute Kidney Injury programme have had a busy few months since the start of Phase 2 of the programme, and here are just some of the activities the team has been involved with.

At the end of April, Think Kidneys had a stand at the annual BRS conference. Some 550 people attended the three-day conference in Nottingham. Members of the Think Kidneys team presented their work at the event, and the slides shown can all be found [here](#).

Programme Development Officer, Julie Slevin spoke at a national Care Homes Catering conference on 4<sup>th</sup> May, highlighting the [care homes](#) resources. The slides presented can also be found on our [SlideShare](#).

At the end of project event earlier this year, NHS Director of Patient Safety Mike Durkin congratulated the Think Kidneys team and talked about the impact and the future of the work. We have recorded his talk and this can be found along with the slides he presented here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pvOITmTJNJo&feature=youtu.be>

Commissioning for AKI has been highlighted recently and Think Kidneys have had articles in the press this month. We have seen articles on commissioning for AKI in the [HSJ](#) and [Nursing Times](#) and the [Journal of Kidney Care](#) published an article about the activities of the project. Our work has also been highlighted on the NHS Academy of Fabulous Stuff – read about the AKI programme on the website [here](#).

We have launched our postcard for community staff – nurses, ambulance crews and care home workers. This is a practical guide to knowing if a patient has AKI and what to do next. You can see the card [here](#).

Several Trusts are piloting the “STOP” project. This is where GPs and pharmacists are handing out advice cards to patients who are at risk of AKI. It is hoped that the results of the pilot will shape further work around advice given to patients and the format it will take.

Earlier this year we proudly launched the Think Kidneys app, which is now available from your app store by searching for Think Kidneys and is suitable for upload to android and iphones, as well as tablets. The resources included on the App are those which are most regularly accessed on the website and which people tell us are most useful, for example medicines optimisation guidance, communities at risk of AKI, patient information leaflets, guidance for those caring for children at risk of AKI as well as others. We are currently in the process of adding further resources to the app so look out for these over the summer months.

We have been nominated for two prestigious awards this summer. The first one was for the Healthcare Transformation Awards on 28<sup>th</sup> June in Docklands, London. We were up for an award in the Innovation in improving outcomes and reducing variation category, and although we didn't win, we were proud to have been shortlisted, among some stiff competition! We are hopeful about the second one is on 4<sup>th</sup> July in Manchester, and it's at the Patient Safety Awards 2017 in the



Information Technology to Improve Patient Safety category. We are honoured to have been nominated among some fierce competition, and will give a further update in our autumn newsletter.

### **Current work and resources in development**

Think Kidneys are supporting a team of GPs to work on an RCGP quality improvement programme to raise awareness of AKI within primary care. We have taken part in the first Steering Group meeting in which planning for the year-long project was discussed. You can read about the project in our news item [here](#).

We have developed some resources for undergraduate nurse educators, which are currently being reviewed prior to publication. Keep an eye on our website for these useful resources which will be available shortly.

Over the summer we are developing resources and an information leaflet for people with learning disabilities and staff working with these people. These are currently in the early stages of development, and when they are complete they will be available on our website.

On 24<sup>th</sup> November, Think Kidneys are hosting a one-day conference at the RCP in London. Entitled “Kidneys for the General Physician Conference”, this will be a motivational, interactive day, with speakers secured from across the renal community. The conference is now open to booking, and you can book your space [here](#)

### **Measurement**

A total of 67 labs have sent through data for May at this stage and we now have 111 labs submitting data overall. An overview is also available on the Think Kidneys AKI website [here](#).