



**Funding for Renal Services**

**Kidney Units and KPAs**

Improving life for  
kidney patients

## Supporting kidney units and KPAs

**Kidney Care UK is the UK's leading kidney patient support charity, working to improve the quality of life for people affected by kidney disease.**

One of the ways we support kidney patients is through our Hospital Grants Programme that aims to improve patient outcomes by funding improvements to kidney services. Over the last five years alone the charity has provided over £10 million in funding for 70 hospital renal units around the UK.

### **The Kidney Care UK hospital grants programme**

Kidney Care UK accepts grant applications from hospital trusts, renal units, KPAs and other associated bodies or organisations to help deliver better equipment and innovative services that improve the health and wellbeing of kidney patients and their families.

Kidney Care UK provides grants for staff posts, projects and equipment. We will also consider applications for significant investment in major renal projects.

We are unlikely to fund projects or posts considered to be core NHS provision.



**The funding has allowed us to move forward with dietetic initiatives to improve the quality of service to children with renal disease across the whole South West of England.**

Regional specialist paediatric dietitian



## Key guidelines for hospital grant applications

### Grants for projects and equipment

Renal units can apply for a single grant application up to £50,000 per annum.

### Grants for staff posts

Renal units can apply for grants of up to £50,000 per annum for three years. Kidney Care UK will not fund more than two posts simultaneously at the same Trust.

### Core themes

Although the charity will consider applications for new ideas that are innovative and improve life for patients, we particularly welcome applications that support our priorities:

- children and young adults, including transition
- psychosocial support
- patient choice including shared and self-care and home therapies
- patient involvement and empowerment
- end of life care
- increasing transplantation
- improving the quality of and access to patient information and support
- supporting a stronger more cohesive kidney community.

Hospital grant applications are considered twice a year. Application forms, deadlines and further details about criteria for applications are available on our website [www.kidneycareuk.org/grants-for-hospitals](http://www.kidneycareuk.org/grants-for-hospitals)

### Examples of recent hospital grants include:

- A residential weekend for young adults from units across the UK.
- An arts project involving filming patient stories.
- Supporting an online information resource for parents and carers of children with kidney disease.
- Staff posts including: renal social workers, renal counsellors, art therapists, youth workers and clinical psychologists.
- A dialysis swap scheme to support kidney patients arrange respite breaks and dialysis away from base in the UK.
- Funding to allow a local Kidney Patient Association to introduce its own newsletter.

Kidney Care UK looks favourably on new and innovative projects that show evidence of improving patient care and quality of life for adults and children with kidney disease.



**Kidney Care UK funding has made it possible for patients to choose to get involved in their own care and take control back.**

Renal Community Nurse

**We have really appreciated the investment you made in helping us develop a sustainable psychology service to the Renal Department.**

Head of Psychology

**Kidney Care UK is the leading  
kidney patient support charity**



**Kidney Care UK fund  
improvements in health and  
care services, including QI  
projects, specialist renal  
equipment, staff and services.**

We also provide support, advice, counselling and financial support for kidney patients and their families. To access our full range of services, please use the contact details below.

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