UK Kidney Association

UKKA Strategy 2025 – 2030

Mission of the UKKA

Supporting kidney professionals throughout all regions of the UK in the prevention of kidney disease and in the delivery of optimal kidney care, education and research, in order to enable children, young people and adults with kidney disease to live well.

Our pillars

1. Advocacy and leadership
2. Clinical excellence and quality improvement
3. Education and workforce
4. Data, research and translation

Our strategic priorities for the next 5 years are:

1. **Advocacy and leadership**
    a. To raise the political and public profile of kidney disease with a focus on awareness and prevention work by
        i. Working with the All Party Parliamentary Kidney Group and advocating for optimal kidney care in the NHS 10-year health plan (2025-2026).
        ii. Working with the Royal College of General Practice, community pharmacists and other relevant professional organisations to optimise primary care kidney disease prevention work (2025-2028).
        iii. Optimising the National Registry of Rare Kidney Diseases (RaDaR) to ensure patients have universal and timely access to preventative treatments (2025-2027).
        iv. Working with partners to plan and deliver a kidney health public awareness campaign (2025-2027).
    b. To develop current and future leadership in kidney professionals
        i. Deliver an annual leadership course with ongoing leadership development throughout the UKKA.

2. **Clinical excellence and quality improvements**
    a. To develop a knowledge organisation that supports clinicians in implementing best practice through the development of resource hubs by special interest groups (SIGs).
        i. Develop knowledge hubs in six key clinical areas by the end of 2027.

b. To use quality improvement to develop and cascade best practice in quality standards, clinical guidelines and service innovation in:
    i. Home dialysis therapies (aiming by 2027 to achieve an increase to 20% of all KRT patients on a home therapy in partner centres (or 25% where the lower threshold already achieved).
    ii. Pre-emptive Transplantation (aiming by 2027 to increase pre-emptive transplant listing to 50% of those eligible for transplant workup in partner centres).
    iii. Advanced kidney care (AKC) by describing its optimal configuration and defining its key metrics with at least 50% of UK kidney centres submitting AKC data to the UK Renal Registry by 2027.

3. Membership

a. To grow membership in all professional groups including in allied health specialities
    i. Increase membership by 10% per year for 2025-2027.

4. Education and workforce development

a. To understand our members' educational needs and deliver the tools to support them.
b. To design and develop a workforce that provides care for a modern kidney care population we will seek:
    i. To measure the current kidney workforce (2025) and model a future workforce against predicted need for the next 10 years including the modelling of new approaches such as community-based roles specialising in the prevention of kidney disease (2025-2028).
    ii. To design specific curriculae in three kidney professional groups (2025-2028).
    iii. To optimise the contribution of underused medical talent through resources for the development of Specialist, Associate Specialist and Speciality doctors (SAS) and International Medical Graduates (IMG).

5. Data, research and translation

a. To embed real-time clinical data returns and analysis to enable local quality improvement and future service planning.
    i. 80% of kidney centres returning daily data to the UK Renal Registry and using real-time platform by 2027.
b. To establish key data linkage to support prevention and community-based aspects of kidney care.

i. Establish linkage with OpenSAFELY by end of 2026.

c. To transition to data items that most reflect our current kidney population and enable outcomes that matter to patients.
   i. Development and implementation of new dataset by end of 2027.
d. Support basic science through.
   i. the identification of key research questions, and the provison of key clinical data.
   ii. integration with UKKA structures to enable the translation of research into better therapies, education and clinical practice.
e. Support research through the measurement of the basic science workforce and the interrogation of the research capability of the wider clinical workforce. (Working party to report back within 12 months).

6. Strengthen our strategic partnerships

a. The UKKA will continue to build its key partnerships with:
   i. Kidney Research UK, Kidney Care UK, the National Kidney Federation and other kidney charities
   ii. The Kidney Policy Forum and the work of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Kidney Disease
   iii. The British Transplantation Society
   iv. The European Renal Association
   v. The International Society of Nephrology
b. We will seek to build new partnerships which reflect key priorities for kidney care such as those with primary care, cardiac and metabolic specialists and specialists in the care of older patients.

7. Internal organisational goals (will require separate implementation strategies)

a. Ensure financial stability
b. Develop our digital and technology strategy with an initial focus on website design

8. Good citizen

a. The UKKA will continue to play its role more broadly by supporting low to middle-income countries through the International Committee and the skills of the Registry as appropriate.
b. The UKKA is signed up to the UK Health Alliance commitments. We will audit ourselves against these and produce an action plan to reduce our carbon footprint.

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