Help Shape the Future of Kidney Care in the UK

Are you living with kidney disease or supporting someone who is? Would you like to help make a real difference to how kidney care is delivered across the UK?



We're looking for **two patient or carer representatives** with different experiences to join the **UK Community Kidney Strategy Governance Group** – a group working together to create a national strategy for kidney disease. This is a chance to bring your lived experience to the table and help shape services that work better for everyone.

What's this all about?

Kidney care is changing. With new treatments, technologies and ideas, there's a big opportunity to improve how people with kidney disease are supported. That's why national kidney organisations, healthcare professionals, patients and carers are coming together to develop a UK-wide strategy.

This strategy will guide how kidney services evolve over the next 10 years, and we want people with real experience to be at the heart of it.

What would I be doing?

As a patient or carer representative, you'll:

- Join monthly board meetings and regular working group sessions.
- Share your own experiences and gather views from others across the kidney community.
- Help make sure the strategy reflects what really matters to patients and carers.
- Contribute to discussions about how to make the most of available resources.
- Attend national events and help shape key decisions.

You won't be expected to know everything – support will be available to help you prepare for meetings and understand complex topics.

What's involved?

Meetings: Monthly board meetings (1 hr), operational group meetings every other week (1 hr), and three full-day national events

Preparation: Time to read papers before meetings and meet with the Programme Manager for support

Tech: You'll need access to email and the internet. Let us know if you need help with this

Who are we looking for?

You don't need formal qualifications, just:

- Lived experience of kidney disease (as a patient, carer, or someone who's worked closely with patients)
- A willingness to listen, share, and represent a range of views (including some outside your own lived experience of kidney disease)
- Confidence to speak up in meetings and ask questions
- Commitment to attend meetings and prepare by reading materials in advance
- Openness to learning and seeking support when needed.

Previous experience doing something similar is helpful but not essential.



What support is available?

Reimbursement of travel and other expenses
An honorarium of £50 per half day / £100 per full day (5 or more hours), for up to 12 days per year (if not supported by an organisation)

Role duration: from November 2025 to Autumn 2026.

How do I apply?

Please send an expression of interest (no more than 500 words) to Catherine.stannard@ukkidney.org by **5pm Friday 7 November.** The final selection process will involve a virtual interview via MS Teams.

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