



**HD Community of Practice Meeting
28th May 2025 09:30-10:30**

Minutes: Agenda item:	Outcome:	Comments:
Ratify March's meeting minutes.	Approved	No comments
Kidney Care UK presentation re: patient advocates.	Claire Maddison and Kenna Mannix – Patient support and advocacy managers for Northern Ireland & Scotland and the Northwest.	PowerPoint:  ANN UK Presentation May 20 New link for the professional referral form: https://kidneycareuk.org/health-professionals/kidneycareuk-referral/ Information about the 2025 Young Adult Residential Weekend: https://kidneycareuk.org/get-support/young-adult-kidney-group-yakg/young-adult-residential-weekend/. Registration is open until Thursday 26 June, so please reach out to Holly and Vanda, with any questions as soon as possible at: mountcook@kidneycareuk.org. Patient free phone number:- • 0808 801 0000 • email: Support@kidneycareuk.org

Acuity assessment project Kidney Research UK	Helen Hurst Professor of Nursing, University of Salford. ANN UK Executive.	• A new acuity assessment tool has been developed by the ANN UK workforce planning group for HD and Home HD. • It has been piloted in the Northwest and there is the potential for a project to work on its validation. • It could be part of a masters or PhD or even just a funded project. • Helen has contacts in Australia who are also working on this and so there is the opportunity for some collaboration. • The next round of grant applications will be open for EOI on 30/05/25 – 27/06/25. This is available for all nurses who aim to improve the patient experience and outcomes. Information available at: https://www.kidneyresearchuk.org/research/research-grants/nursing-research-grant/ If anyone is interested or would like further information, please get in touch with Julie or Ali.
Next meeting Agenda.	Julie and Ali requested suggestions for future meetings.	Please get in touch with Julie and Ali via email or the HD CoP WhatsApp group, if you have any requests or suggestions for future meeting agenda items / presentations. julie.sproson@nhs.net alexandra.spittle@diaverum.com
Possible workstreams for the CoP.	Julie and Ali requested suggestions for a workstream / project.	Suggestions so far: Develop a debrief assessment tool for staff / patients and possibly a patient information leaflet following critical events within the HD setting. Shrewsbury & Telford Trust have Supportive Care Nurses plus a dedicated room for sensitive discussions. We would like to ask them to present their role at a future meeting.
AOB	Attendance poll. CoP event.	In order to help with planning and arranging speakers, Julie and Ali may try a doodle poll prior to the next meeting, to get an idea of numbers able to attend. Thursday 6th November, at Conference Aston in Birmingham. The day would be split into 2 parts, the morning all CoPs would be together for some taught sessions, with a topic that is relevant to all staff across all aspects of kidney care (this is open for suggestions). The afternoon would be an opportunity for each of the CoPs to meet face to face and have some dedicated time. Each individual CoP would decide how best to

	Vascular Access CoP Action Tracker.	use that time, and that might include working with other CoPs or members of the education committee. Further information to follow. It has been identified that there is some overlap between the HD and vascular access CoP members (70% of HD CoP members are also VA members). Most of the people who are in both groups have also signed up to the WhatsApp groups. We are therefore looking at merging the two groups, as it would mean a combined membership of around 100 members, who can work together to support and share best practice.  28-05-25 Action Tracker HD CoP.doc
Next meeting	TBC after the August holiday period.	? September 2025 14:00 – 15:00 MS Teams

