

Advanced Practice (AP) Community of Practice – Meeting Minutes

Date: 21 April 2026

Time: 13:00–14:05

Chair: Christine Budd

Venue: MS Teams

1. Attendance

Present:

- Christine Budd
- Marivic Wright
- Natalie Erickson
- Marie McCarthy
- Leah Torr

Apologies:

- Andrea
- Aisha
- Xifeng (new member)

Anaemia CoP is being run at the same time today

2. Welcome and Previous Minutes

- Meeting date rearranged due to planned doctors' strike.
- Previous meeting minutes were reviewed and agreed.
- No outstanding matters arising not covered on the agenda.

3. National Advanced Practice Update

- Update from UK Kidney Week:
 - National regulation of advanced practice expected **from 2028**, initially for nurses.
 - Ongoing discussions regarding professional titles (e.g. Advanced Nurse Practice, Advanced Physiotherapy Practice).
 - Anticipated variability and uncertainty across professions.

4. Renal ACP Competency Framework – Progress Update

- Framework launched at UK Kidney Week.
- Document:
 - Available on ANNUK website (Members' Learning Resources).
 - Circulated to renal networks and ACP leads nationwide.
- Feedback generally positive, though session attendance at UK Kidney Week was limited.

5. UK Kidney Association Feedback – Key Points

Feedback reviewed from UKKA Education Project Manager:

- **Scope of practice:**
 - Clarification requested that ACPs complement, not replace, medical staff.
- **Autonomy language:**
 - Concerns that terminology may be misinterpreted.
 - Group noted this mirrors national NHS England ACP frameworks.
- **Training duration:**
 - Request to acknowledge difference between ACP and medical training depth.
- **Diagnostic responsibility:**
 - Agreement that complex diagnostic responsibility rests with consultants/registrars.
- **Supervision and workforce planning:**
 - Concerns raised, though group agreed this sits outside a competency framework.
- **Paediatrics:**
 - Recognition this should remain scope-dependent.

Consensus:

- The competency document is robust.
- Feedback reflects broader **national governance and scope issues**, not deficiencies in the framework.

Agreed Way Forward

- Group agreed collaboration, not opposition, with UKKA and NHS England.
- Proposal to explore development of a **renal ACP scope/integration framework** to sit alongside the competency document

6. Actions

1. **Response to UKKA** – Christine to draft a response addressing feedback and clarifying the purpose of the competency framework.
2. **Stakeholder engagement** – Explore a joint meeting with:
 - UK Kidney Association
 - NHS England ACP leadership
 - AP CoP representatives

3. **Circulation of draft** – Draft correspondence to be shared with attendees for comment prior to submission.

7. Publications

- Members invited to write journal articles describing:
 - Development of the renal ACP competency framework.
- Individuals or small groups may submit to different journals.
- Coordination via Christine, Marie and Andrea to avoid duplication.

Action: Interested members to notify the group and identify intended journal.

8. Any Other Business

- **Cardiometabolic renal services:**
 - Request for pathways/resources by Marivic
 - Suggestion to review UKKA abstracts/posters and contact service leads directly.

9. Next Meeting

- **Date:** 5 May 2026
- **Time:** 14:00
- **Planned presentation:** Focused scanning for renal/AKI patients.