

A joint proposal from The Renal Association and The British Renal Society

The UK Kidney Association (UKKA) exists to support the multi-professional team in the delivery of kidney care, education and research - enabling people to live well with kidney disease.

The Association comprises the professional groups, the UK Renal Registry, and other core committees and structures. It is built on a strong governance foundation consisting of the Trustee Board with 3 supporting, trustee lead committees: Governance & Nominations; Finance & Risk and Equality, Diversity & Inclusion.

UKKA is focused on delivery through a series of multi-professional special interest groups supported and enabled through core structures.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are at the centre of the organisation and cover major areas of clinical practice. They have an agreed leadership structure with multi-professional chairs, and a faculty with broad representation from the kidney care community.

The SIGs are supported by the technical expertise that is contained within Core Structures and the Clinical and Academic Committees. They commission work from its members and the UKKA infrastructure to prioritise work stream.

With standard operating procedures SIGs define the relationship with the core structures and representation on clinical and academic committees.

Development of the SIGs is organic, they integrate into the **Clinical Affairs Committee**, and have terms of reference, the structure is flexible to add in additional groups where required.

Areas of focus include: the use of data and measurements; quality improvement and implementation; clinical and operational guidelines and patient information.

Each SIG includes one or more members of the **core structures, clinical and academic committees** or an elected executive council member.

The relationship between the SIG and the academic committees depends on the priorities of the SIG and include links with the relevant clinical study groups of the UKKRC.

The Professional Groups include all the affiliates of the UKKA along with the BAPN, Senior Medical Staff, Scientific Staff and Trainees SpR Club. The Groups are supported by the Core Structures.

Operational leadership of the Core Structures is undertaken through an Operational Leadership Group. In the first instance this comprises: the existing presidents (including BAPN); vice presidents: paediatric, academic, clinical; senior employees of the organisation i.e. chief executive officer, finance lead, communications and the UK Renal Registry.

The Operational Leadership Group is accountable to the **Trustee Board** and reports into the **Executive Council**.

The Trustee Board comprises 13 members: 7 elected positions and 6 members appointed with the necessary expertise to run a charity.

The Board is responsible for the approval of strategy and governance of the organisation, performance management - ensuring goals are set and reached and ensuring finance balance and the long-term security of the organisation.

The Trustee Board is advised and directed by two key UKKA councils, an **Executive Council** and a **Patient & Carer Council**.

The **Executive Council** comprises elected council members, chairs of the professional groups, clinical and academic affairs committees and representatives of the operational leadership group.

The **Patient & Carer Council** represents and supports patient interests.

The Association is committed to developing appropriate charity partnerships and working with other external organisations.

UKKA focuses on regional representation and linkage and develops close liaisons with the clinical regional QI infrastructure, to ensure it represents the interests of its members and responds to stakeholders. It works to ensure key initiatives such as the Kidney Quality Improvement Partnership (KQIP), patient safety, education and data improvement are implemented through the regional networks across the UK.

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