

Benefits of participating in the AKC partnership project

- Contribute to a national, community-wide network of expert patients and AKC multi-professionals
- Improved knowledge, skills and confidence in the elements of ideal AKC care
- Understanding of different AKC care delivery models
- Practical experience of Quality Improvement
- Support for the implementation of simple practical steps to improve AKC care locally
- Co-production and use of AKC toolkit to improve patient care and staff skills

Levels of participation for stakeholders

Level 1 – Join the national virtual AKC community of practice, attend stakeholder events to contribute to and learn from collective expertise. For AKC staff who agree to be engaged with the project, be a point of contact for updates and general communication, function as local champions and contribute to the work of the project with comments and local knowledge.

Expected time commitment: approximately 1 hour / month.

Level 2 – as level 1 but also agreeing to contribute to the programme more formally such as support an AKC professional to join a workstream/project group and/or contribute to developing a specific output such as resources or staff training in a particular area of expertise.

Expected time commitment: 1 - 2 days a month.

Level 3 – “full project participation and programme pilot site” – for kidney centres wishing to be fully involved in the programme as a core partner and one of 5 pilot sites. This includes involvement in all stakeholder events and being a full member of the project operational team - designing, developing, piloting and evaluating the impact of the AKC change package and toolkit for the duration of the project.

Expected time commitment 1-2 hours per week each for 3-5 team members.

Expectations of Level 3 “full participation” kidney centres

- Has support from kidney centre Clinical Director, senior leadership team and AKC lead to participate in the full 3-year programme.
- Willingness to share data via the UK Renal Registry on local AKC population numbers, demographics, care planning, composition of AKC team, and how care is delivered.
- Participate in the design and piloting of an enhanced AKC model.
- Participate in the evaluation of changes including the collection of simple data on piloting 1 or 2 AKC tools during years 2 and 3.
- Participate in electronic measurement of patient experience (tool to be developed).
- Attend monthly virtual meetings to maintain momentum.
- Attend regular webinars and at least one face-to-face event per year.

How to find more information or express an interest in participation

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