



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Periods start date

10th

Sept

2024

Period end date

9th

September

2025



Administration and Trustees

Charity name Tyneside Kidney Patients Association

Other names charity is known by Tyneside KPA or TKPA

Registered charity number (if any) 518767

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office	Dates acted if not for full year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	David Errington	Chair	N/A	Membership of TKPA
2	Joyce Gill	Vice Chair	N/A	ditto
3	Ian Gill	Treasurer	N/A	ditto
4	John Lau	Secretary	N/A	ditto

Type of adviser

Name

Address

Renal Consultant	Dr Katrin Jones PhD	Renal Services, Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Constitution
How the charity is constituted	Association
Trustee selection methods	Elected at annual general meeting after being proposed and seconded and circulated to members 30 days notice in advance of regular AGM.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works.
- relationship with any related parties.
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

All Trustees, committee members and volunteers have to be screened and approved for an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) accreditation. This procedure is conducted on our behalf by the Newcastle Hospitals NHS Trust Volunteer Service.

Our peer-support volunteers have been trained by the NHS and the National Kidney Federation for the role.

The TKPA is associated with the National Kidney Federation, we also have a working relationship with other national renal charities such as the Kidney Care UK, Poly-cystic Kidney Disease (PKD) and Northern Counties Kidney Research Foundation.

Our Charity are also members of the Newcastle Hospitals Charity charity.newcastle-hospitals.nhs.uk

Major risks are managed and negated by our relationship with the NHS Trust in respect to our volunteers and their behaviour.

Financial risks, we have an independent annual audit of our accounts that are presented at the Annual General Meeting.

The TKPA carries a substantial General Liability Insurance.

The committee has been managed and operated within its Constitution and by-laws.

Like many small Charities we suffer from being unable to attract new Trustees or Volunteers. Our Trustees, Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary remain in post for three years before being replaced, this is part of our by-laws. All our Trustees have been in post between 1 to 11 years due to the lack of members wishing to contest the role. This required a change in our by-laws that Trustees will remain in post, should they wish until a suitable replacement declares themselves during our August selection process prior to our September Annual General Meeting.

To support all adult renal patients their families and carers based at the Freeman Hospital Newcastle Upon Tyne and its three satellite treatment centres.

Raise awareness of kidney disease and renal health and support national campaigns.

Be available in support of initiatives by Doctors, Surgeons and Nursing Staff such as World Kidney Day and the Annual Kidney Patient Reported Experience Measure (PREM) Survey which runs for 8 weeks through September and November.

The Tyneside KPA also holds Board Membership to the Northeast and North Cumbria Renal Network.

Support ranges from Peer Support, Education, Bulletins and Website and most importantly financing our Welfare Fund that is used to help patients in financial need.

Financial grants are awarded by our renal social workers to ensure confidentiality.

As all our committee are themselves renal patients or family members, our motto is "Patients helping Patients".

Raised awareness of renal disease by having public events on World Kidney Day and National Transplant Week.

Raising funds from charity stalls (yet to recommence after Covid restrictions), donations, and memorial donations. Organising and managing fund raising opportunities such as The Great North Run and Charity Golf Days.

Having open, robust, and independently audited accounting procedures to ensure public trust.

Provided help to our patients in finding assistance in relation to benefits and housing advice via our Renal Social Workers.

Provided a "safety net" for those patients in financial need.

Offered financial and practical advice to patients wishing to go on a family holiday whilst maintaining their dialysis treatment.

Financially supporting the Patients Caravan in the Lake District.

All patients based within the Newcastle Hospital Trusts renal service, currently 1600+ can access our help and funds regardless of whether they are members of the TKPA.

Whilst the TKPA has free membership it is only used for mailing or emailing newsletters etc. There is no "Membership Card" and all renal patients are welcome to approach us and use our help

	<p>Providing free or subsidised Summer leisure days out to local venues such as museum visits and the like. Since Covid restrictions started in March 2020 we had no trips but July 2023 saw a return.</p> <p>Christmas 2024 was a happy return to us personally distributing 500+ Christmas Gift Bags to Dialysis Patients. This included all our patients in the Freeman Hospitals Wards 31,32, Transplant Unit and our three satellite dialysis units.</p> <p>The Committee continues to meet with senior medical staff every six months.</p> <p>While we do not generally assist the Renal Unit with equipment purchases, we have bought blood pressure monitors. Medical staff have distributed these to patients to self-monitor their BP. This enables our Patients to be able to manage their health without travelling in the Hospital.</p> <p>Some notable aspects and achievement by TKPA in 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involved with Peer support and KIN (Kidney Information Net) projects but unfortunately these did not gather momentum and faded away. • Assisted a specialist dialysis nurse with her project on weight loss for Kidney Patients • Nominated for the Celebration Excellent Award 2024. • Nominated by P&G to receive a substantial donation in 2024. • Informing patients with parking concessions. • Assisting with PREM survey (Digital and paper survey). • Pharmacy delay issues.
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Financial Issues

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The TKPA's policy is to maintain at least 25% of our opening annual balance to go forward to the following financial year.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None.
Our Accounts always remain in a substantial credit balance.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising).
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Like most small Charities the TKPA has been hugely affected by Covid19. All of our Volunteers and Trustees are clinically extremely vulnerable renal patients themselves and had been unable access our Hospital. We have now been allowed to return but there is a certain amount reticence to do so.

This has made fundraising and patient interaction difficult.

Access to the Hospital has been reinstated but we have yet to decide about what our volunteers wish to do as we are still classed as extremely vulnerable.

Our Charity maintains a health bank balance and is able to fulfil all its financial commitments.

Our Patients Welfare Fund is available to help those in financial need, this is managed directly by the Renal Social Workers.

This method ensures confidentiality with the Social Workers, referrals to them have come from medical staff and Committee Members. While not perfect this has ensured patients can still be assisted.

The Trustees meet with the Social Workers (via TEAMS) regularly to ensure they have sufficient access to funds and give us an *overview* on how effective the fund is in helping those in need.

The TKPA has no investments in any financial products.

The Charities Audited Accounts will be presented at our AGM 9th September 2025. After adoption they will be circulated to our members in our Bulletin.

Incidents

There have been no issues that have required reporting to the Charity Commission, NHS England Volunteer Service or our Auditors.

Nor have there been any complaints either formal or informal or sanctions against our Trustees or Volunteers.

Our by-laws and financial constitution have been rigorously upheld throughout the year under report.

Remunerations

The Tyneside Kidney Patients Associations Trustees and Volunteers receive no payments in respect to their duties. They give up their time freely and make no claim to payment for their involvement.

Expenses are paid for agreed costs incurred in Charity business such as postage and travel costs.

Declaration on behalf of Trustees

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	David Errington	John Lau
Position (e.g., Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary

Date

9th September 2025

TYNESIDE KIDNEY PATIENTS ASSOCIATION
Registered Charity 518767

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31 MAY 2025

	2025	2025	2024	2024
	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s
INCOME				
Donations		53,919.91		21,349.64
Bank Interest		1,735.18		512.18
Stalls	0.00		0.00	
Raffles	0.00		0.00	
Outings	105.00		315.00	
Events	4,335.58		0.00	
Collecting Tins	0.00		275.31	
Fundraising		4,440.58		590.31
Wristbands		97.50		573.00
NKF Donation - Contra		215.18		0.00
		60,408.35		23,025.13
CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE				
Welfare Payments		6,517.98		8,000.00
Stall Purchases		0.00		0.00
Outings		296.89		771.67
Event Expenses		3,828.05		4,686.07
Printing and Stationary		0.00		5.00
Postage		18.59		15.89
Website Costs		226.80		212.40
Purchase of Equipment		0.00		0.00
Travel Expenses		0.00		468.34
Insurance		124.30		133.03
NKF AGM		0.00		0.00
NKF Donation - Contra		215.18		0.00
Grants		0.00		200.00
Audit Fee		0.00		0.00
Newsletter		0.00		0.00
Banners, Ballons, Wristbands etc		0.00		0.00
Fundraising Costs		626.37		1,180.15
Bank charges		20.00		0.00
		11,874.16		15,672.55
NET MOVEMENT OF FUNDS		48,534.19		7,352.58
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS YEAR		75,604.95		68,252.37
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		124,139.14		75,604.95

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23rd July 2025

Tyneside Kidney Patients Association,
c/o The Treasurer,
Mr W. Gill,
16 Hillcrest,
Whitley Bay,
Tyne and Wear,
NE259AD.

Dear Ian,

TKPA Financial Year 1st June 2024 to 31st May 2025

I have examined the accounts and other associated documents with which you, the TPKA Treasurer, have provided me, concerning the above, based upon these I am satisfied that they are complete, accurate, and correct, and that they are a true reflection of the TKPA financial position.

Yours Sincerely,

David Colborn