TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR
THE NORTH STAFFS AND SOUTH CHESHIRE KIDNEY PATIENTS ASSOCIATION
FOR
2025

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CHARITY DETAILS

NAME: NORTH STAFFS AND SOUTH CHESHIRE KIDNEY PATIENTS ASSOCIATION

REGISTERED NUMBER: 1201926

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David KERBY – CHAIR

Judith Mary NEWCOMBE – TREASURER, and STAFFORD representative.

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	Congleton (A),
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	Congleton,
	Cheshire,
	CW121BE.

STRUCTURE

INTRODUCTION

The charity was originally set up in 1982 as the North Staffs Kidney Patients Association. In order to better represent the area covered by the charity the name was changed to North Staffs and South Cheshire Kidney Patients Association in 2021. The current charity was changed from a foundation type charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in February 2023. All funds were transferred to the new charity on 26 February 2023.

CONSTITUTION

The charity is governed by Constitution. The charity is set up as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with only the Trustees that can vote.

MANAGEMENT.

The charity is managed by a Committee of Trustees who meet monthly. In addition, an Annual General Meeting is held which is open to all.

PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY

The NSSCKPA carries Professional Indemnity cover for all officials and Trustees of the charity

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES.

All the Trustees are volunteers who have an interest in the objective. Generally, when we express a need to increase the number trustees, interested parties contact the charity directly or by word of mouth to one of our representatives at any of the three kidney treatment centres we cover. The three centres we cover are all part of the University Hospital of North Midlands NHS Trust at locations in Stoke on Trent, Stafford and Crewe.

Once an initial contact has been made, the prospective trustee is invited to join us at a typical committee meeting. If at the initial meeting, or after, the prospective trustee will be asked if they still wish to join us. If both the existing committee members and the prospective trustee are satisfied then the prospective trustees will be elected to join the committee and become a Trustee

OBJECTIVE AND ACTIVITIES

OBJECTIVE

The Objective of the Charity is as stated in our Constitution, repeated below for clarity

TO PROMOTE THE RELIEF OF PERSONS SUFFERING FROM KIDNEY DISEASE OR RENAL FAILURE BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE AND WHO ARE BEING TREATED BY THE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL OF NORTH MIDLANDS TRUST FROM, OR AT, LOCATIONS IN STOKE ON TRENT, STAFFORD AND CREWE.

ACTIVITIES

RENAL MEETING - This meeting is a meeting set up and run by the University Hospital of North Midlands Trust and is held on a monthly basis. This is where all issues concerning the management of the three kidney units, run by the trust, are discussed. The NSSCKPA has a slot on the agenda of that meeting where it can raise patient related issues which are of concern to the NSSCKPA.

MIDLANDS KIDNEY NETWORK. We are fortunate that our Vice – Chair has an interface with this organisation. This allows the NSSCKPA to be able to make input directly to the Midlands Kidney Network and to receive information discussed at meetings which is relevant to the NSSCKPA.

INTERFACES WITH PATIENTS AND HOSPITAL STAFF – At each of the three Kidney units managed by the UHNMT i.e. at Stoke on Trent, Stafford and Crewe (currently vacant), the NSSCKPA has patient representatives which allows the NSSCKPA to be in direct contact with patients and staff relating to their treatment and wellbeing.

NKF(National Kidney Federation) – The NSSCKPA is affiliated to the NKF, being able to use the NKF Zoom software to run the monthly and ad hoc meetings digitally at no cost to the NSSCKPA. Our Chair is also a member of the NKF Chair's Whatsap Group which is a forum for discussion of all issues affecting the NSSCKPA. We also endeavour to attend both the NKF AGM and the KPA day, where we can meet other KPA representatives and learn first-hand what the NKF is working on.

KIDNEY CARE UK – We use the Kidney Care UK website as a source of valuable information and on occasions where we as a charity are not able to help patients we do refer enquiries to them.

FUND RAISING At present we have no plans to fund raise as we feel that both our current account and our money manager account are very healthy.

THE FUTURE – Our objective as stated earlier in this report remains unchanged and we intend to continue to pursue all aspects of the world of kidney care where we feel we can make an impact. Currently we see that the following issues will be progressed further in the coming year.

- To continue to get the patient voice heard at all levels in the UHNMT, particularly at Board/ CEO level
- Complete our website update and increase patient involvement with the NSSCKPA.
- Complete noticeboard installation at the Crewe and Stoke on Trent units.
- Resolve, as far as we are able to, issues related to patient transport with the local ICB's
- Make an input to the ongoing reorganisation of the NHS through liaison with our local Integrated Care Boards.
- Improve the interaction between patients, carers, the NSSCKPA and hospital staff, and managers, to try to create a cohesive team working closely together to the patient benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

ACHIEVEMENTS

Website

The charity's website was not functioning as it should and as such it was agreed to review and update it. Subsequently a contract was let to a small consultancy to do the update. This work is continuing at the time of issue of this report.

Transport

This was, and continues to be, a major issue. There have been many complaints made by patients relating in the main, to the performance of the Non-emergency Patient Transport Service. This Service is not the responsibility of the UHNMT but it is the responsibility of the ICB's for our area.

Initially the issues with transport were identified some 3 years ago and since that time we have continually lobbied the UHNMT and the local ICB's to take action. The problems revolve around early pick-up, delays to arriving home and availability. These issues are continuing to cause inconvenience to patients and in the worst case even affecting actual dialysis session lengths and frequency.

Terms of Reference.

During the year the relationship between hospital staff and the NSSCKPA representatives has become difficult. In discussions with the Renal Management team and ourselves a Terms of Reference document has been developed so that both hospital staff and our representatives jointly understand the role our representatives play.

Communications.

Since the COVID-19 epidemic, communications with patients, carers and the public in general have been difficult and 2025 has been a year of continuing to try to re-establish that contact. That work has included the review and overhaul of our website, still ongoing at this time, review and update of our Facebook site and reaching agreement with the UNHMT to allow us to have noticeboards at all three kidney units. At present only the Stafford notice boards are in place and functioning.

Patient Christmas gifts

In discussion with the Renal Management Team, it was a greed acceptable that the NSSCKPA could provide a small gift for both patients and staff at all tree units managed by the UHNMT. This took the form of a 2025 calendar produced using NSSCKPA funds. The Calendars were issued to patients prior to Christmas 2025.

Policies.

There are currently in place policies covering the following.

- GDPR,
- Safeguarding and

- Social Media.

PERFORMANCE

Renal Governance Meeting

This is an NHS meeting used by the trust to manage the running the three units covered at Stoke on Trent, Stafford and Crewe. This is a regular monthly meeting at which the NSSCKPA can raise issues of concern and monitor progress of resolution.

This has included efforts to try to clearly establish the agreed protocols for the operation of a system which will allow dialysis patients to continue their treatment whilst on holiday. That is DAFB – Dialysis Away from Base. This work has as yet not reached a satisfactory conclusion.

Purchases.

We often receive requests from nursing staff at the hospitals for assistance on behalf of patients and also on occasion to help with treatment at the kidney units.

During this year this has taken the form of the following

- Mobile magnetic notice board for Stoke on Trent,
- A Stairlift for a patient,
- Christmas gifts for Staff and patients
- A banner for use when the NSSCKPA is present publically
- Stress Balls to help alleviate the issue of treatment length.
- A Mobile telephone dedicated to the use by the NSSCKPA
- External storage boxes for patients Dialysing at home
- 12-month Gym membership for a patient working up for transplant
- Assistance with holiday travel expenses for a patient and family
- Replacement Dialysis Overlay Mattresses for Stoke on Trent.

Social Worker - None of the three kidney units run by the UHNMT have resident Social Workers as part of the Staff complement. This is something we believe would benefit patients' mental health and as such we have campaigned to get this changed. However, unfortunately the UHNMT are restricted on staff budgets to not being able to secure this service. Also, our funds do not stretch to us employing someone qualified to do this job.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

When planning and executing our activities, which are pursued in order to achieve our objective, we as a committee have taken into account the Charity Commissioners guidance on public benefit.

The NSSCKPA supports all kidney patients and their carers across the three areas covered under the kidney units managed by the UHNMT. In particular we focus on the issues and difficulties often faced by those on dialysis and those on waiting lists for transplants, but we also aim to support all those that have had a diagnosis of chronic kidney disease from one of the three units managed by the UHNMT. As well as

providing advice to individuals the NSSCKPA is an advocate for best practice and treatments for all kidney patients from the NHS and actively lobbies other local government organisations on their behalf.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The NSSCKPA is funded entirely by voluntary contributions.

An Audited financial Statement is attached at Appendix A.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity continues to operate as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

During the year the charity received £2,539, including an investment income of £731.

Expenditure was £7,284, with £3,352 spent on equipment and maintenance.

The CIO is currently using its Nat West accounts. All monies held in the HSBC is in the process of being transferred to our Nat West accounts and the HSBC Accounts closed.

Reserves at 31 December 2025 were £54,490. The Deficit in the year 2025 was £4,744.

The NSSCKPA reserves policy is to invest any surplus funds in a high interest bank account in order to maximise interest.

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

APPROVAL

The report has been circulated to the committee and comments incorporated as appropriate:

Approved by:

DAVID KERBY – CHAIR, NSSCKPA.

Signature: D. Kerby

Date: 26/10/2026

NEIL JAMES GARBETT – VICE – CHAIR

Signature Neil Garbett

Date; 26/10/2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

North Staffs and South Cheshire Kidney Patients Association

(Charity No 1201926)

For the year ended 31 December 2025

I report on the attached accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 set out on page 4.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

* examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;

* to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

* to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required n an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

* proper accounting records are kept in accordance with section130 of the 2011 Act, and
* accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

P. F. Tindall

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Date: 14th OCTOBER 2026

North Staffs and South Cheshire Kidney Patients Association

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Receipts				
Donations	1,809	-	1,809	5,464
Interest	731	-	731	920
	2,539		2,539	6,384
Payments				
Equipment and maintenance	3,552	-	3,552	5,479
Postage and stationery		-	-	
Insurance	124	-	124	104
Sundry expenses	3,248	-	3,248	3,381
Sponsorship		-	-	
Hardship grants	360	-	360	250
Christmas gifts to hospital patents		-	-	
Bank Charges		-	-	
	7,284		7,284	9,214
Surplus/defecit for 2025			(4,744)	(2,830)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2025

Funds Brought Forward		
HSBC Current Account		11,180
Money Manager		48,054
		59,234
Funds Carried Forward		
HSBC Current Account	689	
HSBC Money Manager	3,669	
Nat West Current account	10,015	
Nat West Money Manager	40,116	
	54,490	