

Trustee's Annual Report.

From November 1st 2020 - October 31st 2021

Dudley Kidney Patients Association. (DKPA)

Charity Number 511085

Charity Principle Address:- 46 Chawn Park Drive,
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West Midlands.
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Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the charity:-

Mrs Denise Bristow	Chair
Mrs Judith Sidaway	Secretary
Mrs Sharon Orpen	Treasurer.

Structure, Governance and Management:-

- Amended Constitution 23rd January 2011
- Association consisting of Renal Patients attached to Russell's Hall Hospital. (approximately 400 members).
- Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the A.G.M. held in January.
- Executive committee meet every 6-8 weeks to govern the everyday working of the charity.

Executive Committee Members include:

- o Denise Bristow Chairman
- o Janet Chaloner Vice Chairman
- o Judith Sidaway Secretary & Caravan Administrator

- o Sharon Orpen Treasurer & Editor of Communicator
- o Bobbie Bedford Renal Staff member
- o Wesley Nicholls Renal Staff Member
- o Giulietta Whitmore W. Mids Advocacy Officer
- o Carole King General Committee
- o Colin King General Committee
- o Kerrie Carmichael General Committee
- o Vicki Parsonage General Committee

- o Stewart Foster General Committee
- o Lynn Foster General Committee
- o Vicky Parsonage General Committee
- o Chris Arrowsmith General Committee
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- Balance sheets of working finances are produced each calendar month and presented at Executive committee meetings.

Additional Governance issues:-

- DKPA is a member of The National Kidney Federation (NKF) which provides helpful advice within the wider Renal Framework.
- Representation at West Midlands Renal Expert Advisory Group.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

Summary of the objects of the Charity set out in its Constitution:-

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have considered the Charity Commissions general guidance on public benefit and for us in particular our Renal Community linked to Russell’s Hall Hospital in Dudley, West Midlands.

Aim:-To promote throughout the area covered by Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust the relief of persons suffering from Kidney disease or Renal Failure.

Objectives:-

- a) To promote a wider knowledge and understanding of the problems of Kidney Patients amongst the public.
- b) To co-operate with local organisations and statutory bodies with a view to improving the facilities for kidney patients.
- c) To raise funds for the achievement of the foregoing objects and to invite and receive contributions by way of donation or otherwise, provided that the Association shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds for its charitable purposes.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year (Linked to our overall objectives):-

a) Promoting and understanding the problems of kidney patients amongst the public.

Due to not being able to involve the greater public this year with our hospital tabletop sales this objective has proved difficult this year. However, Wayne and Chris have run on line auctions to raise funds and the people on this site have been made aware of the charity.

b) Co-operating with Local Organisations and Statutory Bodies with a view to improving facilities for kidney patients.

- DKPA is represented at The West Midlands Renal Expert Advisory Group when meeting.
- DKPA was represented at NKF Council meetings and AGM through Zoom this year. The NKF Conference and KPA day took place on line and we were represented.

c) To raise funds for the on-going work of the Association.

- The online Auctions have been our main source of income this year.
- We had a successful Grand Draw this year with thanks going to all the people who sold tickets.
- Patients have made donations and we do receive money in memory of patients and friends of patients.
- This year the 100 club has had 141 members.
- We have had, instigated by a committee member, loose change jam jar collections giving us also a small income.

Funds raised have helped towards the upkeep of our two mobile holiday homes, non-medical items requested by the Renal Unit (such as Educational Literature, Christmas decorations, Christmas food, subsidised caravan holidays, transport costs for patients dialysing away from home and donations to patients in times of particular renal need. (Like sheds for storage of dialysis fluids)

Additional details of objectives and activities:-

We are indebted to the hours contributed by members and friends of DKPA to administer our charity. This includes managing the online Auctions and the

administration of our two mobile holiday homes. Also, Fund Raising, organising social activities and the editing of our 'Communicator' magazine. Without these valuable contributions of time, energy and expertise we would not have been able to exist.

Any surplus funds which are not likely to be needed to pay for activities are deposited in a savings account.

This past year and Future Plans:-

Obviously this year has been difficult for us and many charities.

Positives have included :-

- The caravans when we were allowed to open have proved to be very popular for staycations. We were able to update our Burnham caravan for a pre-loved one. It has proved very popular with those who have stayed in it this year.
- Online Auctions by Chris and Wayne.
- The successful production and distribution of 2 issues of 'The Communicator'.
- The Sale of Grand Draw tickets even though patients have been shielding - so a big thank you to all who returned tickets.
- A well supported 100 Club.

Negatives have included:-

- Not being able to have three planned Table Top sales at hospitals during the year.
- Not being able to organise our usual sea-side day trip.
- Not being able to have our regular committee meetings but making full use of Zoom.
- The loss of valued kidney patients during the year.

Future plans therefore:-

- To pursue a Sponsored Sporting event.
- To continue fund raising.
- To organise some social events.
- To continue promoting awareness of DKPA amongst the public.
- To continue committee, drop-in sessions to the Renal unit and satellite units to make personal contact with patients.

- To launch our new website.
- To organise a seaside day trip.

Policy on reserves:-

We hold cash at the bank in current and savings accounts. These funds are accessible for running the charity.

Declaration:-

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above:-

Signed on behalf of charity's trustees

Signatures:-.....
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Full names:-.....
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Position:-.....
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Date:-2022

