AGM Chairman Report
2025-26

Good evening, and welcome to the AGM of NEKPA for 2025/6

This last year has, for the KPA, been a fairly quiet period. We have held stalls for World Kidney Day and Organ Donation Week at James Cook UH and we have also been involved with the Patient Education Day run by the Renal unit. Unfortunately, these are only once a year these days, a great pity as the patients find them co useful.

Several members of our committee are Peer Supporters working with the North East Renal Operating Network, Kidney Care, and the National Kidney Federation Support Groups. Our committee members are always available to give advice to patients and carers who need information and reassurance in coping with kidney disease. In addition, we promote the Helpline provided by the NKF.

One new project that we have been involved with is an art competition that is about to take place for patients from the leading renal units in the region. One of our committee members, Nasim Akhtar, has been instrumental in organising this event which we hope will be a regular feature in the years to come.

I will leave our treasurer to comment on fundraising etc. but I am pleased to say we are in a stable financial position. My greatest concern these days is the overall age of our committee members. I won't comment on individual ages but I'm sure they wont mind me pointing out that none of us are getting any younger. I will be 83 next year and I am not the oldest member of the committee. It does mean that we are in urgent need of new members to keep the KPA alive and functioning. If you or anyone you know are able to join our committee, you would be most welcome.

This will be my final year as Chairman as I am becoming more and more frail, both mentally and physically, that I must stand down. This past year and the one to come would not have been possible without the enduring support of my fellow committee members and I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank them for all the work they put in and the support they give. Thank you all.

Brian Child
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