



THE WESSEX KIDNEY PATIENTS ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

1. Name

The name of the Association shall be Wessex Kidney Patients Association

2. Objects

The object for which the Association is established is to promote the welfare of persons who attend the Queen Alexandra Hospital in Portsmouth, University Hospital Renal Paediatric Unit in Southampton and satellite units who are suffering from kidney disease or renal failure

Furtherance Powers

- a. To promote the sharing of information between kidney patients.
- b. To raise the awareness concerning the donation of human organs.
- c. To publish information and newsletters of interest to kidney patients and their families.
- d. To raise funds and invite/receive donations for the attainment of such objects as are outlined above, for members/ patient's comfort in the hospital and satellite units, for welfare /support/grant needs for members, for events and activities for members.

3. Membership

- a. Membership is open to and available to all renal patients and their nominated partner, of Queen Alexandra Hospital Portsmouth and University Hospital Renal Paediatric unit in Southampton. Only persons nominated by the patient have the right to vote on matters of policy.
- b. Associate membership is available to any person, being a friend or associate of the patient of the aforesaid hospital, who are prepared to assist the association in its objectives and aims. Associate members will not have the automatic right to vote on matters of policy.

4. Subscription

There will be no subscription charges.

5. Committee

The General management and policy of the Association shall be controlled by the committee which shall meet as often as shall be required but not less than 4 times a year. Three weeks' notice of committee meetings shall be given to all members of the committee.

6. Annual General Meeting

Once in every year in the month of September the Committee shall convene an Annual General Meeting at which all members shall be entitled to attend and vote for the purpose of:-

- a. Receiving the reports of the Committee
- b. Receiving and approving the Annual Audited Accounts of the Association.
- c. Appointing the Committee.
- d. Appointing Auditors of the Association
- e. Prior to the Annual General Meeting, members shall be notified of the date of the meeting, through the Patients magazine, Facebook and the Wessex Kidney Patients Association website.

7. Special General Meeting

The Chairman of the association or the secretary may at any time at their discretion, and shall within 21 days of receiving a written request to do so by not less than one third of the members having the power to vote and giving reasons for the request, call a Special General Meeting of the Association. This will be for the purposes of altering the constitution in accordance with part 7 or of considering any other matter which may be referred to them.

8. Voting

Subject to the provisions of the alterations clause, all questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a simple majority or those present and entitled to vote. No member shall exercise more than one vote notwithstanding that they may have been appointed to represent two or more interests but in the case of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote

7. Quorum

One third of the members shall form a quorum for all committee and general meetings of the Association.

9. Minutes

Minutes shall be kept by the Association and the Committee and the Secretary to appoint persons to sign cheques and otherwise operate the Association bank account and investments.

9. Finance

All monies raised on or held by the Association shall be applied to further the objects of the Association and for no other purposes. The Treasurer shall keep a proper account of the finances of the Association and shall submit annual accounts duly audited by the Auditors of the Association to the Annual General Meeting.

There shall be a bank account in the name of the Association from which withdrawals shall be made upon cheques and authorities signed by at least 2 committee members.

10. Dissolution

If upon the dissolution of the Association there remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever this shall not be distributed among the members but shall be given to or transferred to a charitable organisation /s having similar objects.

11. Alteration

Any Alterations to this constitution may only be made after all full members have had one full month's notice and can only take effect by a two third's majority at either a General Meeting or a meeting held for this purpose. No amendment of the constitution shall be made which would cause the Association to cease to be a Charity at Law.

THIS IS AN AGREED AND CERTIFIED COPY OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE WESSEX KIDNEY PATIENTS ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT:

Dr Rodney Gilbert MMed (Paed), MA, FRCPCH, DCH

SECRETARY:

Miss. KATHRYN PORTER