

# Message from the Presidents

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of both the Renal Association and the British Renal Society, we have great pleasure in sending you the latest information regarding our joint conference – UK Kidney Week 2018.

The programme committee including Helen Hurst, James Burton, Andrew Mooney, Phil Kalra and Paul Cockwell have arranged an excellent programme. We are delighted that Professor Tim Briggs CBE of the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital has agreed to open the conference, and will be presenting the opportunities and challenges for the “Getting it Right First Time” programme, and how they relate to the renal community.

Following the opening plenary session, the three day programme offers numerous sessions covering all aspects of renal care for the healthcare professional. We are also delighted to have received almost 500 abstract submissions, which will be presented orally or during moderated poster sessions. There really is something for everyone included in the programme – for details please see [www.ukkw.org.uk/programme](http://www.ukkw.org.uk/programme).

The conference is a great opportunity to meet and network with colleagues who share your enthusiasm for best practice in kidney care. There will also be an exhibition with the opportunity to meet industry representatives to learn of the latest equipment and treatment options available.

The conference will be held at the Harrogate Convention Centre, which we have chosen as it is a prestigious conference venue in the middle of North Yorkshire’s most vibrant town. There is also lots to do in the surrounding area of Harrogate, please visit [www.visitharrogate.co.uk](http://www.visitharrogate.co.uk) to learn more.

Kidney Research UK are organising a 5K fun run on Tuesday 19th June, taking place around the beautiful city of Harrogate. By taking part, you can help Britain's leading kidney research charity fund more research into the causes, prevention and treatment of kidney disease. Registration can be made in advance by visiting the Kidney Research UK Website.

This really is the conference that anyone working in kidney care cannot afford to miss. Early bird registration is available until 28th May 2018, so don't delay to register to take advantage of the discounted rates.

We look forward to seeing you in Harrogate for an interesting and enjoyable conference,



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