

Collaborative Working between Fresenius Medical Care UK and The UK Kidney Association (UKKA)

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Project Title	KQIP DAYLife - National Home Therapies improvement project
Duration	1 st January 2025 to 31 st December 2025
Aims	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish a national quality improvement programme co-designed with patients and professionals• Raise awareness and provide updates through improved communications with stakeholders and centres• Establish a central hub of resources• Engage centres to undertake home dialysis improvement work and offer support where required• Increase regional QI leadership and capability through mentorship and structured QI training• Establish a real time national home dialysis dashboard
Results	<p>In 2025, DAYLife continued to support kidney centres across the UK to deliver quality improvement in home dialysis, aligned with Recommendation 6 of the 2021 Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT) Renal Medicine report. Programme engagement increased, with registrations to the DAYLife Knowledge Hub rising from 126 in 2024 to 251 in 2025. DAYLife also increased engagement with NHSE, Inter-Cept investigators, renal networks and general managers to raise the profile and urgency around home therapies.</p> <p>A communication workflow with monthly meetings was set up within DAYLife to analyse and test the communications plan and identify areas for improvement. This work continues into 2026.</p> <p>Two national face-to-face events were delivered to share learning and best practice, and programme resources are available via the Knowledge Hub (registration required): https://education.ukkidney.org/course/daylife.</p>

	<p>Progress was achieved across the programme's core workstreams of Shared Care, Peer Support and Psychosocial Support.</p> <p>The Shared Care Mentoring Programme was launched in April 2025, recruiting five mentor centres and five mentee centres to support implementation of shared care approaches; one centre subsequently withdrew due to staffing pressures. Regional peer support champions were established across most UK regions, and questions relating to shared care and peer support were incorporated into the 2025 national Kidney Patient Reported Experience Measure (PREM) survey to strengthen national insight into current practice.</p> <p>National surveys on assisted peritoneal dialysis and peer support were completed, with findings informing programme development and supporting ongoing peer-reviewed publications.</p> <p>Phase one of a national home dialysis dashboard was completed using regional network data. This work has since been superseded by renal network dashboards providing more comprehensive national reporting and benchmarking of home therapy uptake.</p> <p>In 2026, DAYLife will focus on programme evaluation, expansion of mentoring initiatives and continued strategic development to support equitable access to home dialysis.</p>
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