

## **The Kidney End of Life Framework for Renal**

We present the framework for implementation of the Kidney Supportive and End of Life Care steering group. We discuss the importance of standardising the terminology used for patients who opt not to have dialysis and those who require supportive and palliative care. We consider the pathways these patients take, and the implications of this on framing the co-ordination of care within kidney departments and on the interaction with primary and palliative care teams.

The importance of advanced planning for the end of life and the use of care planning are emphasised, with suggested ways of ensuring this takes place in kidney units, while harnessing existing systems in primary care. We suggest markers of good practice which can be used to ensure implementation takes place.

Funding and commissioning arrangements for these patients are considered in the light of the desire of most patients to be cared for away from the acute hospital setting but with access to specialist kidney care whenever needed.