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## New guidance released on paediatric nephrology networks

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH), has worked in collaboration with the British Association for Paediatric Nephrology and NHS Kidney Care to publish a new report launched today.

The report focuses on the 'patient experience' especially in light of the new health reforms taking place across England. The review examines access to services, patient and carer involvement, quality indicators, audit and workforce planning. In particular, it draws out how paediatric nephrology networks will be setting out the core requirements for success and standards for commissioning and provision of services.

David Shortland, Vice President of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health said:

"The RCPCH is dedicated to making sure that those who work with children and families have the information they need to deliver high quality care. These standards have been endorsed and welcomed by the RCPCH and show just how essential clinical networks are to bespoke and specialist care."

Dr Mary McGraw president of the British Association of Paediatric Nephrology says: "The BAPN is committed to ensuring that children with kidney disease receive the highest quality of care. We believe this will be best achieved through being delivered by teams within networks meeting the standards outlined in this document, which we recommend to all those involved in commissioning, providing and using paediatric nephrology services ."

Beverley Matthews, Director of NHS Kidney Care, said: "The recommendations contained within this report outline a practical, common sense approach to the provision of co-ordinated care for children with kidney disease. I hope that commissioners and service providers will consider carefully how these recommendations can be put in place in order to improve the standard of care for children and their families."

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Notes to editors:

- For further information or a copy of the report, please contact Priya Shah, Head of Media Affairs on 020 7092 6005 ([press@rcpch.ac.uk](mailto:press@rcpch.ac.uk))
- The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) is a charity established by Royal Charter. We are responsible for the training and examination of paediatricians in the UK and overseas. We have over 12,000 members both in the UK and overseas.

- The RCPCH undertake research and policy generation - all with the goal of providing a strong voice for doctors, children, young people and families to ensure that children get the health services they need - [www.rcpch.ac.uk](http://www.rcpch.ac.uk)

### **NHS Kidney Care**

- NHS Kidney Care's objective is to enable the provision of high quality, affordable care for all kidney patients in England. Working alongside local kidney care networks, we aim to develop better outcomes with all work aligned to national priorities and supporting delivery of the national strategy. We produce a range of resources including commissioning guidance, how-to guides for healthcare professionals, toolkits and specifications designed to inform local decision making and to support frontline NHS staff to drive up quality and efficiency. All our reports and publications can be found at [www.kidneycare.nhs.uk](http://www.kidneycare.nhs.uk). Contact [Katrina.gill@kidneycare.nhs.uk](mailto:Katrina.gill@kidneycare.nhs.uk) with media enquiries.

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