

About St George's Kidney Patients Association

As many as 1 in 10 people in the UK will suffer from kidney disease at some stage of their life; some may not even realise it. For those people who go on to experience kidney failure it affects all aspects of their life. The charity supports these patients and the hospital to improve the care and experience at St George's Hospital. For more about the charity please read here:

<http://www.sgkpa.org.uk/main/st-georges-kidney-patients-association>

St George's Hospital is the transplant centre for SW London, Surrey & Sussex. Anyone (including patients from other hospitals) in that area is dependent on St George's for transplantation and post operative care. It achieves renal patient outcomes that are amongst the top 3 nationally.

Renal patients were badly affected when the CQC forced the closure of the building they were based in, in 2016. Currently patients are in using cramped conditions scattered across various parts of the hospital and some elements of the service are restricted or have stopped accepting new patients altogether. The hospital is also under severe financial pressure and is currently in "special measures" to get their budget back under control. So the charity is needed more than ever to help.

Our most recent purchase was surgical equipment to support live donor transplantation. See here for details:

<http://www.sgkpa.org.uk/news/st-georges-kpa-donates-a-new-laparoscopic-stack-to-the-renal-unit>

What are we raising funds for? We are in large part, raising funds to support the relocation of the service on the Tooting site. The plan is to provide a new outpatients facility which will support the transplantation, haemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis services, as well as a facility to help patients with kidney disease avoid kidney failure.