Patient Empowerment, self Esteem Employability, Resilience
Patients with long term conditions

- Increased incidence of mental health issues compared to their well peers

- True for kidney disease, epilepsy, learning difficulties, diabetes, rheumatology, heart disease........
What percentage of patients have mental issues with epilepsy

A. 10%
B. 20%
C. 30%
D. 40%
E. 50%
F. 60%
What percentage of patients have mental issues with heart disease

A. 10%
B. 20%
C. 30%
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What percentage of patients have mental issues with diabetes

A. 10%
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What percentage of patients have mental issues with learning disabilities

A. 10%
B. 20%
C. 30%
D. 40%
E. 50%
F. 60%
Mental health issues

- General public 15%
- Renal replacement therapy 31%

Age 16 yrs – 30 yrs
N= 976
Responders- 64% (of which 71% Renal transplant)
Young adults’ perspectives on living with kidney failure: a systematic review and thematic synthesis of qualitative studies

Phillippa K Bailey,1,2,3 Alexander J Hamilton,1,4 Rhian L Clissold,5 Carol D Inward,6 Fergus J Caskey,1,3,4 Yoav Ben-Shlomo,1 Amanda Owen-Smith1
Unemployed

• General public 2%
• Renal replacement therapy 25%
If you [kidney patient] put your CV in and you [employer] get a ‘normal’ CV in; ‘I can work full time, there’s nothing wrong with me.’ Well, who would you choose? (Age not provided, F ,Tx)

...you’re so distanced from your friends, like they’re off enjoying being eighteen, going to parties and everything, and I’m here stuck doing dialysis. (18 , F , HD)

(Transplantation) made me...huge basically...I didn’t go out for...about 3 months...‘cos I felt like everyone was looking at me. (19, F, Tx)

I’m covered in scars... my face is really fat... I just hate looking at myself, I think I look like a freak. (28, F, Tx)
Psychosocial problems in children with CKD

- Depression
- Anxiety
- Educational difficulties
- Relationship issues
- Low self esteem
- Social isolation, family dependancy
- Professional restriction

M Iorga 2013
Ready Steady Go Hello: What?

A holistic generic programme to empower patients and carers by:

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www.uhs.nhs.uk/readysteadygo
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Paone et al 1998, J McDonagh et al 2006
Ready Steady Go: Duke of Edinburgh Award

• 1st children’s hospital licensed to deliver the DofE

• Ready Steady Go can be used as the skills section

• Developing resources to help others can be used for volunteering

Not NHS funded
PEEER project
building
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PEEER project: What’s involved

- Fun activities and also
  - volunteering,
  - developing skills to help themselves + others
- Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE)
- ASDAN – nationally approved qualifications
- Peer support- ad hoc
  - accredited programme - Mental Health Foundation
- Patient voices for service improvement

11 – 25 years
PEEER project

• 13 yrs old- DofE
• Volunteering
  – Recipes for renal failure
    • Dietitian approved
    • Shared nationally
  – Helps patient, other renal patients, healthcare teams across UK
Waitrose

- Young people chose recipes suitable for kidney failure
- Peer support
  - Psychological support
  - Increased self esteem
  - Families + friends involved
- Raised awareness

*Addressing challenges facing NHS e.g mental health support*
PEEER project

- Rock climbing
- Digital skills

- Developed an ‘I can do’ attitude

- Built esteem, fun, friends
“I have grown so much in confidence since coming on the days out! Before I was painfully shy now sometimes I won’t shut up! I even posted a video of me singing the other week to facebook… something I would never ever do! Thank you!! Xx”
Costs vs Benefits

Costs:

• Rock climbing + digital skills £124.00
• Conservation day – saving the environment £0.00
• Football match + gaming feedback (£113.00)
Feedback after sessions

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<td>Socialised with their peers</td>
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“Thank you……. good for him to spend some time with Tom and **meet some of the other renal family kids.**

……... **getting to know other families too that have been affected by kidney disease.** Your sessions are a great forum for renal kids and their siblings and parents to **come together and share their experiences.**

…….. chance to both get to know each other better, thereby **knowing that we are not alone in this hard journey......**

……... **offering each other peer support.**

……... activities like rock climbing are **empowering to young people and helps them grow in confidence and build resilience.**

…….. Duke of Edinburgh Award is a marvellous opportunity for these disadvantaged young people to help **realise their potential and improve their life chances.**

**All of these things help reduce mental health issues.**

**Kidney disease does not affect just the patient but the whole family and it is really important that siblings and parents also feel supported.”**
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Benefits: Priceless
PEEER project

• Cost effective programme to:
  – Build confidence
  – Build self esteem
  – Build peer support
  – Reduce sense of isolation
  – Develop independence
  – Develop support networks
Future steps

Start earlier
PEEER project
building
Patient Empowerment, self Esteem
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‘Smarts’ a Virtual assistant

Delivering high quality sustainable healthcare by empowering patients and healthcare teams

Co-produced with patients
Patient empowerment: for better quality, more sustainable health services globally

- Patient empowerment
- Central resources
- Change Healthcare professional behaviour
- Electronic owned-patient records

All Party Parliamentary Gp on Global Health 2014
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Resources

• Leaflets
  – RaDAR, KQuiP
  – NKF, PKD, Alports, Kidney Care UK
  – RA, BAPN, BRS, Infokid,

@ study days in 2018:
  PATIENTS, FAMILIES, HCP (n=387)
  100% want audio visual resources
Virtual assistant- ‘Smarts’

- answers questions in a format that suits the patients/carers/HCPs
- uses sub-speciality Associations as gatekeepers thereby providing governance for the information provided
Virtual assistant: Smarts

- Young people and HCPs at a UK Children’s Kidney Unit, working with IBM UK Ltd interns, co-produced a Virtual assistant prototype ‘Smarts’ using AI

- Common questions asked by patients/carers/HCPs and answers from approved resources were populated into “Smarts”
IBM: Dr Watson- central resource. ‘Smarts’

- How will CKD affect me during pregnancy
- What is transition?

Moving on up together study day 2019

N=67
• Patients
• Carers
• Charity organisations
• MDT
• Student nurses

Should we be developing an ‘AI’ central repository for all to use?

A. Yes
B. No
C. Don’t know
Should we develop an ‘AI’ repository to empower patients/carers/HCPs and change behaviour?

A. Yes
B. No
C. Don’t know