

St George's Kidney Patients Association (SGKPA): Summary of proposed new constitution marked "draft 10 May 2018"

To be adopted at SGKPA Annual General Meeting at St George's Hospital, Jenner Wing, Basement Floor Room J07, Blackshaw Road, London, SW17 0QT on Saturday 23 June 2018 at 11.00 am.

Resolution to adopt the new constitution

To approve the Constitution marked "draft 10 May 2018" (proposed New Constitution), posted on SGKPA's website www.sgkpa.org.uk and presented at the AGM, to replace the existing constitution, subject to the approval by the Charity Commission, and to authorise the Committee to agree on behalf of members of SGKPA any amendments to the proposed New Constitution required by the Charity Commission in so far that the Committee is of the opinion that such amendments are not detrimental to the members of SGKPA

SGKPA's current constitution was last updated on 14 September 2000. Since then the Charity Commission has made significant changes to ensure charities are managed and administered in a transparent and accountable manner.

The proposed new constitution is to meet the requirements of the Charity Commission so far as applicable to SGKPA. The proposed new constitution sets out the management and administration of SGKPA in greater detail and clarity that are in line with standard and current practice.

There are two specific improvements in the proposed new constitution that should be highlighted.

Firstly, the objects (Clause 4) of SGKPA have been stated with greater clarity and these are:

- 4.1 To further the welfare, interests and support of renal patients*;
- 4.2 To promote knowledge and education of renal and related diseases;
- 4.3 To raise funds and donations to finance the activities of SGKPA;
- 4.4 To contribute to the purchase of medical and other equipment for treatment and welfare of renal patients;
- 4.5 Deposit or invest funds or other property of SGKPA to be held in the name of nominee(s) in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as the trustee of a trust are permitted to do by the Trustee Act 2000; and
- 4.6 To undertake any activities other than trading activities in furtherance of the above objects that comply with the requirements of the Charity Commission of England and Wales and Her Majesty Revenue and Custom (HMRC).

** Explanation note: Irrespective whether renal patients are or are not members of SGKPA*

Secondly, member (Clause 7) of SGKPA is defined with greater clarity and to be a member registration with SGKPA is required.

- 7.1 The following are eligible to be a Member of SGKPA:
 - a. Patient registered as a renal patient at St George's.

- b. Family** of (a) above. Each Patient shall have a maximum of two members of the Family or such numbers of members of family as the Committee may decide from time to time to be a Member of SGKPA.
 - c. Any person who for the time being works at the renal unit/department of St George’s.
 - d. Any person who supports the object of SGKPA and pays an annual subscription of £10 or such amount as may be determined by the Committee.
- 7.2 An eligible person from any of the above categories set out in 7.1 must register their details as set out in Appendix 1 (Registration details to be a Member of SGKPA) to be a Member of SGKPA and the effective date of membership is from the date the Registration details were accepted by the Committee.
- 7.3 The Registration details in Appendix 1 may be changed by the Committee from time to time. Any changes in the Registration details shall not invalidate any person’s membership of SGKPA where that person’s details were registered on a date prior to the date when changes were made.
- 7.4 Voting and Non-Voting Member
- 7.4.1 A Voting Member is a Member who has included his email address in his Registration details as a Member and has notified SGKPA should he change his email address. All communications from SGKPA to Voting Members shall be by emails. SGKPA may also communicate with Voting Members by post.
- 7.4.2 All other members are Non-voting Members.
- 7.4.3 Only Voting Members shall receive notices of general meetings and related documents, any other notices, Financial Statements and communications by email from SGKPA.
- 7.5 Every Voting Member shall have one vote each.
- 7.6 A Voting Member shall have the right to appoint a proxy to vote on any matters that are put to vote at the general meeting. The procedure for a Voting Member to appoint a proxy, the contents of the proxy notice and the delivery of the proxy are set out in Appendix 2.
- 7.7 Apart from voting rights, rights to receive communications from SGKPA as set out in 7.4.3 and appointment or election to be a Committee Member, all members have the same rights and obligations.
- 7.8 Every Member who is present at a general meeting shall be entitled to speak at the general meeting.

****** *Explanation note: Family is defined as the spouse, parents, children, grandchildren and siblings of the Patient Member;*

Members who have no access to SGKPA’s website and wish to have a copy of the proposed New Constitution should write to or email the Chairman or Honorary Treasurer at their addresses or emails on the first page of this document

On behalf of the Committee

Stephen Chang
Honorary Treasurer
3 June 2018