

# The Voice of PKD

Supporting people affected by polycystic kidney disease,  
raising awareness and funding research



# Together the answer

## What is Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD)?

PKD is an inherited disease in which clusters of cysts develop primarily within your kidneys, causing them to enlarge and lose function. Affecting over 12M people globally, it's the most common genetic kidney disease, and the 4th leading cause of kidney failure.

## About PKD Charity

Founded and led by patients, doctors and family members, we're the only UK charity solely dedicated to improving the lives of people affected by PKD. Since 2000 we've been helping people to live life as fully as possible by providing practical and emotional support, information and advice. We campaign to raise awareness, improve services, and fund research into discovering better treatments, new treatments, and a cure for PKD.

# Our key focus areas

## 1. Support

To help lessen the worries and isolation commonly experienced by the newly diagnosed and people at every stage of PKD, we provide free educational events, meetups and personalised peer support - online, face-to-face and by phone. Our helpline is open from 9:30am to 5:00pm, Mon - Fri.

## 2. Awareness

PKD has been in existence with humanity - with the most detailed recorded case dating back to 1586 - but awareness, and therefore understanding of the disease, is still far too low. We bring PKD to the attention of the public, media, healthcare professionals, policy makers, the government and industry.

## 3. Research

Significantly improving the lives of current and future generations of those affected by PKD is heavily dependent on research. Not only more of it, but the right kind. We provide funding to support PKD research projects, collaborate with other kidney and genetic charities, scientists and industry.

## 4. Fundraise

PKD Charity can only continue to provide its vital services through the hard work, creativity, and sometimes bravery of our amazing fundraisers. Bake a cake, take a hike, run a mile... or a marathon. Whatever you do, whether you donate or fundraise, it'll make a big difference.

# Helpline:

0300 111 1234

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in research grants

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PKD Bio Resource Bank

50+

Information & Support events

[pkdcharity.org.uk](http://pkdcharity.org.uk)

# Our Pledge:

Provide non-judgmental spaces for people affected by PKD to share concerns, ask questions, or make new friends with others who understand the struggles of living with PKD.

To interview, train and carry out DBS checks on all our patient facing volunteers and staff members.

Rigorously moderate our Facebook groups and pages, ensuring interactions between members remains respectful at all times. We operate a strict anti-bullying policy.

Make available, either online or in print, up to date, fact checked information about PKD and the healthcare available to patients and their families.

Provide full transparency at all times about our charitable objects, and how donations and grants are utilised.



## Get in touch

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## 0300 111 1234

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To get involved with fundraising, please contact our fundraising manager at [fundraise@pkdcharity.org.uk](mailto:fundraise@pkdcharity.org.uk) or on 07715 664687.

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