

Advancing Kidney Care 2026



June 2021 Communique

AKC2026 Collaborative - Chair's Message

"Move forward with purpose." Sherrilyn Kenyon

Ongoing from the April Collaborative meeting which included discussions around a proposal to transition the programs approach, the June meeting had a singular focus on 'moving forward with purpose' and doing this with the existing Collaborative governance structure.

Priority action areas were confirmed including Set 3 AKCIS planning by the AKC Information Stream as per the update below, support of Regional, Rural and Remote haemodialysis election commitments, and the four (broad) goal areas of the AKC2026 Plan, though all action items will be supported with a more streamlined project team from July 1st.

A key theme of the meeting was the appetite for health care reform, including an (ongoing) focus on equity, high value care, and access to care. The Collaborative acknowledged organisational partners who have, and may continue to, assist with priority areas including the Statewide Renal Clinical Network, the Healthcare Improvement Unit more broadly, Healthcare Purchasing and System Performance Division and the Prevention Division.

This June meeting was the last for two foundational project team members. On behalf of the Collaborative, I'd like to acknowledge and thank Allison Kelly, Project Delivery Lead, AKC Information Stream; and Tarna Komaric-Brooks, Senior Project Officer, for their outstanding efforts in support of the Program. Both finish with AKC2026 on the 30th of June, and we wish them every success in their ongoing careers and endeavours.

Kind regards

Lisa Davies Jones

Chair, AKC2026 Collaborative



AKC2026 Information Stream update

Under Set 1, the AKC Information Solution (AKCIS) has published dialysis, acute kidney injury and kidney transplantation reports. These are interactive statewide reports which are published in Power BI and are created to support improvements in kidney health service delivery. Queensland Health (clinical and non-clinical) staff are invited to apply for access, using the online form [here](#).

The scheduled Set 2 update for June has gone-live and includes:

- Kidney transplants report content: Changes were made to the scope of facilities, new filters were added, and content on the Definitions page was amended.
- Dialysis report content: A new filter was added, and an explanatory note added to a table.
- After-hours dialysis support report content: Changes were made to the After-hours dialysis *support* report, including additional survey responses for the new 2021 survey period, new filter and new visual objects.
- Back-end and other changes: Changes were made to the AKCIS database to improve efficiency and cater for the report changes. Most of these improvements will not be visible to AKCIS users. Updates were also made to the Data Dictionaries to document any changes.

Detailed planning of Set 3 delivery is being currently undertaken, with the following areas of development to be explored and prioritised for work to commence in 2021-2022 including but not limited to:

- Foundational work on a method for a unique patient identifier
- Public pathology / CKD identification
- Critical care dialysis
- Deaths.

During the 2021-2022 Set 3 planning, the Information Stream will also review the membership of the Information Stream Advisory Group (ISAG) and its Terms of Reference.

For any AKCIS queries, please contact AKC2026IS@health.qld.gov.au.

Site for Queensland's second kidney transplant unit announced

Townsville Hospital has been announced as the location for Queensland's second kidney transplant unit.

Please see the joint Ministerial statement released 23/06/2021 for details:

<https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/92476>

PEPA mentoring Program: AKC2026 placements



PEPA (Program of Experience in the Palliative Approach), is a national program established to provide health care workers with an opportunity to develop skills in the palliative approach by either a standard 2-4 day individual placement with a specialist palliative care service, or a reverse program, where palliative specialists visit a workplace and provide a 2-3 day group education experience.

AKC2026, utilising part of the \$50,000 first prize from the 2019 Queensland Health Awards for Excellence; Minister's Award for Excellence, sponsored eleven reverse PEPA and ten standard PEPA placements.

Successful PEPA recipients were from North West, Cairns, Wide Bay, West Moreton, Metro North and Metro South kidney care services, and from across the nursing, medical, allied health and indigenous liaison officer professions. Host sites included the Gold Coast University Hospital, in partnership with the Gold Coast Kidney Supportive Care team, and the St George Kidney Supportive Care program in New South Wales.

Quotes from placement participants on their learnings:

"By adjusting the focus of my assessment and planning to incorporate a more palliative approach, I feel I will be better able to meet the holistic needs of the patient and their support network. By using this approach and gaining confidence in having these discussions I envision it will (better) provide patients the support to experience death on their terms, and in turn, reducing the emotional distress for their family and friends."

"My knowledge is greater after the PEPA placement and I'm more comfortable approaching people that I feel may need palliative services".

Attendees also commented that placements were an invaluable experience, and they gave thanks to the very supportive team at the Queensland PEPA office who coordinated all placements, and the hosting hospitals, palliative and renal services.

To learn more about the PEPA program, please visit <https://pepaeducation.com/> , watch this excellent three minute [video](#) and / or contact the Queensland PEPA office at pepaqld@health.qld.gov.au .

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