In 2014 the Scottish Renal Registry in conjunction with Darlinda’s Charity for Renal Research and the University of Glasgow, conducted a National Appraisal of Haemodialysis Vascular Access Services in NHS Scotland. This was an unprecedented exercise which was undertaken in light of quite considerable variation between health boards in the proportion of patients who receive haemodialysis through arteriovenous dialysis access.

Low rates of arteriovenous dialysis access are well recognised as incurring enormous costs to health boards, not to mention considerable morbidity, hospitalisation and mortality to renal patients, often through the development of staphylococcus aureus bacteraemia.

We will be presenting the findings from the appraisal which covered a study of resource use, comparison between differing pathways of care, unit practice, service frameworks and associated outcomes between units, including a linkage with bacteraemia data held by Health Protection Scotland.

We will also present summary recommendations on how vascular access services could be configured and supported in Scotland with the aim of addressing the significant inequity in arteriovenous access provision in Scotland.

We are delighted that the Chief Medical Officer for Scotland Dr Catherine Calderwood will open the meeting and we very much hope that you will be able to attend.

An application for CPD points for the meeting has been made. The meeting is free to attend.
If you would like to attend then please send an email reply to NSS.isdsrr@nhs.net with a simple YES prior to Friday 6th November.

A full written report of the appraisal findings will be forthcoming.

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