

Kidney Research UK fundraising at the Edinburgh Capitals fixture



Kidney Research UK will be fundraising at the Edinburgh Capitals ice hockey game against Sheffield Steelers on Saturday 15th March. Miss Edinburgh 13/14 winner Susanne Sinclair will be in attendance and doing a ceremonial puck drop to kick off the game as she is a keen supporter of Kidney Research UK.

Also in attendance among the volunteers will be local girl Karen Phair. Karen received a kidney from her dad but unfortunately after the birth of her son her kidney failed. She was very ill and had to be back on dialysis. Fortunately her stepdad was a match and he donated a kidney. Karen is now doing very well and is expecting another baby in May.

Donations to Kidney Research UK are so important as they can only fund 1 in 5 projects at the moment.

Some facts about the work that Kidney Research UK is doing:

- There is a shortage of kidney donors
- 6,000 people in the UK waiting for a kidney but only 3,000 transplants are carried out each year
- In Scotland there are 481 people waiting for a kidneys
- The amount of patients with kidney failure is increasing by about 4% each year
- Kidney disease can affect anyone at any age; three million people in the UK are at risk of developing it

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