

## Facebook Response from Oban Kidney Dialysis

What a tremendous response to the post 'The Caring side of the NHS', Thank you all for taking the time to 'like' and make your comments.

Kidney failure is on the rise and is indiscriminate about who it affects it is estimated that there could be at least thirteen patients who will require haemodialysis by this time next year in the Oban area. Currently patients from the Oban area and Mull are travelling to Campbeltown, Fort William and the Vale of Leven in order to receive treatment which averages 4.5 hours per session plus travel time and is undertaken 3 days a week, 52 weeks of the year, the alternative being death. Currently all these units are working to capacity, therefore the concern is where will these extra patients go when it comes to their time to require Dialysis?

It is encouraging to know that so many people care and agree that this excessive travel time is unacceptable. However, to instigate meaningful change to drastically improve the situation a strategic campaign is required to impress the NHS that they should be giving an efficient, cost-effective service coupled with a Duty of Care and to operate a Dialysis Unit in Oban Hospital.

The four main core values of NHS Highland are:

Care and Compassion/ Dignity and Respect/ Openness, Honesty and Responsibility/ Quality and Teamwork

As far as Kidney Patients are concerned NHS Highland are falling short on meeting most of these commitments.

While we fully appreciate funding and resources is an issue, we would welcome the opportunity to have an open and honest dialogue with the NHS to consider how the travel situation for Dialysis patients can be improved

If you wish to support the Campaign to have a Kidney Dialysis unit operating in Oban Hospital please send an email to:

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