



In Memory of Martin Wood

The Six Counties Kidney Patients Association is deeply saddened by the loss of Martin Wood, whose commitment to kidney patients and their families will be remembered with gratitude and affection.

Martin received a kidney transplant in 2011. He went on to give many years of his time and energy to the Association, serving as Vice Chair for ten years before taking on the role of Chair for a further two years. Throughout that time, he worked tirelessly to represent the interests of kidney patients across the six counties.

When I took over as Chairman of the Association, Martin was a great source of support. He advised, guided and encouraged me as I settled into the role, sharing the knowledge and experience he had gained over so many years of service. I remain personally grateful for his help and guidance.

One of Martin's most significant contributions was his involvement in the long-running campaign for a new kidney transplant ward at the Churchill Hospital. During his ten years as Vice Chair, he played an instrumental role in that campaign, which finally achieved its goal in 2019. It was an important milestone for patients, and Martin's dedication helped make it possible.

Martin devoted so much of himself to supporting others. His years of service, his determination and his advocacy on behalf of kidney patients deserve our sincere appreciation. The difference he made will not be forgotten.

As the Association continues its work, we do so with gratitude for the foundations Martin helped build and for the example he set. Our thoughts are with Martin's wife Beverly, family, friends and everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. Martin will be greatly missed, but his contribution to kidney patients across the six counties will live on.

With heartfelt thanks and deepest sympathy,

Jose Rico-Diaz (Chairman of the SCKPA)