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CHKS makes healthcare accreditation process easier with new online tool

A new online accreditation system for NHS, independent and voluntary sector hospitals, hospices, care homes and primary care teams has been launched by CHKS, the UK's leading independent provider of quality improvement services and healthcare intelligence. The system will make it easier for organisations to implement accreditation standards by allowing instant access to forms used in the accreditation process.

The system provides a standards-based framework for quality assurance and quality improvement incorporating internationally-recognised best practice, legislation and regulatory requirements. Accreditation is achieved through assessment by a team of external senior healthcare professionals, trained as peer review surveyors and working with CHKS for continuous professional development.

The online system allows users to view comparative information between departments and services and to monitor performance, progress and compliance. Project managers responsible for accreditation will have greater control over the implementation progress.

Helen Crisp, International & Development Director, CHKS, said: "Taking part in the process of accreditation and ISO certification sets an organisation apart from other providers and gives it the resilience and vigilance required to deliver consistently high quality healthcare services in the context of a continually evolving sector." She continued: "This new online system is a time-efficient and cost-effective way of achieving the accreditation standards."

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Notes to editors:

CHKS Group Ltd is the leading independent provider of healthcare intelligence and quality improvement services to the NHS and independent healthcare sector. With over 18 years' experience and working internationally with 480 clients, CHKS has a portfolio of information products, internationally-recognised accreditation programmes and consultancy services which provide clinicians and managers with the information needed to drive improvements in patient care, financial efficiency, clinical effectiveness and quality. The CHKS Advisory Board was set up in 2007 to provide direction and advice on strategic healthcare issues in the UK and overseas.

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