



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **48 CHKS clients achieve “excellent” Healthcare Commission rating**

The Healthcare Commission’s annual health check for 2008 has revealed that 48 CHKS clients are now rated as “excellent” for either quality or use of resources. One trust judged as “weak” last year is now rated as excellent, 10 trusts have moved from “fair” to excellent and 23 have moved from “good” to excellent.

On use of resources, all CHKS clients have either improved or maintained a consistent performance since last year while 19 trusts showed significant improvement in their quality score. According to the latest figures 72 per cent of CHKS clients are now rated “good” or “excellent” for quality.

Jason Harries, Chief Operating Officer, CHKS Group said: “A major part of our work is to help trusts use resources more effectively by using systems and analysis that can target specific areas, for example reducing length of stay or improving day case rates. We believe that improving the use of resources will be a major focus in the coming months as the impact of the financial downturn is felt by the health economy.”

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**Notes to editors:**

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