



**PRESS RELEASE**

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## **High level Advisory Board boosts developing market in healthcare intelligence**

The CHKS Group, the UK's leading independent provider of healthcare intelligence and quality improvement services, has appointed a high-level Advisory Board to examine the collection and use of data and the changing use of information by providers, commissioners and patients. Chaired by Niall Dickson, Chief Executive of the King's Fund, the Board will also advise CHKS on trends in healthcare, policies and practices that affect the collection and use of data.

The other members of the Advisory Board are: Mike Whitlam CBE, formerly Director General of the British Red Cross and now non-executive director at Hillingdon Primary Care Trust; Dr Neil Goodwin CBE, leadership consultant and academic and currently Interim Director of the Nuffield Trust; Professor Chris Thompson, Director of Healthcare Services, The Priory Group and David Orchard, Director of Corporate Services for the Commission for Patient & Public Involvement in Health (CPPIH).

Graham Harries, Chief Executive, the CHKS Group said: "I'm delighted that such high calibre individuals will be working with us to ensure CHKS remains closely in touch with those delivering healthcare and with strategic developments. The Board will play a key role not only in supporting CHKS to deliver high-value information and support services but in helping to develop the market for healthcare intelligence throughout the United Kingdom."

**Notes to editors:**

1. The CHKS Group 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 and insight needed to drive improvements in patient care, financial efficiency, clinical effectiveness and quality.

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