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Paul Corrigan welcomed as new Advisory Board chair

Paul Corrigan, former director of commissioning improvement and innovation at NHS London, has been appointed chair of the CHKS Advisory Board. He takes over from Niall Dickson who is leaving the post when he becomes chief executive of the General Medical Council.

Paul, who was a former special adviser to Prime Minister Tony Blair, was the driving force behind foundation hospital trusts. After studying sociology at the London School of Economics, Paul became an academic at the North London polytechnic before moving into local government in 1985. After the 1997 election he became a consultant working mainly for local authorities before taking up the post of Special Adviser to Alan Milburn in 2001.

Paul joins the CHKS Advisory Board at a time when its role is being strengthened. As well as examining the collection and use of data and the changing use of information by providers, the board will provide greater strategic direction to CHKS on the role of information in developing the NHS. Its work will be increasingly visible within the health sector.

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; David Orchard, director of corporate services for the Commission for Patient & Public Involvement in Health (CPPIH) and professor Mayur Lakhani, chair of the National Council for Palliative Care.

Jason Harries, managing director CHKS said: "The advisory board has always been a key element in ensuring CHKS is in line with health sector developments and with Paul at the helm the group can only grow in its importance."

Notes to editors:

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