



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **New health economics unit gives CHKS clients added insight into effective intervention**

CHKS, the UK's leading healthcare intelligence provider, has announced the creation of the CHKS health economics unit. This follows the 2006 acquisition by CHKS of the Cardiff Research Consortium (CRC), a specialist provider of research in health economics and disease burden for the NHS and pharmaceutical companies.

The CHKS health economics unit will be headed by Phil McEwan who was previously managing director of CRC.

Jason Harries, Chief Operating Officer CHKS, said: "The capabilities brought to CHKS by Phil McEwan and his team will significantly enhance the service we can offer our clients throughout all sectors of healthcare in the area of understanding the burden of illness across primary and secondary care."

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**Notes to editors:**

CHKS Ltd is the leading independent provider of healthcare intelligence and quality improvement services to the NHS and independent healthcare sector. With over 20 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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