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CHKS to play an integral role in roll out of PROMs

CHKS is to work in partnership with Northgate Public Services on the Department of Health's Patient Reported Outcome Measures programme (PROMs). CHKS has been selected for its expertise in risk analysis and case-mix adjustment methodologies.

The PROMs initiative is an important part of the government's strategy to improve the quality of care in the NHS. Making quality of care the fundamental organising principle of the NHS was a key recommendation in the final report of the NHS Next Stage Review, published last year.

From April 2009, patients who undergo hip and knee replacements, groin hernia surgery and varicose vein surgery will be invited to complete a short questionnaire about their health status prior to undergoing treatment. A follow-up questionnaire will be sent to patients three to six months later.

CHKS will be responsible for carrying out part of the statistical aggregation and adjustments of the data for presentation to the NHS, patients and the public.

Jason Harries, COO, said: "We are delighted to have been appointed to work on this important programme which will gather the views of patients to drive improvements in the quality of care in the NHS."

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