



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **NHS Partners Network chooses CHKS to lead innovative benchmarking initiative**

NHS Partners Network (NHSPN), an alliance of 10 independent commercial and not-for-profit healthcare providers, has chosen the CHKS Group to deliver Phase I of an innovative clinical data benchmarking services programme.

CHKS Group, the UK's leading independent provider of healthcare intelligence and quality improvement services, will develop clinical benchmarks that will allow providers such as Spire Healthcare (formerly BUPA Hospitals), Alliance Medical, Nuffield Hospitals and Ramsay Healthcare to make meaningful comparisons between their own hospitals, with other independent providers and with their NHS counterparts.

CHKS Group will use knowledge and experience gained throughout 18-years of clinical benchmarking to carry out an initial data quality review which is an essential first step in creating suitable benchmarks. Once the benchmarks have been delivered, NHSPN members will be able to monitor the quality of care their hospitals provide.

David Worskett, Director, NHS Partners Network, said: "We are entirely supportive of the move to collect and share information on all providers of healthcare. This benchmarking initiative will ensure our members have access to timely and accurate information which in turn will help them continue to deliver the highest quality of care."

Jason Harries, Chief Operating Officer, CHKS Groups said: "I'm convinced that our skills in benchmarking will add value to NHSPN by delivering powerful insight into clinical performance. It's vital that NHSPN is able to access wholly-independent expertise in benchmarking to allow its members to continue to deliver the high quality care."

**Notes to editors:**

1. CHKS Group is the leading independent provider of healthcare information 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 needed to drive improvements in patient care, financial efficiency, clinical effectiveness and quality.

2. NHS Partners Network is an alliance of independent – both commercial and not-for-profit healthcare providers commissioned by the NHS to provide elective and diagnostic care to NHS patients free at the point of delivery. It was established in 2005 and became part of the NHS Confederation in June 2007.

3. Members of NHS Partners Network are: Alliance Medical, Ramsay Healthcare, Clinicenta, Care UK, Circle, Clinicenta, Netcare Healthcare UK, Nuffield Hospitals, Partnership Health Group, Spire Healthcare, and UK Specialist Hospitals.

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