

## **The Benchmarking Foundation**

Keele University and the Collinson Grant Group are pleased to announce that they have set up The Benchmarking Foundation. This is a not-for-profit, joint venture company, limited by guarantee. It builds on the well known and complementary abilities of the partners to research and to gather, analyse and interpret data. Clients are expected to value its timely advice, information and intelligence.

It will focus first on NHS Pathology. The partners will fuse their established approaches into a consistent methodology. This will give the managers of Pathology services a yardstick to use to measure demand, activity and performance.

Who else will benefit? The shaped data are expected to be of value to Pathologists and Trust Executives. But they will also guide Patients, Commissioners, Clinicians, National and Regional bodies (including workforce planners, Public Health organisations and Local Authorities). And they will inform those charged with the accreditation and regulation of laboratories.

More details are at [www.benchmarkingfoundation.com](http://www.benchmarkingfoundation.com)

### **Background to the partners**

Keele University has been providing parts of the NHS with independent benchmarking services for more than fifteen years. Its Department of Medicines Management, which includes the National Pathology Benchmarking Service, offers diverse information and analyses. These cover data on prescribing; on spending in pharmacies; and on evidence-based testing.

More details are at [www.keele.ac.uk/benchmarking](http://www.keele.ac.uk/benchmarking)

The Collinson Grant Group, set up in 1970, is a management consultancy. It works, in the main, for large organisations in the UK, Europe, and the US. The Group has been supporting clients in Healthcare – public and private – for over 25 years. It serves the Department of Health (DoH), Strategic Health Authorities, Primary and Secondary Care Trusts, and 'arm's-length' advisory bodies. And it has a lot of recent experience in support of NHS Pathology. This includes projects for The Lord Carter of Coles' Review of NHS Pathology in England, for The DoH, and for many Acute Trusts and Pathology Networks.

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