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### **Humana's Strategy Adviser takes up ground-breaking appointment at Hampshire PCT**

**LONDON, UK – October 5<sup>th</sup> 2007** – Humana Europe welcomes the appointment of their strategy adviser, Roger Hymas, as Director of Commissioning to Hampshire PCT for a secondment of two years.

During his secondment Roger will oversee the delivery of world class commissioning for Hampshire's 1.25 million residents and will work to help the PCT embrace best practice from the NHS and other healthcare organisations in Hampshire, the UK and around the world.

Dr Rebecca Rosen, Humana's medical director, welcomed Roger's secondment into the largest PCT in England: "This is an exciting opportunity for Roger to gain a greater understanding of the workings of the NHS at a time when we are beginning to work with the NHS to bring the most effective skills, tools and processes to NHS commissioning.

"Humana and Hampshire PCT have a robust and transparent legal agreement in place to ensure proper governance and guarantee that there is no conflict of interest. This is particularly important in the light of the recent Ministerial

announcement that Hampshire PCT will be piloting FESC for aspects of specialist commissioning on behalf of all PCTs in South Central.”

Roger Hymas said: “This is an extraordinary opportunity for me to continue to develop my experience of healthcare innovation within the NHS. I am looking forward to working with the team at Hampshire PCT to commission the best health care services for local people.”

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**Notes to editors:**

1. Humana Europe was established in the UK to provide commissioning support to PCTs in England. Humana Europe will provide expert guidance, tools, and innovative solutions to support PCTs, providers, and stakeholders in delivering services that best meet the health needs of the individual.

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2. Roger joined Humana Europe in 2005 advising on the needs of the UK healthcare sector. He has over 30 years' senior management experience in blue chip companies - including American Express and GE, and start-ups such as Health Dialog and Newsrounds - on both sides of the Atlantic. Roger has also worked for market leaders such as the Automobile Association, the Burton Group and BUPA, where he ran the organisation's health insurance company. Over the past 15 years he has been involved in many ground-breaking initiatives in UK healthcare.

3. Hampshire Primary Care Trust is the largest PCT in the county, with a budget of £1.4bn to commission services for 1.25million Hampshire residents. The PCT covers an area of 2,500 square miles and employs around 3,500 people who work in community services, community hospitals, public health and support services. The PCT commissions services from nine local NHS Trusts, independent sector providers, primary care practitioners, some NHS Trusts further afield and other healthcare providers. The PCT was created in October 2006 and its chief executive Gareth Cruddace joined the PCT after 15 months at the Department of Health developing and implementing the PCT Fitness for Purpose programme with McKinsey.