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## Initiate Systems and Capgemini UK announce signing of a contract to support Every Child Matters national programme

*Initiate Systems to provide the foundational linking and matching, Master Data Management technology for ContactPoint system*

LONDON – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2007 – [Initiate Systems](#), Inc., a leading provider of master data management [solutions](#) for creating complete, real-time views of data about people, places, and things, today announced the signing of a contract with Capgemini UK to provide the foundational linking and matching technology for the ContactPoint system. ContactPoint is a key element of the *Every Child Matters: Change for Children Programme* to support more effective delivery of children's services in England through better sharing of information among authorised users in the Children's workforce. It will provide a more secure and efficient way to find out who else is working with the same child or young person, making it easier to deliver coordinated support.

The [Initiate Identity Hub™](#) solution will link data from data sources across four major national organisations: the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF), the National Health Service (NHS), the Office of National Statistics (ONS) and the Department of Works and Pensions (DWP) - which holds the records of all births & deaths. Ultimately, the records, representing 11 million children across England from birth up to their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, will be linked to help all organisations share information and work together for better outcomes. Access to the system will be restricted to authorised workers who need it as part of their job and who have been security-checked, trained and have the necessary authentication. The U.K. Government is committed to introducing ContactPoint to support the work of children's services in all areas of England.

John Cummings, Vice President for Education Sector at Capgemini, said:

“ContactPoint is crucial to the successful delivery of the government’s *Every Child Matters: Change for Children* programme and we are delighted to be entrusted with a project of such evident importance. The expertise from Initiate Systems is integral to this project, and we look forward to developing our relationship further.”

With the announcement today the infrastructure to support inter-agency working can become a reality. ContactPoint will index for each child or young person: basic identifying information such as name, address, gender, date of birth, unique identifying number - e.g. Child Reference Number or National Insurance Number; basic identifying information about the child’s parent or carer; contact details for services involved with the child such as school and GP practice and other services where appropriate; and name of lead practitioner and/or whether an assessment has been undertaken under the common assessment framework.

David Ashworth, UK General Manager Commercial and Government of Initiate Systems, adds: “Initiate has a history of rapidly delivering high performance master data management solutions to local, national and international organisations while maintaining a high degree of privacy and security in highly sensitive markets including healthcare, government, financial services and commercial. This experience enables Initiate to understand the challenges facing the DCSF and Capgemini and the need for a single trusted view of an individual child upon which decisions can be confidently made. At Initiate Systems we feel honoured to be involved in such a high profile, ground breaking project.”

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### **About Initiate Systems**

Initiate Systems, Inc. enables organisations to strategically leverage and share critical data assets. Its Master Data Management (MDM) software and experience as an information exchange leader provide organisations with complete, accurate and real-time views of data spread across multiple systems or databases, even outside the firewall. This allows companies to unlock the value of their data assets for competitive advantages or operational improvements. Initiate Systems operates globally through its subsidiaries, with corporate headquarters in Chicago and offices

across the U.S., and Toronto, London and Sydney. For more information, visit [www.initiatesystems.com](http://www.initiatesystems.com).

### **About Capgemini**

Capgemini, one of the world's foremost providers of Consulting, Technology and Outsourcing services, enables its clients to transform and perform through technologies. Capgemini provides its clients with insights and capabilities that boost their freedom to achieve superior results through a unique way of working, which it calls the Collaborative Business Experience. Capgemini reported 2006 global revenues of EUR 7.7 billion and employs more than 75,000 people worldwide. More information is available at [www.uk.capgemini.com](http://www.uk.capgemini.com).

### **About ContactPoint**

More information on ContactPoint can be found at:

<http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/deliveringservices/contactpoint/>

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