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MANCHESTER CONSULTANCY CELEBRATES RECORD START TO YEAR

Innovative public sector consultancy Organisation Development Services (ODS) is celebrating a record start to 2008, with more than £500,000 of new business secured and three new appointments to the team.

The Manchester-based business – which specialises in organisation development and change management consultancy – has won 22 contracts worth £505,361 since November 2007.

The contract wins put ODS on course to exceed its predicted turnover of £750,000 for 2008. The business is aiming for a £6 million turnover by 2017.

To support the growth of the business, ODS partners Carol Brooks and Donna Bradshaw have recruited three new people to their Ducie House-based team.

Sarah Cheesmond, formerly Director of the Humber NHS Teaching Primary Care Trust Consortium, joined in March as a senior organisation development consultant. A highly experienced NHS Director, she brings a wealth of expertise in multi-agency working – a specialism of ODS.

Sarah also has an impressive academic track record, including an MBA in Public Service from Birmingham University.

Stuart Taylor, organisation development consultant, joins the team in May from his current role at NHS National Workforce Projects. Karen Hughes, who joined in March as office administrator, from Manchester Business School, completes the seven-strong team.

Carol Brooks said: "We are thrilled to celebrate such a fantastic start to the year.

"One of our most significant achievements is that we are now beginning to win competitive tenders against far bigger and more established consultancies – a sign that our reputation is growing within this specialist but highly competitive field."

Donna Bradshaw said: "Sarah, Stuart and Karen will all play an important role in expanding the capacity of the business to support our future success. We are delighted to welcome them on board."

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