MEDIA STATEMENT

Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health – WHO Growth Charts

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The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) recognises that the WHO growth charts are a significant development worldwide. We are currently convening an expert group, including representatives from a range of other interested bodies, to study the new charts and consider the advantages and disadvantages of recommending their general use in the UK.

The group will report over the summer and the College will produce a recommendation by Autumn 2006. There are many practical implications that need to be carefully considered and any change should only occur after adequate notice.

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