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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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The Stockholm Network is pleased to announce the ongoing expansion of its activities.

We are delighted to announce the appointment of two new research officers to our growing in-house research team. Kristian Niemitz joined the Stockholm Network on 1 July as a Research Officer on the Health and Welfare programme and Sukanya Natarajan will join the Stockholm Network in September as a Research officer on the Intellectual Property and Competition Programme.

David Torstensson, a PhD candidate at Oxford University, was recently awarded a research grant from the Stockholm Network and will be undertaking various research projects over the summer together with the research team.

Shane Frith, formerly Managing Director of the Stockholm Network and Director of the Doctors Alliance, a pan-European movement of reform-minded doctors, is moving on from the Network to take forward the Doctors Alliance as an independent initiative . We wish the Doctors Alliance every success in influencing the debate on the need for market-oriented health system reform across Europe.

Stockholm Network Chief Executive, Helen Disney, commented “We look forward to the expertise and added value these developments will bring to the Stockholm Network’s contribution to the wider debate on public policy reform across the EU and beyond”.

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