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ICON Launches Medical Device & Diagnostics Research Group

Dedicated Services to Support Medical Device Manufacturers throughout the Product Lifecycle

DUBLIN--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- **ICON plc, (NASDAQ: ICLR)** a global provider of drug development solutions and services to the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries, today announced the launch of a new Medical Device & Diagnostics Research group focused on the unique requirements of the medical device and diagnostics industry

The new group combines the medical and regulatory device and diagnostic expertise of Aptiv Solutions, which ICON acquired in 2014, with ICON's global clinical development and commercialisations solutions. Device and diagnostic manufacturers can now benefit from an expanded suite of services that support the full product lifecycle, including global clinical trial execution, health economics and pricing and market access solutions.

"The device and diagnostic development model can differ significantly from that of pharmaceutical companies, both in complexity and time to market," commented Elizabeth Thiele, President, ICON Commercialisation & Outcomes. "Operating under specific medical device SOPs and ISO certification, our new Medical Device & Diagnostics Research team has the expertise and flexibility to help manufacturers take time and cost from their development programmes and maximise the value of their products."

ICON's Medical Device & Diagnostics Research group will be led by Vicki Anastasi, Vice President, Medical Device & Diagnostic Research, who has over 20 years of medical device and diagnostics experience. The group is comprised of a team of dedicated project managers and clinical operations professionals as well as regulatory and strategic consultants.

About ICON plc

ICON plc is a global provider of drug development solutions and services to the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries. The company specialises in the strategic development, management and analysis of programs that support clinical development - from compound selection to Phase I-IV clinical studies. With headquarters in Dublin, Ireland, ICON currently, operates from 83 locations in 38 countries and has approximately 10,600 employees.

Further information is available at www.iconplc.com.

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