

Matrix Knowledge Group announces 'tie up' with consultancy MHB

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The Matrix Knowledge Group today announced that the crime risk management team from consultancy Morgan Harris Burrows (MHB) will shortly merge with Matrix, with a view to significantly enhancing their capabilities in the fields of crime, policing and criminal justice. The two MHB partners leading work in this field, John Burrows and Alan Mackie, will join the consulting arm of Matrix.

MHB has been in business since 1991, and has been commissioned by government departments, businesses and local authorities to develop, research and evaluate many high profile initiatives. The consultancy has carried out some of the major studies in policing on crime recording, community policing and investigative work, and ran the evaluation of the government's 'DNA Expansion programme' and the '101, the Single Non-Emergency Number' programme. It has a substantial record in the field of youth crime, having for six years run the evaluation of the flagship prevention initiative, the Youth Inclusion programme. It has also done a great deal in relation to crime against business, having set up the British Retail Consortium's 'Retail Crime Initiative' and carried out surveys like the Scottish Business Crime Survey.

Welcoming the merger, Jacqueline Mallender, CEO of Matrix Knowledge Group said, "Combining our own track record and expertise in the crime and policing field with that of MHB offers us a major opportunity to provide a more comprehensive and deeply-rooted service to our clients in central and local government, in police forces and in all other arms of the criminal justice field. At Matrix, our mission is straightforward: Better Decisions, Better World. "This merger follows the recent establishment of our international arm, which was announced last month, to enable us to provide leading edge knowledge to a broader range of clients."

"From MHB's perspective, this tie up gives us a new and exciting platform to develop both our consultancy work, but also through the software specialists in Matrix Decisions to offer better and more accessible information to practitioners across the criminal justice system" said John Burrows of MHB. "Our two organisations share a common ethos in the field of criminology, and we also hope to extend and develop our joint traditions of working with leading academics and specialists in the field to provide the best service available".

About Matrix Knowledge Group

Matrix Knowledge Group offers innovative advisory services, research, evidence reviews and software to international organisations, governments, public service providers, businesses (including FTSE 100), and the charitable sector. Its clients operate across a multitude of sectors including healthcare, social care, criminal & civil justice, policing and security, media, technology, engineering, transport and environment, all of whom call on Matrix to solve complex problems. Matrix is a values driven organisation and its people work with integrity and aim for excellence in everything they do.

About MHB

As well as working in the field of crime risk management, MHB undertakes work in evaluation, business planning and development of technology-based business, together with work in talent management and senior executive search. MHB has undertaken major studies in the lifesciences sector for a number of clients, including the National Audit Office, The Royal Institution and a number of universities in England and Wales. The Partnership is currently engaged in projects in the UK and Italy. These aspects of the partnership's work will be unaffected by the merger, and MHB will continue to be based at The Charterhouse in London. MHB's work on the Juvenile Cohort Study will continue to be executed through MHB by arrangement with the clients, the Ministry of Justice and Youth Justice Board, and will continue to be led by John Burrows. All other work on crime related issues will migrate to Matrix.

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