

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a - 16 under
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of July 2007

ICON plc
(Registrant's name)

0-29714
(Commission file number)

South County Business Park, Leopardstown, Dublin 18, Ireland.
(Address of principal executive offices)

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ICON Acquires DOCS International, Expanding Its
Contract Staffing Footprint into Europe

DUBLIN, Ireland--(BUSINESS WIRE)--July 12, 2007--ICON (NASDAQ:
ICLR), a global provider of outsourced development services to the
pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries, today
announced the acquisition of DOCS International, a leading European
based clinical research staffing organisation, for a cash
consideration of approximately \$40 million.

DOCS International, which operates in eight European countries,
focuses on the training and supply of contract and permanent clinical
research personnel to the pharmaceutical and biotech industry.

"The acquisition of DOCS International gives ICON a significant
presence in the European clinical research staffing market and creates
a strong platform which we can leverage for future expansion. Their
experienced management team will bring a wealth of experience in the
European market to ICON" commented ICON CEO Peter Gray.

DOCS International will be integrated with ICON's existing US
based staffing business, ICON Contracting Solutions, to form a global
business unit. "This will enable ICON to meet the requirements of
sponsors for more flexibility when they run clinical projects
internally, and give them access to a global pool of talent through
one vendor" added Sean Leech, newly appointed President of the
expanded ICON Contracting Solutions business unit.

Pim van de Riet, CEO of DOCS International added "We are delighted
to be joining forces with ICON. Our combined knowledge and commitment
to the clinical research staffing market will allow us to continue to

attract, assess and place talented individuals and teams at all levels of experience on a global basis".

About ICON plc

ICON plc is a global provider of outsourced development services to the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries. The Company specializes in the strategic development, management and analysis of programs that support clinical development - from compound selection to Phase I-IV clinical studies. ICON teams have successfully conducted over 1,900 development projects and over 2,300 consultancy engagements across all major therapeutic areas. ICON currently has approximately 4,800 employees, operating from 53 locations in 31 countries.

About DOCS International

Founded in 1997, DOCS International is devoted to providing Staffing Solutions to the Healthcare Industry. These solutions are designed to meet the requirements of both corporate healthcare organisations and individual healthcare professionals.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ICON plc

Date July 12, 2007

/s/ Ciaran Murray

Ciaran Murray
Chief Financial Officer