

Suspension of Inquiry

Acquisition of BLPT

The Cooperation and Competition Panel (CCP) has decided to suspend the deadline for completion of Phase 1 of its inquiry into the proposed acquisition of Bedfordshire and Luton Partnership NHS Trust (BLPT) by one of four shortlisted bidders.

The published deadline requires that Phase 1 is completed by 7 September 2009. It has become apparent that some of the information required for this inquiry will only become available later this month.

It is appropriate to suspend the deadline until outstanding information requests have been satisfied. A revised deadline for this phase of the inquiry will be set at three weeks from the date the inquiry recommences.

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