



## Notice of Acceptance

### **Acquisition of Newham PCT's provider services arm by East London NHS Foundation Trust**

The Cooperation and Competition Panel (CCP) has decided that the proposed acquisition of Newham PCT's provider services arm by East London NHS Foundation Trust meets the CCP's acceptance criteria for a merger reference. That is:

- i. the proposed arrangement falls within the scope of Principles 9 and 10 of the Principles and Rules of Cooperation and Competition;
- ii. the CCP is the most appropriate body to consider this matter;
- iii. the parties have made available the relevant and applicable information on the case to the CCP; and
- iv. the turnover threshold is satisfied as the combined entities will exceed the relevant threshold of £35 million.

As a result, the CCP is accepting this case with its investigation starting from the date of this notice, with Phase 1 to be completed by 10 March 2010 and Phase 2, if required, to be completed by 6 July 2010.

Andrew Taylor  
Director, Cooperation and Competition Panel

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