

## **Notice of Acceptance**

### **Proposed integrated care pilot scheme between City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust and Church View Medical Practice**

The Cooperation and Competition Panel (CCP) has decided that the proposed integrated care pilot scheme between City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust and Church View Medical Practice meets the CCP's acceptance criteria for a merger reference. That is:

- i. the proposed arrangement falls within the scope of Principle 10 of the Principles and Rules of Cooperation and Competition;
- ii. the CCP is the most appropriate body to consider this matter;
- iii. City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust and Church View Medical Practice have made available the relevant and applicable information on the case to the CCP; and
- iv. the combined turnover of City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust and Church View Medical Practice exceeds the relevant threshold of £15 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 7 August 2009 and Phase 2, if required, to be completed by 30 November 2009.

Andrew Taylor  
Director, Cooperation and Competition Panel

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