



Notice of Acceptance

Transfer of parts of of Bexley Care Trust to Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust and to South London Healthcare Trust

The Cooperation and Competition Panel (CCP) has decided that the proposed transfer of part of Bexley Care Trust to Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust and part to South London Healthcare NHS Trust meets the CCP's acceptance criteria for a merger reference. That is:

- i. the proposed arrangement falls within the scope of Principle 9 and/or Principle 10 of the Principles and Rules for 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 two new 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 9 February 2010 and Phase 2, if required, to be completed by 7 June 2010.

Andrew Taylor
Director, Cooperation and Competition Panel

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