



## Notice of Acceptance

### **MERGER OF EALING HOSPITAL NHS TRUST WITH NORTH WEST LONDON HOSPITALS NHS TRUST**

The Cooperation and Competition Panel (CCP) has decided that the proposed merger between Ealing Hospitals NHS Trust with North West London Hospitals NHS Trust 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 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 combined acute organisation will exceed the relevant threshold of £70 million.

As a result, the CCP is accepting this case with its investigation starting from the date of this notice, with Phase I to be completed by 15 February 2012 and Phase II, if required, by 13 June 2012.

Catherine Davies  
Director, Cooperation and Competition Panel  
16 December 2011