



## Notice of Acceptance

### **Transfer of services from Derby City Provider Services to Derby Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust**

The Cooperation and Competition Panel (CCP) has decided that the transfer of the majority of the services provided by Derby City Provider Services (DCPS), to Derby Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (DHFT), 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. DCPS has 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 21 September 2009 and Phase 2, if required, to be completed by 14 January 2010.

Andrew Taylor  
Director, Cooperation and Competition Panel

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