

7th May 2009

Mr. D. Kelly
Co-operation and Competition Panel
1 Horse Guards Road
London, SW1A 2HQ

Dear Mr. Kelly

Re: Co-operation and Competition Panel – Non Contracted Hours Study

At Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals NHS Trust we have roughly 85% of our consultant staff on the new contract and 15% have chosen to remain on the old contract.

We place no restriction on our contracted staff with regard to how they choose to utilise their non contracted hours. For those on the new contract they are required to stipulate the times that they have regular commitments to other (private) health care providers.

Our staff are all aware of the EWTD regulations and none of our employees are required to sign contracts in excess of 48 hours unless they choose to do so and sign the appropriate waiver.

We have not identified any conflict of interest between the obligations of our staff as employees of the NHS and their choice to carry out work under alternative arrangements in their non-contracted hours.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Harrison
Medical Director