

Notice of Acceptance

Transfer of NHS Barking & Dagenham community health services business to North East London Foundation Trust

The Cooperation and Competition Panel (CCP) has decided that the transfer of the NHS Barking & Dagenham community health services business to North East London Foundation Trust meets the CCP's acceptance criteria for a merger reference. That is:

- i. the proposed arrangement between North East London Foundation Trust and NHS Barking & Dagenham falls within the scope of Principle 9 of the Principles and Rules of Cooperation and Competition;
- ii. the CCP is the most appropriate body to consider this matter;
- iii. North East London Foundation Trust and NHS Barking & Dagenham have made available the relevant and applicable information on the case to the CCP; and
- iv. the combined turnover of North East London Foundation Trust and NHS Barking and Dagenham community services exceeds 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 July 2009 and Phase 2, if required, to be completed by 11 November 2009.

Andrew Taylor
Director, Cooperation and Competition Panel

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