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(Co-operation and Competition Panel)

Co-operation and Competition Panel members announced

The full membership of the new Co-operation and Competition Panel for NHS-funded services was announced today by its Chairman, Lord Carter of Coles.

The Panel has been established to help ensure NHS-funded services deliver high quality care for patients and value for money for taxpayers. It will start its work later this week on Friday 30 January.

The Panel's members are:

Guy Beringer QC

Laura Carstensen

Lord Carter of Coles (Chairman)

Dame Janet Husband DBE

Peter C. Smith

John Swift QC

Andrew Taylor (Director)

John Wotton

The Panel will investigate potential breaches of the Principles and Rules of Co-operation and Competition (PRCC), and make independent recommendations to Strategic Health Authorities, the Department of Health and, in relation to NHS Foundation Trusts, Monitor on how such breaches should be resolved.

It will also review proposed mergers, and advise on the wider development of co-operation, patient choice and competition within the NHS.

A specialist Clinical Reference Group, to be chaired by Dame Janet Husband DBE, will also be appointed in the coming weeks to support the work of the Panel. The role of the



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Clinical Reference Group will be to provide additional clinical support to Panel decision making ensuring that clinical matters are fully addressed.

Speaking at a conference on World Class Commissioning in London, organised by the Department of Health and the NHS, Lord Carter said:

“Patient choice and contestability are potentially powerful drivers of improved quality and efficiency in the provision of NHS services. Achieving these aims depends on having a rules-based approach, clear roles and responsibilities for oversight of the system and effective mechanisms for redress.

“The Panel will help ensure that the NHS’s principles and rules of co-operation and competition are properly applied for the benefits of patients and taxpayers. We are fortunate therefore to be able to draw on the wide expertise and professionalism of panel members. They will perform a vital function and I am delighted that they have agreed to help us carry out our responsibilities.”

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Notes to Editors:

1. Panel Members Biographies:

Guy Beringer QC

Guy Beringer was a partner at Allen & Overy LLP from 1985 to 2008, and was Senior Partner from 2000 to 2008. During his time at Allen & Overy, he advised a wide range of corporate and institutional clients on mergers and acquisitions, public offerings and joint ventures. He has broad experience of working with government agencies and is a non-executive board member of HM Courts Service and a Governor of the College of Law of England and Wales.

Lord Carter of Coles

Lord Carter of Coles has chaired many Government reviews, including those of the Commonwealth Games 2002, English National Stadium, National Athletics, Payroll Services, Identity Fraud, Criminal Records Bureau, Court Estate, Offender Services, Public Diplomacy, Procurement of Legal Aid and Online Revenue Services, Pathology and Prisons. He is also leading the property work group of the Operational Efficiency Programme. In 1985 Lord Carter of Coles founded Westminster Care, which he built into a leading UK healthcare provider. He has held a wide range of public service roles, including Chair of Sport England, board member of the London 2012 Olympic bid, Chair of the Home Office Audit Committee, Member of the Productivity Panel of HM Treasury and non-executive member of the Prisons Board.



Laura Carstensen

Laura Carstensen is a senior lawyer with more than 20 years' experience of EU and UK competition law, including as a partner in the City law firm Slaughter and May (1994–2004). She is owner and director of two online businesses, a member of the Competition Commission and a non-executive board member of the Office of the Parliamentary Counsel (Cabinet Office). She is also a self-employed consultant on strategy and business development to the anti-trust group of the law firm Linklaters.

Dame Janet Husband DBE

Professor Dame Janet Husband is Emeritus Professor of Diagnostic Radiology at the Institute of Cancer Research, University of London and held the post of consultant Radiologist at Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust until September 2007. Dame Janet was Medical Director of the Royal Marsden Hospital from 2003-2006, President of the Royal College of Radiologists from 2004-2007, and Vice-Chairman of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges from 2005-2007. She was elected President of the British Institute of Radiology (2003-2004) and served as a member of council of the General Medical Council from 2005-2008.

Peter C. Smith

Peter C. Smith is Professor of Economics and Director of the Centre for Health Economics at the University of York. His research areas include public finance, regulation and productivity analysis, both in health care and in the broader public sector, and he has a particular interest in the link between research and policy. Peter has advised many national governments and international agencies, including WHO IMF, The World Bank, and the OECD. He has also sat on numerous UK Government advisory committees and is currently a commissioner at the Audit Commission.

John Swift QC

John Swift was called to the Bar in November 1965 and took silk in 1981. From 1993-98 he was the first Rail Regulator, and resumed full time practice as a member of Monckton Chambers in 1999, where he was Head of Chambers until July 2001. John Swift's practice largely deals with competition law and utilities regulation. He was also involved in the privatisation and liberalisation programmes of the UK utilities, in particular in telecommunications and energy. Over the last nine years he has been extensively engaged in competition law issues, merger cases and market investigations.

Andrew Taylor

Andrew Taylor joined the CCP as Director in November 2008. He has worked extensively in the field of competition and regulation across a range of industries, including grocery retailing, water and wastewater, energy and financial services. Before joining the CCP, Andrew worked at the Competition Commission, where he was an inquiry director and then Senior Director, Inquiries. Andrew led the Competition Commission's groceries market investigation as well as merger inquiries in a number of industries including grocery retailing, food and drink manufacturing, waste treatment and



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disposal, and stock exchanges. Andrew started his career in the Australian Government working at the Federal Treasury on financial regulation, and later as a special adviser to a Cabinet Minister, where he advised on the introduction of choice and competition into government-financed labour market programmes for unemployed jobseekers.

John Wotton

John Wotton is a former partner and UK head of the competition practice at Allen & Overy LLP, and is now a consultant to the practice. He has advised clients on many major cases before the UK competition authorities and the European Commission, and has been closely involved in the media sector, with a focus on regulation and judicial review, as well as having significant experience in the water, oil, gas and rail industries. Mr Wotton is currently Chair of the Law Society's EU Committee, a member of the advisory board of the Competition Law Forum of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, and a council member of Fauna & Flora International, (a long-established biodiversity NGO).

2. For more information about the Co-operation and Competition Panel visit www.ccp-panel.org.uk or contact Ed Owen on 020 7467 9231 or on ed.owen@apexcommunications.com