

Notice of initiation of investigation

Case reference: CCD 01/13

Monitor has decided to initiate an investigation following a complaint from the Thornbury Radiosurgery Centre Limited (Thornbury) regarding the conduct and procurement practices of the North of England Specialised Commissioning Group in the Yorkshire and Humber area and its successor the NHS Commissioning Board (NHS England) in relation to the commissioning of radiosurgery services which are specialised services.

In so far as the investigation relates to conduct and procurement practices occurring after 1 April 2013, Monitor will consider whether there has been any breach of the National Health Service (Procurement, Patient Choice and Competition) (No.2) Regulations 2013 which came into force on 1 April 2013. Where the complaint refers to conduct and procurement practices which occurred before 1 April 2013, Monitor will consider whether the conduct of North of England Specialised Commissioning Group in the Yorkshire and Humber area (the predecessor of NHS England in respect of these services) was consistent with the Principles and Rules for Co-operation and Competition.

This case is at an early stage and Monitor has not reached a view as to whether there has been any breach of the rules.

Outline timetable

Initiation of investigation	June 2013
Information gathering (information requests and parties' responses)	June – August 2013 (estimated)
Review and analysis of evidence	June – August 2013 (estimated)
Meetings with parties	June – August 2013 (estimated)
Publish an update on the progress on the case	August 2013 (estimated)

Catherine Davies, Director
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