



## Notice of Acceptance

### **MERGER OF ROYAL FREE LONDON NHS FOUNDATION TRUST WITH BARNET AND CHASE FARM HOSPITALS NHS TRUST**

The Cooperation and Competition Panel (CCP) has decided that the proposed merger between Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust and Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals NHS Trust meets the CCP's acceptance criteria for a merger reference. That is:

- i. the proposed arrangement falls within the scope of Principle 10 of the Principles and Rules for Cooperation and Competition;
- ii. the CCP is the most appropriate body to consider this matter;
- iii. the parties have made available the relevant and applicable information on the case to the CCP; and
- iv. the turnover threshold is satisfied as the combined organisation will exceed the relevant threshold of £70 million for providers of acute services.

As a result, the CCP is accepting this case with its investigation starting from the date of this notice, with Phase I to be completed by 19 April 2013 and Phase II, if required, by 13 August 2013.

Catherine Davies  
Director, Cooperation and Competition Panel  
20 February 2012