

PRIVATE HEALTHCARE MARKET INVESTIGATION

Request for expressions of interest to perform the duties of the information organisation for the purposes of the Private Healthcare Market Investigation Order 2014

1. On 4 April 2012 the Office of Fair Trading made a reference to the Competition Commission (CC) under section 131 of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act) concerning the supply of privately-funded healthcare services in the UK.
2. On 2 April 2014 the successor body to the CC, the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA), published its report titled *Private healthcare market investigation: Final report* (the report).
3. In the report, the CMA decided that:
 - (a) features of the markets for privately-funded healthcare services each (and, in certain circumstances, in combination) prevent, restrict or distort competition, and thereby have an adverse effect on competition (AEC); and
 - (b) the CMA should take action to remedy, mitigate or prevent the AECs and detrimental effects flowing from these features.
4. In particular, the CMA decided that the lack of publicly available information as to performance measures of private healthcare facilities, and performance measures and fees of consultants providing privately-funded healthcare services, was one of the features of the market that gives rise to an AEC.
5. On 1 October 2014 the CMA made the Private Healthcare Market Investigation Order 2014 (the Order).
6. Article 23.1 of the Order requires the CMA to approve arrangements for establishing an information organisation and its governance for the purposes of Part 4 of the Order which remedies the lack of publicly available information as to performance measures of private healthcare facilities and performance measures and fees of consultants providing privately-funded healthcare services.

7. On October 1 2014 the CMA issued a notice of intention to approve arrangements for establishing an information organisation.
8. The CMA now requests expressions of interest from organisations to perform the duties of the information organisation for the purposes of the Order.
9. Expressions of interest should include the following information:
 - identity of the organisation and details of any relevant experience
 - proposed arrangements for the establishment and governance of the information organisation
 - proposed arrangements for carrying out the duties of the information organisation in Part 4 of the Order
 - proposed arrangements for the membership, funding and expenditure of the information organisation
10. This notice has been published on the [CMA's webpages](#).
11. Expressions of interest to perform the duties of the information organisation should be made by email to private-healthcare@cma.gsi.gov.uk or in writing to:

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to reach the CMA by 31 October 2014.

(signed) ROGER WITCOMB
Group Chair
17 October 2014