Disclosures of interest
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Staff/advisers disclosure

1. Kate Collyer, Director of Economic Analysis, was for four years until September 2012 Director of Economics and Deputy Director at the Cooperation and Competition Panel (CCP). At the CCP Kate led a large number of merger and competition investigations in the NHS. However, she did not advise CCP in relation to the anticipated merger that has been referred to the Competition Commission (CC). Her research on hospital choice and merger simulation (with Dr Beckert, see below) has been published in *The Economic Journal*.

2. Dr Walter Beckert, a member of the CC’s academic panel of economists, is an academic economist at Birkbeck College, University of London. He has published academic research on hospital choice, including ‘Choice of NHS-Funded Hospital Services in England’, *The Economic Journal*, vol 122, Issue 560, 400–417.

3. The CC does not believe that any of these matters will prejudice the ability of the CC to discharge its functions in an independent and impartial manner.