

**Anticipated merger between Central Manchester University
Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and University Hospital of South
Manchester NHS Foundation Trust**

**Notice under section 96(2A) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act)
published pursuant to section 107(1)(i) of the Act**

The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) hereby gives notice pursuant to section 96(2A) of the Act that the merger notice provided by Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust in relation to the anticipated merger between Central Manchester Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust (the **Merger**) meets the requirements of section 96(2) of the Act.

The initial period defined in section 34ZA(3) of the Act in relation to the Merger will therefore commence on the first working day after the date of this notice, ie on 10 February 2016. The deadline for the CMA to announce its decision whether to refer the Merger for a Phase 2 investigation is therefore 6 April 2016.