

9 November 2017

**ANTICIPATED ACQUISITION BY FC OVAL BIDCO LIMITED OF BUPA  
CARE HOMES LIMITED**

**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 FC Oval Bidco Limited (FC Oval) and Bupa Care Homes (Holdings) Limited in relation to the acquisition by FC Oval of Bupa Care Homes Limited (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 November 2017. The deadline for the CMA to announce its decision whether to refer the Merger for a Phase 2 investigation is therefore 9 January 2018.