

Notice of initiation of investigation

Case reference: CCD 01/15

Monitor has decided to initiate an investigation into the commissioning of community services in Devon by Northern, Eastern and Western Devon CCG. This case raises interesting issues about how best to deliver integrated care to patients.

This follows a complaint by Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust that the process used by Northern, Eastern and Western Devon CCG (the CCG) to select the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust as the provider of complex adult community services for the eastern part of the CCG's area was not consistent with the CCG's regulatory obligations.

Monitor will consider whether there has been any breach of the National Health Service (Procurement, Patient Choice and Competition) (No 2) Regulations 2013. The case is at an early stage and Monitor has not reached a view as to whether there has been any breach of the rules.

Monitor will publish a statement in the coming weeks setting out the issues we will examine in this investigation and invite submissions from interested parties on the matters described.

Outline timetable

Initiation of investigation	21 January 2015
Meetings with parties and information gathering	January – February 2015
Review and analysis of evidence	January – February 2015
Statement of issues	February 2015
Further information gathering, review and analysis of evidence	March – April 2015
Meeting with parties on the progress of the case	End of March 2015
Publish working paper(s) (if necessary)	April – May 2015 (estimated)
Meeting with parties on the progress of the case (if necessary)	May 2015 (estimated)
Publish provisional findings (if necessary)	May 2015 (estimated)
Additional information gathering (if necessary)	May – June 2015 (estimated)
Publish final report (if necessary)	End of June 2015 (estimated)

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