

28 June 2019

**ANTICIPATED ACQUISITION BY THE ROYAL LIVERPOOL AND
BROADGREEN UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NHS TRUST (*RLBUHT*)
AND AINTREE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST
(*AUHFT*).**

**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 RLBUHT and AUHFT in relation to AUHFT's acquisition of RLBUHT (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 1 July 2019. The deadline for the CMA to announce its decision whether to refer the Merger for a Phase 2 investigation is therefore 23 August 2019.