

16 December 2022

**ANTICIPATED ACQUISITION BY PORTMAN HEALTHCARE (GROUP) LIMITED  
OF DENTEX HEALTHCARE GROUP 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 Portman Healthcare (Group) Limited and Dentex Healthcare Group Limited in relation to the anticipated acquisition by Portman Healthcare (Group) Limited of Dentex Healthcare Group 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, i.e., on 19 December 2022. The deadline for the CMA to announce its decision whether to refer the Merger for a Phase 2 investigation is therefore 15 February 2023.