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Proposed transfer of Barking & Dagenham community health services to North East London Foundation Trust

The Co-operation and Competition Panel (CCP) is to examine the proposed transfer of NHS Barking & Dagenham's community health services business to North East London Foundation Trust.

NHS Barking & Dagenham plans to transfer its community health services business to North East London Foundation Trust for a two year period prior to retendering its community health services contracts.

The CCP will examine the costs and benefits of the proposed transfer under its merger guidelines to assess whether it could be expected to have an adverse effect on patients or taxpayers.

In doing so, the CCP will consider the transaction's effect on patient choice and competition for community health services contracts in Barking & Dagenham and the wider area.

The CCP would like to hear from interested individuals and organisations, in writing, by 9 June 2009. To submit evidence please email barkingnelft@ccpanel.gsi.gov.uk.

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Notes to Editors:

1. The CCP's notice of acceptance and a timetable for the inquiry, are available on the CCP's website at www.ccpanel.org.uk.

2. For more information about the Co-operation and Competition Panel visit www.ccpanel.org.uk or contact Andrew Taylor on 07906 501 867 or at andrew.taylor@ccpanel.gsi.gov.uk.