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Dear Joint Chief Executive and Joint Chair,

Proposed acquisition of Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust by Norfolk Community Health and Care NHS Trust.

NHS England has notified the Department of the proposed application for Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust (CCS) to be acquired by Norfolk Community Health and Care NHS Trust (NCHC).

This transaction concerns the application by CCS to be dissolved, with any residual services to be transferred to NCHC on 1 April 2026.

The Secretary of State or NHS England may, by order, dissolve an NHS trust on the application of the trust under paragraph 28 of Schedule 4 to the National Health Service Act 2006. If made by NHS England, this must be approved by the Secretary of State.

Where such a dissolution takes place, the Secretary of State or NHS England may make a transfer order so that the property and liabilities of the trust to be dissolved are transferred to one or more NHS bodies.

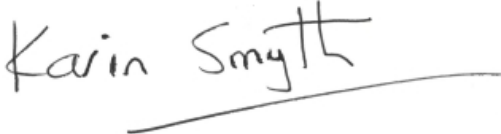
The powers to make orders may not be exercised until the completion of the prescribed consultation. I understand that the necessary consultation requirements provided in the National

Health Service Trusts (Consultation on Establishment and Dissolution) Regulations 2010 have been carried out.

Having considered all information presented to me on this proposal, I confirm the support of the Secretary of State for the joint application to be made by your Trusts. In approving this acquisition, the Secretary of State notes that NHS England will review progress post-acquisition as part of its oversight and asks that the benefits identified in the transaction proposals are realised as soon as possible.

The Secretary of State is content to approve the making of an order dissolving CCS and also confirms he had sight of the transfer order enabling the transfer of the remaining property and liabilities of CCS as appropriate, pursuant to paragraphs 28 and 29 of Schedule 4 to the National Health Service Act 2006. This has been copied to NHS England for information.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karin Smyth". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

KARIN SMYTH
MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH