

## PRIVATE HEALTHCARE MARKET INVESTIGATION

### Further notice of the Competition Commission's intention to open a data room to allow further review on items of analysis carried out by the Competition Commission in support of the private healthcare market investigation

1. As set out in our notice published on 15 March the Competition Commission (CC) is intending to open a data room. We indicated that we would confirm by the end of March the final pieces of analysis to be included in the data room. They are as follows:
  - A catchment area analysis. A catchment area analysis examines within what local area each hospital draws the majority of its patients from.
  - A concentration in local markets analysis (LOCI and fascia counts). LOCI and fascia counts are two measures of concentration: a hospital's fascia count is computed by summing the number of competitors that lie within each hospital's catchment area; LOCI is a concentration measure based on market shares and has been constructed as an alternative to the fascia count.
  - A price concentration analysis for self-pay patients. A price-concentration analysis examines the relationship (if any) between the price for a service and the extent of competition to supply that service in local areas. Further information on the price concentration analysis for self-pay patients has been published today.
  - Insured price analysis where we have analysed the prices charged by the private hospital operators to different insurers.
2. No additional analyses are likely to be included in the data room. We are no longer including in the data room our analysis on anaesthetist group prices. A paper will be published in due course on this analysis.
3. The round table to be held on 9 April 2013 at 10am at the CC will explain as previously indicated the methodology for the LOCI analysis and the self-pay price-concentration analysis .
4. As set out in the previous notice on the data room the CC will, in line with usual data room procedures, operate strict rules governing access to the data room. In particular only the professional economic advisers of a party may have access to the data room. The data room will be open from 15 to 19 April, 9am to 5pm.
5. Parties who have already contacted the CC to express an interest in attending the data room and round table need not re-contact the CC to express an interest. If any party which has not already expressed an interest to attend the round table or the data room wishes to do so, please contact the private healthcare investigation team at [Private-Healthcare@cc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Private-Healthcare@cc.gsi.gov.uk), explaining the interest and stating the reasons for requesting access to the data room and/or attendance at the round table together with details of the party's professional economic advisers (where access is requested to the data room) by 4 April 2013.

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