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1. By limiting patients to certain hospitals competition is stifled. We accept some hospitals may be prohibitively expensive especially in London but patients should be allowed to choose where they are seen so long as investigations stay within certain fee boundaries. It seems immoral to block high quality, cheaper alternatives for patients, which in themselves stimulate competition.
2. If insurers insist on cutting payments for tests patients should be free to pay any excess without the clinic being blacklisted for all investigations. And patients should be made aware by the insurer on taking out the policy that that policy does not cover the full costs of many investigations and / or treatments as other policies do.