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Competition Commission Private Health Care Investigation

I am delighted to learn of your investigation into private hospital charging. I have recently had recourse to a private hospital on a self-pay basis.

Parkside Hospital London SW19, a local private hospital, charges outpatients £592 for a single CT scan. Patients are restricted to that hospital for that particular scan by diktat of the hospital's consultants. There are similar excessive charges at Parkside for X-rays and other diagnostics

Yet Vista Diagnostics of Waterloo Road, London SE1 charges £200 per scan CT or MRI. Vista are a commercial company and still make a margin on their prices.