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My wife is due to have an operation which is being undertaken through BUPA due to our having Private Medical Insurance, at the [redacted] in York.

We have received a letter from the above group advising who the anaesthetist will be and an estimate for his fees. This estimate is £385. BUPA allowance for their fees for this type of operation is £325.

I have spoken to the Surgeons secretary to query if we could have an anaesthetist whose fees were within the BUPA limit. She advised "they" (all the anaesthetists) were in the above group and they all charged the same.

I have also spoken to BUPA who have advised that no anaesthetists in York are registered within BUPA, unlike the surgeon.

This sounds like some form of price fixing and I wondered whether there should be some form of investigation into the way the York Anaesthetists Group conducts their business.