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To Whom it may concern

I am writing to express my concern regarding the views held by the CC with regards to the HCA hospital group. Having worked in a number of private hospitals, both in the UK and abroad, i have learnt to appreciate the differences in the services they provide. I perform complex cancer resections and advanced laparoscopic procedures. I would not carry out these procedures in a majority of the private hospitals i have attended. The HCA hospitals provide a high quality of care which attracts the best specialists. The support and services required to maintain a complex practice can only be found in these large centres. Private practice can be difficult and surgeons can be isolated without good staff support and infrastructure. Please consider these factors before making further recommendations,