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Re: Private Healthcare Market Investigation, Competition Commission report

I am a consultant urological surgeon and have been following all the discussions with regards to your report. Having my private practice at The Wellington hospital London NW8, I wish to write and explain why I confine my practice there.

For more than 25 years I always found HCA record unparalleled in investing in its facilities, innovating and developing new specialist clinical services. The depth of clinical infrastructure which they offer leading consultants (RMOs, specialist nursing staff and auxiliaries, and state of the art equipment) is open for all to see. HCA's investment has delivered clinical benefits to patients, providing new and more advanced treatments. The NHS has itself benefited from HCA's emphasis on investment and innovation e.g. through HCA's joint ventures with Barts for the Gamma Knife radio surgical system.

The Wellington Hospital (HCA) has a leading tertiary care centre reputation internationally acknowledged. Should your proposals be implemented, London's competitive position as against other tertiary centres, eg in the US and Germany, would be undermined.

I have major concerns about the Competition Commission proposal to order divestiture of HCA hospitals in London