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I am a consultant Gynaecological Oncologist and I have treated my private patients at the Harley Street Clinic for 10 years. I also provide an outpatient service at The Portland Hospital. I am concerned to hear that the Competition Commission has recommended the divestiture of HCA Hospitals. I think this is a mistake as HCA Hospitals provide an exceptionally high standard of specialist care for my group of patients, not available, to my knowledge in any other central London private hospital.

The Portland Hospital is a dedicated women's hospital. It offers a colposcopy service with inbuilt audit and quality control. The hospital supports a multidisciplinary meeting to ensure patients receive the best care available.

The Harley Street Clinic is a specialised cancer hospital which supports an excellent patient pathway from diagnosis to adjuvant treatment for women and gynaecological malignancies. Together with a Consultant Clinical Oncologist, I offer a joint oncology clinic, supported by a clinical nurse specialist. Patients have access to the most advanced diagnostic equipment. I am able to carry out extremely complex surgery, using, where appropriate, the minimal access approach, with the confidence that patients who require post-operative intensive care support can be managed on a unit that delivers a consultant-based service. Should they require it, chemotherapy and radiotherapy can be administered by the same multi-disciplinary team. Women have access to support from the MacMillan Cancer Centre and complementary therapies throughout their cancer pathway. There is a gynaecological multidisciplinary meeting, attended by site-specialised Consultants. This exemplifies the highest standard of care for women and I believe The Harley Street Clinic is unique in supporting this level of excellence. I hope that this would be considered in any deliberations by the Competition Commission.