

**Consultant 22**

30 January 2014

Dear Sir / Madam,

**Re: Competition commission report of private healthcare in London**

We have read the recent report by the Commission and the proposed removal of The Princess Grace Hospital from the HCA portfolio. We have been supported by this innovative hospital in setting up a comprehensive Urgent Care facility which we believe is fairly unique in the UK. The infrastructure of consultant on call rotas for a private hospital and streamlined urgent referral pathways has taken time and investment by the hospital and it would be detrimental to the target population if this service was to be threatened by mandatory sale.

The Princess Grace is a high quality private hospital which delivers clinical excellence and innovative services to its patients and to lose it to a competitor with less a less progressive healthcare agenda would be a sad loss.

We would urge reconsideration of this proposal which seems detrimental to private patient care.