

Consultant 30

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Dear Mr Witcomb

I am in full-time private practice at London Bridge Hospital.

HCA provides greater quality in healthcare than I have experienced in other hospitals. This is manifest throughout the organisation from the senior management teams, right down to the porters, and creates the ideal environment for my orthopaedic surgical practice.

The group invest heavily in state-of-the-art technology, and the infrastructure required to make best use of it. Surgical care is facilitated by modern theatres and skilled staff. Ward nurses are highly proficient, and provide advanced care for my patients. Outpatients is an efficient and pleasant experience for patients. Services are better than in many hotels. There are endless areas where quality of care is second to none; examples of which include provision of in-house trained surgical assistants, support to our Multi-Disciplinary Shoulder Meeting and collation of Patient-Related Outcome measures by our physiotherapists. HCA also provide a Responsible Officer to enable full-time private practitioners to Revalidate with the GMC.

HCA has evidence of the quality of care it offers. No other group has this evidence. It would be immoral to risk a drop in the quality of London's healthcare for the sake of an economic theory.