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Dear Mr Witcomb and Panel Members

I would like to draw your attention to areas which I think have been overlooked in your recent report.

A number of private medical insurers are involved in diverting patient referrals away from a Consultant of the patient's and GP's choice to an "approved" Consultant of the insurers choice. This seems to be without any regard of the Consultants clinical expertise or the recommendation of the patient's General Practitioner.

Private medical insurers also appear, at whim, to be able to remove recognition from a Consultant without any logical reason, which can have a very large, detrimental effect on the Consultant's Practice and often without informing the Consultant that this decision has been made.

I feel these issues have not been suitably addressed by the Competition Commission.