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Dear Inquiry Manager,

I am a consultant Orthopaedic surgeon who works at one of London's Teaching Hospitals and Major Trauma Units. I would like to draw your attention to the outstanding level of care currently provided by London Bridge Hospital and my concern about the recommendations of the Competition Commission.

I have admitting rights to a number of private hospitals within London, but I have in fact effectively isolated my private practice solely to London Bridge Hospital. The way that this facility is run is second to none. HCA clearly work hard in providing what is world-class treatment for their patients.

No problem is ever too great, and clinical staff, auxiliary staff and management are simply outstanding. On a day to day basis it is clear to see that individuals who work in this environment are not only happy in their work, but also extremely capable.

The theatre staff are extremely well trained, equipment and instruments are up to date, and should you ever require anything, everyone is always willing to go that extra mile to help and ensure that a great outcome is guaranteed for the patient.

On the very rare occasion that there is an unforeseen medical problem, the support given by the RMO's and the on-call medical consultants is fantastic. No other private hospital that I have worked in even comes close in providing this infrastructure and level of care.

HCA are always supportive of innovation and improving patient care. There are numerous examples of this.

I must say that if I were to plan treatment for a private patient, there is nowhere else I would rather take my patient, and this without doubt is where I myself would like to be treated.

I am however extremely concerned with the recommendations of the Competition Commission as this will most likely turn a truly great medical facility back into a mediocre medical facility. This would be a great loss to patients and to London.