

**Consultant 64**

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Dear Mr Witcomb

Re: HCA Competition Commission

I learned that the commission report recommended that two HCA hospitals (The Princess Grace & the London Bridge) should be sold in order to improve competition so that private health care standards in London remain high. Whilst I entirely agree with the ambition of the report to ensure excellent healthcare within the central London independent providers, I would like to write in support of the already existing excellent standards of healthcare at The Princess Grace Hospital.

I have only had privileges there for [redacted] but have been extremely impressed. As an example my first inpatient had an advanced by potentially resectable tumour within his liver. He was admitted immediately following his clinic appointment and underwent imaging that day. I liaised with our top class radiologists and surgeons to determine the best approach. He had a 60 day inpatient stay requiring multiple radiology-guided drains, a 12 hour operation, a 3 week intensive care stay and exemplary ward care involving our clinical nurse specialist, physiotherapists, the nutrition team, a psychologist and the ward nurses. He has now been able to go home to enjoy the arrival of his second grandchild.

I believe that the care he received was the equal of anywhere in the world and it seems unlikely to me that another health care provider taking over the Princess Grace could improve upon this.