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Dear Mr Witcomb,

I am a consultant Haematologist working at the Princess Grace Hospital and in Harley Street at University College London Hospital.

I had a chance to read the report by the Competition Commission and I feel that I have to make the following comments:

HCA has been a dynamic organisation investing in patient's good care in the form of prevention and treatment. I could bring thousands of examples demonstrating the excellent quality of care provided by the organisation, however I will focus on haematology which is my primary specialty.

HCA has been able to build a state of the art haematology facility at University College London Hospital with a small satellite unit at the Princess Grace Hospital. The facility is offering in patient care, out patient chemotherapy, day case support and the only private JACIE accredited Bone Marrow Transplant Unit in Europe. A group of renowned consultants participate in a weekly rota offering daily care and expertise in thousands of UK and International patients.

I'm wondering if the excellent care that HCA provides to the extent that nobody else can offer at national or international level can be characterised as monopolium!! The idea to be a leader in your area is definitely not a monopolium! The ability to offer world class care to patients and promote health and well being in the population you serve is not a monopolium either!!

Therefore, I would like to invite you to spend a day with me in our facilities and I'm sure that you would change your mind completely about what EXCELLENT care is within the HCA facilities.