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Dear Mr Witcomb

I am a [✂] consultant and have worked at The Princess Grace Hospital for seven years.

I am deeply troubled by your proposal for HCA to sell two of its hospitals. I can say, without a doubt, that HCA is by far the best private hospital operator that I have come across. The Princess Grace is continually investing in innovation and new equipment and the user experience – both as a doctor and a patient – is unparalleled. The imaging and speed at which reports are generated is very impressive. I order many MRI scans and am always impressed with the quick turnaround of the images. I also work at other Private Hospital providers and while it provides a good service, the hospital is not all as dynamic as HCA hospitals in terms of embracing new technologies, nor is it as well organised or efficient in terms of its imaging services.

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Should The Princess Grace be sold, I am doubtful that the incoming hospital operator will be able to maintain the high standards of care that are evident at present. The quality of healthcare in London will undoubtedly suffer as a result.