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Dear Mr Witcomb

Re. Private Healthcare Market Investigation and Competition Commission report

I would like to express my concerns about the divestiture of London Bridge Hospital from HCA.

I've been practicing here as a [redacted] for over [redacted] years, and have also been a patient here on three occasions. London Bridge hospital has constantly improved their services, including their imaging facilities, which are so important in managing [redacted]. They've listened to our request to provide a SPECT CT scanner which is providing patients with a more complete 'all in one' scan, saving patient's time and providing them with cutting edge technology.

Communication with staff and colleagues is excellent and quality outcome data almost certainly available, subject to data protection, from the individual consultants and the responsible officer.

As a patient, I've had [redacted] over the past 15 years. My last operation was just over a year ago, and the care was truly outstanding, compared with the very good standard of care I received during my first admission.

The HCA culture of excellence is underpinned by excellent staff that feels supported, and want to become even better.

I fear that a divestiture of the hospital will result in a significant setback re. the quality of patient care. Also, any lowering of standards may lead many to move their medical /surgical practices elsewhere.