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Dear Sir,

HCA Healthcare / Private healthcare market investigation / Summary of provisional decision on remedies

In response to the judgement of the competition commission in reference to the above investigation this is to record the significant positive role HCA healthcare has played in the outer East London healthcare sector.

The expertise of the organisation has been important in establishing shared use of the acute Trust site at Queens Hospital Romford. Local patients now have improved access to high quality private care close to home. The expertise required for establishing the joint venture at Queens Hospital Romford is unique to HCA and the model was taken from other HCA ventures. This venture has specifically benefitted from the availability of HCA expertise on multiple sites.

This has also been valuable in providing much needed income to a challenged NHS trust (Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust), in improving patient access to elective care and in providing some assistance in offloading a heavily challenged NHS acute care pathway, the third busiest in England.