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Dear Mr Witcomb

Your recent interim proposals regarding the divestiture of 2 of HCAs hospitals has prompted me to write to inform you of my experience of working within a facility run by HCA, as my experience leads me to believe that HCA are uniquely placed to run hospitals which provide complex care.

My area of expertise is [✂] and a year ago I moved my practice from a NHS PPU to an HCA facility ([✂]). I believe that HCA were able to offer an improved service to my patients and my colleagues and I have been proved correct in my assumption. The knowledge and quality of care provided by the nurses and doctors for patients with such high acuity needs is outstanding. The patient satisfaction surveys reflect the patient experience.

The relationship that HCA has forged with UCLH is innovative. Harley Street at UCH gained JACIE recognition through its partnership with the Trust demonstrating the high standards of care that bone marrow transplant patients receive within this unit. The Trust benefits financially from such a successful unit which attracts overseas business due to the quality of care that it offers.