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Dear Competition Commission

Re: Private Healthcare Market Investigation, Competition Commission Provisional Report

I am concerned at the provisional recommendations of your recent report relating to London private hospitals. I am a consultant [✂] surgeon with a full-time private practice in central and west London. Within a radius of less than three miles from my base address there are hospital facilities provided by many different providers including BUPA and various other independent providers.

I choose to perform all my inpatient surgical work at HCA's Lister Hospital in Chelsea. The facilities provided by HCA at the Lister Hospital are of the highest quality and suit my practice's needs extremely well. They have recently invested heavily in a top quality surgical high dependency unit which has proved invaluable and reflects their commitment to highest quality care.

From my perspective being surrounded by multiple other potential places where I could work, I am puzzled by your conclusions that there is inadequate competition between private hospitals in the London area. I cannot see the logic in requiring HCA to sell off two hospitals in its group.

This letter is to record my concerns on this matter and I thank you for your consideration.