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Dear Mr Witcomb

Re: HCA Competition Commission

I am an orthopaedic surgeon working at the [redacted] and the Princess Grace Hospitals. I am therefore in a reasonable position to comment on the relative merits of each and how they have driven innovation that has produced good outcomes for patients.

I would like to strongly support the Princess Grace Hospital. I have been particularly impressed by their chief executive Charlotte Tempest who has developed her hospital through strong working relationships between doctors and nurses and installed the latest equipment.

If the competition commission upholds the decision to force HCA to sell the Princess Grace Hospital then there will be no HCA hospital providing orthopaedic care in the area surrounding Wimpole and Harley Streets. HCA have sensibly divided their specialties amongst the Princess Grace, The Portland and the Harley Street Clinic.

The Princess Grace Hospital is committed to competing with others through its high quality services.