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Dear Mr Witcomb,

Proposed sale of London Bridge Hospital

I am writing in connection with a possible forced sale of London Bridge Hospital in response to a recent Competition Commission enquiry.

I am a patient at LBH. I have a very rare and highly complex condition named Severe Resistant Hypertension. I have been fortunate enough to be treated at LBH by a wide range of highly skilled specialists who work at the cutting edge of medicine. There are currently 11 consultants involved in my condition most of whom are at LBH. I know from long personal experience that the hospital is a unique facility, with a combination of highly sophisticated technology and superbly trained staff that has been critical in diagnosing and treating my complex and unusual case over the past five years.

I am seriously concerned that the proposed sale will lead to an erosion in LBH's capacity to offer innovative, personalised care packages, which depend on access to a mixed team of top flight specialists and the very latest medical technologies. That would certainly not be in the best interest of patients like me who suffer from rare conditions, for which established treatments are not yet available.

I sincerely trust that CC will take account of the concerns and interests of those patients and change its mind about the decision to force the sale of London Bridge Hospital.

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