

MEETING CONTENT AND BACKGROUND

The OFT have now reported and are recommending a wider Competition Commission inquiry into private healthcare. At the same time Bupa Insurance has moved to "Open Referral" thus breaking the GP to consultant referral pathway and is extending its role at pre-authorisation for certain treatments. Many consultants are threatened by these moves: patient choice is being reduced. This raises many questions that affect the whole future of independent practice.

- 1) What does the OFT want from consultants – transparency, quality information, published fee levels?
- 2) How does "Open Referral" affect patient choice and GP/consultant relationships?
- 3) How far is Bupa going to control clinical issues at preauthorisation?
- 4) Is the whole basis of private healthcare being threatened?
- 5) What is the position of:-
 - a) The profession?
 - b) The hospitals?
 - c) The other insurers?
 - d) The patients - the most important group?

At this meeting, which is restricted to consultants only, these issues will be discussed and debated.



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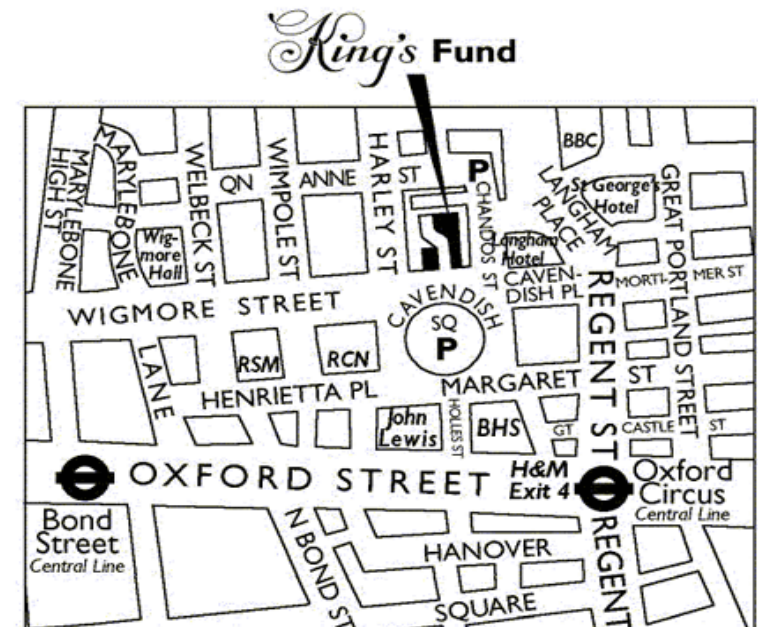
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The Impact on Consultants of the OFT Report and Private Medical Insurance Changes

**A Meeting for Consultants
at the King's Fund, Cavendish Square,
London W1**

Thursday 15th March 2012

**6.00 pm Registration & Buffet
6.30 pm Meeting Start**



***The Impact on Consultants of the OFT Report and
Private Medical Insurance Changes***

- 6.00 pm Registration & Buffet
- 6.30pm Speakers
- 6.30pm Welcome and Introduction
- 6.35pm Stephen Collier
CEO, BMI Hospitals
The OFT Report – where do we go now?
- 6.55pm JJ de Gorter
Medical Director, Spire Healthcare
***What quality information currently exists
about hospitals and consultants, and what
might the OFT be after?***
- 7.15pm Keith Biddlestone
Commercial Director, HCA Healthcare
Bupa Open Referral – what does this mean?
- 7.35pm Geoffrey Glazer
Chairman of FIPO
***Insurance and regulatory pressures - what
now for the profession?***
- 8.00pm Panel Discussion - Q and A Session
- 8.30pm End of Meeting

REGISTRATION FORM

I WISH TO ATTEND THE LCA MEETING ON 15th MARCH 2012

YES

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