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TO FIPO MEMBERSHIP PRESIDENTS/CHAIRMAN/CEOS & FIPO BOARD MEMBERS

Dear Colleagues,

Please find enclosed a consultant newsletter from FIPO which concerns the current changes in the independent sector. We are currently facing enormous difficulties and these are summarised in this newsletter.

I will not say more about this at the moment but suffice it to say we are working hard analysing our evidence for the Competition Commission. We are liaising with our colleagues in other specialties and Associations and we have a formal meeting with the Competition Commission Panel on 17th April. We have an excellent legal team and other advisers but nothing can be guaranteed about the final outcome. However, it is important that the consultants are kept aware of current issues. Obviously there is more going on in the background, which cannot be set out in this letter.

If you could kindly send out this newsletter through your membership lists either as an adjunct to any post or by email that would be most helpful as it is important that consultants hear what is going on.

Many thanks again for your ongoing support, which is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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Geoffrey Glazer MS FRCS FACS
Chairman of FIPO

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Richard Packard
Deputy Chairman of FIPO

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