

Statement from BMI given to local media in response to claims made by Joan Ryan

In regards to rumours that have been circulating alleging that BMI Healthcare (BMI) and/or General Healthcare Group (GHG) has had meetings or discussions with the Enfield Council and Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals NHS Trust regarding possible plans to build a new private hospital on the Chase Farm site:

These rumours are completely false. BMI already has two private hospitals in the Enfield area – the 40-bed BMI Cavell Hospital and the 47-bed BMI Kings Oak Hospital – so there is no commercial need for a new hospital. Kings Oak Hospital is located within the grounds of Chase Farm NHS Hospital and we are a tenant of the Chase Farm Hospitals NHS Trust. Every quarter BMI representatives meet with the Trust to discuss operational issues relating to our contractual arrangements. These meetings have never included a member of Enfield Council nor did they include discussions around building a new BMI hospital on the Chase Farm site.

Neither BMI, GHG, nor its representatives, have ever met with the Enfield Council, as any hospital issues that require Council discussion or approval would normally be handled by our landlord, the NHS Trust. Paperwork requesting approval for new signage for BMI The Cavell Hospital (which is located ¼ mile from Kings Oak Hospital has been submitted to the Council) but no discussions have taken place.

We are also aware that Joan Ryan MP has posted this rumour on her website and we will be contacting her to correct this information.