“Whilst NHS income from private patients is predicted to grow by 6% a year until 2020, it is becoming more of a necessity to determine whether this represents a net financial gain. Existing providers are expected to expand over the next decade while new operators enter the market. Expansion will not only occur for large hospital operators; there is also likely to be a multitude of different providers.”

– Lewis Cone, B2B Analyst

This report looks at the following areas:

- Insurers still missing out on opportunities in the SME sector
- Calls for private hospitals to publish data to help improve patient safety and outcomes

This report covers the private healthcare sector, and includes the provision of healthcare services through private hospitals and clinics, and the private medical insurance sector, which is so important to the financing of private medical care.

Private residential care and nursing care for the elderly is covered in a separate report published annually by MBD. Other related reports published by MBD include the UK Occupational Healthcare market.

The private healthcare sector operates alongside the publicly available NHS. There is significant inter-relationship between the two systems, with the private sector relying on NHS consultants for a large segment of its medical manpower. The development of the private sector is largely reliant on NHS consultants being available to undertake private work.

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**Trade magazines**
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- Health Business
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