

# Expectation<sup>1</sup>



**46.3%**

Faster appointments



**12.3%**

More locally-available  
healthcare options



**18.3%**

Higher quality care

**independent  
doctors  
federation**

**84%**

patients sometimes receive a  
lower standard (quality or  
amount) of treatment than they  
expect.

<sup>1</sup>Of 330 respondents to the 'Independent Doctor's  
Federation – PMI Campaign – Independent  
Doctor Survey' (26 April 2024)

<sup>2</sup>IHPN, 'Going Private 2023' (2023)

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**Reality<sup>2</sup>**



PMIs constantly reduce their procedure fees (without any consultation with a specialist), do not pass on these reductions to patients, and often pay the clinic or hospitals much inflated rates for procedures and a reduced amount to the surgeon.

### **INDEPENDENT DOCTOR (ENT)<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>2</sup>Comment provided in the 'Independent Doctor's Federation – PMI Campaign – Independent Doctor Survey'

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**74%**

A donut chart with a teal outer ring and an orange inner segment. The orange segment represents 26% of the total, leaving 74% in teal.

**costs of operating a practice/ providing services have increased more than 20% over the last 5 years.**



**99%**

A donut chart with a teal outer ring and a very thin orange inner segment. The orange segment represents 1% of the total, leaving 99% in teal.

**PMI assured fees are not fair reimbursement for the provision of their services/care.**



**73%**

A donut chart with a teal outer ring and an orange inner segment. The orange segment represents 27% of the total, leaving 73% in teal.

**PMIs have ignored requests to negotiate fees.**

<sup>1</sup>Of 280 respondents to the 'Independent Doctor's Federation – PMI Campaign – Independent Doctor Survey' (11 April 2024)

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**“I cannot justify treating patients privately** for some of the fees... They either find another practitioner, which is not usually possible, or are referred into the NHS.”

## **INDEPENDENT PLASTIC SURGEON<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>Comment provided in the ‘Independent Doctor’s Federation – PMI Campaign – Independent Doctor Survey’

<sup>2</sup>BMA, ‘NHS backlog data analysis’ (January 2024)

<sup>3</sup>Healthcode, Billing volumes (2023) submitted to the Independent Doctor’s Federation

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# 6.32 million

Current NHS backlog<sup>2</sup>



# 1.5 million

Private hospital patients (2023)<sup>3</sup>



**The NHS cannot afford to absorb  
private hospital care!**

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“PMI referral pathways in my region still have patients ending up in the **wrong subspecialist clinic due to registration and recognition issues.**”

**INDEPENDENT DOCTOR (ORTHOPAEDICS)<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>Comment provided in the ‘Independent Doctor’s Federation – PMI Campaign – Independent Doctor Survey

**Prioritising patient-doctor partnerships in independent healthcare.**