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ABHI statement on Mail on Sunday NHS procurement article

21th February 2017 – On Sunday 19th February, The Mail on Sunday published an article on NHS procurement.

The article referred to data from sources, including 2014's procurement Atlas of Variation. At the time of its original publication, it was widely recognised as being fundamentally flawed by ABHI, HCSA and other industry associations.

Competitive tendering and skilled procurement professionals ensure that the NHS receives value for money. ABHI, its members and the wider industry support transparency. The NHS purchasing landscape is complex and fragmented, it is critical that accurate and comparable data is used when benchmarking.

Peter Ellingworth, CEO, ABHI said: *"The medical technology industry is committed to working in partnership with the NHS to develop solutions that improve health outcomes, quality and the efficiency of healthcare systems. ABHI's Code of Business Practice, mandatory for its members, ensures the highest standards of ethical practice and professional behaviour are adhered to in interactions with NHS professionals."*

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About ABHI

The Association of British Healthcare Industries (ABHI) is the industry association for the medical technology sector in the UK. ABHI's mission is to champion the benefits and use of safe and effective medical technologies to deliver high quality patient outcomes. With over 250 members, ABHI leads the advocacy of the industry in order to advance access to medical technology. Our membership includes some of the leading multinational businesses in the sector in the UK right the way through to small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs).

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