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Hospitalia activHealth has been chosen by the British Government for the NHS Franchising Register of Expertise for the management of state-owned hospitals

The British government wants to make use of external know-how in the management of its struggling state-owned hospitals in the future. A governmental register of experts chose 8 private sector hospital management organisations from a multitude of applicants after an eight-month test process, which will be able to participate in tenders for the management franchises as of January 2003. The only German company to be one of the three registered companies from abroad is hospitalia activHealth gmbH, Oberursel, the Healthcare Company Fresenius' subsidiary specialising in international hospital management.

As published by the British Government on Thursday this week Health Secretary Alan Milburn said: "The Register of Experts will enable the best managers from outside the NHS to join the best managers within the NHS in turning around struggling hospitals and raising standards for patients."

hospitalia activHealth operates hospitals abroad and offers professional management and services to owners of health facilities worldwide. The company provides state-of-the-art hospital management. Its core parameters are consistent quality management, process-optimised teams,

international supply-chain management, a comprehensive medical network and patient-focused care.

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