

Panel on Health Services**List of follow-up actions**

(Position as at 6 December 2003)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Reform of the Medical Council of Hong Kong	4 February 2002	The Administration agreed to give a response on whether it would set up a Complaints Office in the Department of Health (DH) to receive medical complaints, conduct preliminary investigation, make referrals and conduct mediation; and to examine at an appropriate time on gradually moving such Office towards independence.	Letters were issued on 26 April, 30 May, 26 June, 19 September, 29 October, 27 November, 23 December 2002, 30 January, 28 February, 3 and 30 April, 29 May, 25 June, 2 October and 3 November 2003 to remind the Administration to provide a response. To this end, the Administration has repeatedly responded that it is working on the operational framework of the Complaints Office and will report to members in due course.
2. Rehabilitation of discharged mental patients	11 March 2002	The Administration agreed to provide a paper on rehabilitation services for discharged mental patients.	Letters were issued on 30 May, 26 June, 19 September, 29 October, 27 November, 23 December 2002, 30 January, 28 February, 3 and 30 April, 29 May, 25 June, 2 October and 3 November 2003 to remind the Administration to provide a response. The Administration would provide a paper in due course.

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3. Manpower situation of ancillary health care personnel	8 April 2002	The Administration agreed to provide members with the student number targets and other related information for the University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded ancillary health care personnel related programmes for the next triennium once they became available.	In view of the recommendations arising from the Higher Education Review that entail considerable changes to existing systems and require careful design, the Administration has decided that the current triennium should roll over for one year to cover the 2004-05 academic year, postponing the new triennium to 2005-06 to 2007-08. The distribution of indicative student number targets as proposed by the UGC and approved by the Executive Council was set out in the paper provided by the Administration for discussion at the meeting of the Panel on Education on 1 December 2003 under file reference: EMB(MPE)CR8/2041/03.
4. Working Group on Public/Private Interface - Progress Report	9 December 2002	The Administration undertook to provide statistics on the use of HA private services in the past year, including the number of patients who had used the private services and the types of services they used.	The Administration has advised that liaison with Hospital Authority (HA) is in progress on the requested information.
5. Redevelopment of Caritas Medical Centre, Phase 2	9 June 2003	The Administration undertook to provide information on established planning standards for public hospitals, and on the planning standards for public hospitals adopted in some developed economies.	The Administration is liaising with Hospital Authority on the requested information.

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6. Tendering system for pharmaceutical products	9 July 2003	In a letter to the Panel dated 11 April 2003, the Administration undertook to amend Clause 4.1.2 of the tender document for drug procurement with a view to improving the clarity of the tender conditions concerning Marketing Authorisation.	Clause 4.1.2 of the tender document for drug procurement has been amended. The Administration would report to the Panel by means of a letter in the near future.
7. Checklist of Measures to Combat SARS	10 November 2003	<p>The Administration agreed to consider the following issues raised by members -</p> <p>(a) resources for remunerating Visiting Medical Officers (VMOs) of the Community Geriatric Assessment Teams should be allotted to service recipients of VMOs to ensure effective use of public money;</p> <p>(b) HA should not finance those operators of the Residential Care Homes for the Elderly who could afford to purchase service from VMOs;</p> <p>(c) the composition of the Chief Executive's Steering Committee should include the Chief Executive of HA and the Secretary for Economic Development and Labour; and</p>	<p>(a) The proposal has been considered but there is also the need to ensure proper control on the quality of the medical services provided to the elderly;</p> <p>(b) No disagreement in principle;</p> <p>(c) The Panel's opinion is noted; and</p>

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		(d) the Government's three-level response system should be re-named alert level 1, alert level 2, alert level 3 and alert level 4 for greater clarity.	(d) The issue has been followed up at the Subcommittee to monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the SARS Expert Committee and the Hospital Authority Review Panel on the SARS Outbreak.
8. Collaboration on infectious disease surveillance among Guangdong Province, Hong Kong and Macao	10 November 2003	<p>The Administration agreed to consider providing -</p> <p>(a) clear definition of sudden upsurge of any infectious diseases of unknown nature or of public health significance under the tripartite agreement on collaboration on infectious disease surveillance; and</p> <p>(b) a copy of the tripartite agreement on collaboration on infectious disease surveillance.</p>	The Administration will provide relevant information to the Panel.

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9. The adolescent health programme of the Department of Health	10 November 2003	The Health, Welfare and Food Bureau undertook to convey to the Education and Manpower Bureau the suggestion raised by Hon Cyd HO that themes covered by the "Basic Life Skills Training" programme should be incorporated into the syllabus of language subjects taught in classes.	The Health, Welfare and Food Bureau held a meeting with the Department of Health (DH) and Education and Manpower Bureau (EMB) on 21 November 2003, during which Members' comments were conveyed to EMB. It was agreed that EMB would continue to put appropriate emphasis on the school curriculum about adolescent health with the advice of DH and that the situation be reviewed on a regular basis.