

Panel on Health Services

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 8 June 2007)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Manpower situation in Hospital Authority

At the special meeting on 1 June 2007, members agreed to discuss in July 2007 the issue of shortage of medical staff in Hospital Authority.

July 2007

2. Medical services in Tung Chung

At the special meeting on 1 June 2007, members agreed to discuss in July 2007 the issue of medical services in Tung Chung, including constructing a new hospital in North Lantau, raised by Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG and Hon LEE Wing-tat.

July 2007

3. Study on non-tobacco products that share the same trade mark as tobacco products

Item proposed by the Administration.

Q4 2007

At the request of the Bills Committee on Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2005, the Administration undertook to examine the viability of prohibiting the use of tobacco brand name and logo on non-tobacco products.

4. Health care financing

Item proposed by the Administration.

Q4 2007

5. Mode of supply of self-financed item (SFI) drugs to patients of public hospitals

At the meeting on 12 February 2007, the Administration was requested to report to the Panel when the Hospital Authority Board had come to a view on the mode of supply of SFI drugs before implementation.

To be confirmed

Proposed timing for discussion

6. Communicable Disease Information System

Item proposed by the Administration

Q4 2007

7. Progress report on registration of Chinese Medicine practitioners

Subsequent to the meeting on 13 November 2006, the Panel has decided that the issue of providing appropriate assistance to listed Chinese medicine practitioners (CMPs) seeking to obtain registration status be made a standing agenda item for discussion by the Panel every six months.

To be confirmed

The item was last discussed by the Panel at its meeting on 14 May 2007. The Administration was requested to expeditiously convene a meeting between the Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong and institutes whose Chinese medicine degree courses were not recognised by the Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board so as to resolve the disputes over the eligibility for undertaking the CMP Licensing Examination. The Administration was also requested to invite Panel members to attend the meeting.

8. Regulation of medical devices

Item proposed by the Administration.

End 2007

At the Panel meeting on 27 April 2006, members agreed to follow up on the implementation timetable for regulation of medical devices, including the use of Hydrophilic Polyacrylamide Gel (PAAG) for breast augmentation.

9. Progress report on promoting healthy eating among school children

The item was last discussed by the Panel at the meeting on 8 January 2007. The Administration was requested to report to the Panel after it had completed an evaluation study of the campaign to promote healthy eating habit among school children at the end of the 2006-2007 school year and to take into account members' views and suggestions in the comprehensive review of the campaign.

Q2 2008

Proposed timing for discussion

10. Regulation of health care personnel not currently subject to statutory registration

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

To be confirmed

11. Separation of prescribing from dispensing of drugs

Item proposed by Dr Hon YEUNG Sum.

To be confirmed

The item was last discussed by the Panel at the meeting on 28 June 2005, during which the Administration advised that its position was that the matter would require thorough discussion by the stakeholders and the community at large, and the Administration would continue to listen to views and engage the parties concerned in the discussion before deciding the way forward.

12. New hospital on Lantau

Item proposed by the Administration.

To be confirmed

13. Health care complaints mechanism

This item was previously discussed by the Panel in 2002. The Administration undertook to revert on this subject.

To be confirmed

14. Review of Dentists (Registration) Ordinance

Item proposed by the Administration.

To be confirmed

15. Enhancing the provision of dental care for the elderly and extending school dental care services to post-primary students

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

To be confirmed

16. Medical Misadventure Fund

Item proposed by Hon Albert HO.

To be confirmed

Proposed timing for discussion

17. Increase in professional indemnity insurance premiums

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

To be confirmed

18. Shortage of medical frontline staff in the Hospital Authority

Referred for follow-up by the Panel at a meeting between Legislative Council Members and Wong Tai Sin District Council members on 6 January 2005.

The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1483/06-07(04) on 3 April 2007.

19. Regulation of services provided by beauticians

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

To be confirmed

20. Medical practice by unregistered medical practitioners

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

To be confirmed

21. Shortage of nurses

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

To be confirmed

Referred to the Panel on Health Services and the Panel on Welfare Services for follow-up by Duty Roster Members following their meeting with a deputation on 19 April 2007.

22. Expansion of private services by the Hospital Authority

Item proposed by Hon Andrew CHENG.

To be confirmed

23. Report on “Substitute decision-making and advance directives in relation to medical treatment”

The above report was published by the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong in August 2006.

To be confirmed

Proposed timing for discussion

24. Mental health services in public hospitals

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

To be confirmed

25. Review of fee waiver mechanism for public hospital fees and charges

Referred for follow-up by Duty Roster Members following their meeting with a deputation on 22 November 2006.

To be confirmed

26. Expansion of the Blood Transfusion Service Headquarters

Item proposed by the Administration.

To be confirmed

27. Appointment of members to the Hospital Authority Board

Item proposed by Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG.

To be confirmed