

Panel on Health Services

List of follow-up actions

(Position as at 8 June 2007)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Fu Shan Public Mortuary incident	31 March 2006	<p>The Administration -</p> <p>(a) to provide a paper after the meeting setting out the disciplinary actions taken by the Administration, if any, against the frontline and management staff who had committed dereliction of duty in the incident; and</p> <p>(b) to inform the Panel in three to six months' time of the progress made in taking forward the medium and long-term measures recommended by the Independent Committee on the incident of the Fu Shan Public Mortuary.</p>	The Administration will provide a written response in June 2007.
2. Discharge planning in public hospitals	12 June 2006 (joint meeting with the Panel on Welfare Services)	The Administration was requested to provide a written response to the views expressed by deputations about the lack of community support services for discharged patients. Upon receipt, another joint meeting could be held to follow up the matter.	The Administration will provide a written response in due course.

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3. Mode of supply of self-financed item (SFI) drugs in public hospitals	23 January 2007	The Administration was requested to provide the latest information on the percentage of SFI drugs prescribed by HA doctors to public patients.	The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1894/06-07 on 17 May 2007.
4. Review of the Quarantine and Prevention of Disease Ordinance (Cap. 141)	12 February 2007	The Administration was requested to advise members in due course which infections diseases would be added to the list of notifiable diseases.	The Administration will provide a written response in due course.
5. Prevention and control of HIV/AIDS	12 March 2007	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a response in writing to the following -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) breakdown of the programmes/projects supported by the AIDS Trust Fund (ATF) by type and amount involved in each of the past five years; (b) amount of funding for ATF for use in the coming five years, as well as the types of programmes/projects which ATF intended to fund and the percentage concerned; (c) including AIDS patients, people who were HIV positive and frontline AIDS workers on the Advisory Council on AIDS; and (d) providing free HIV testing service to non-local sex workers. 	The Administration will provide a written response in June 2007.

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6. Regulation of "Health Maintenance Organisations"	12 March 2007	The Administration was requested to provide comments received by the Government's Working Group on the medical director concept.	The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2096/06-07(01) on 6 June 2007.
7. Rationalisation of public hospital services	2 April 2007	The Administration was requested to provide the following information - (a) bed-to-population ratio; health care professional-to-population ratio; funding allocation for 2007-2008; utilisation rates of various hospital services and their associated median waiting time; and types and capacities of ambulatory and community care services provided to day patients, in each of the seven hospital clusters; (b) re-organisation of services undertaken in the past and its impact, if any, on the districts served; and (c) cross-cluster utilisation of hospital services in the past three years.	The Administration will provide a written response in due course.

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8. Private patient services at public hospitals and fee-sharing arrangements	2 April 2007	The Administration/HA was requested to discuss with the two universities with medical faculties on ways to ensure that private patient fees received by the two universities were properly recorded, charged and audited for incorporating into HA's billing system and revert to the Panel. The Administration /HA agreed to report the results of HA's review of the billing system to the Panel when they became available in about three months' time.	The Administration will report back to the Panel when the results of HA's review are available.
9. Mortuaries in public hospitals	16 April 2007	The Administration was requested to provide a response in writing to the following - (a) how prevalent was the storing of two deceased bodies in the same mortuary compartment in and at which HA mortuaries; (b) interim contingency measures to tackle the problem of inadequate capacity of HA mortuaries such as constructing temporary mortuaries; and (c) a detailed plan and timetable on addressing the capacity problem of HA mortuaries to meet demand in the next 10-15 years.	The Administration's response has been incorporated in the paper (LC Paper No. CB(2)2077/06-07(04)) issued to the Panel for its meeting on 11 June 2007.

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10. Further discussion on the obstetric service charge for non-eligible persons whose spouses are Hong Kong residents	30 April 2007	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a written response to the motion passed by the Panel at the meeting on 16 April 2007 by early June 2007 at the latest. The wording of the motion reads as follows -</p> <p>"本委員會對於衛生福利及食物局及醫院管理局於今年 2 月初推行公立醫院內地孕婦的新收費政策(39,000 元/48,000 元)未有考慮對港人家庭(即父親為香港居民而母親為準來港婦女之家庭)的影響表示遺憾,並要求當局豁免港人家庭按新收費政策繳費。"</p> <p>(Translation)</p> <p>"That this Panel expresses regret that the new obstetric package charge (\$39,000/\$48,000) implemented by the Health, Welfare and Food Bureau and the Hospital Authority in early February this year for Mainland women giving birth in public hospitals has failed to take into account its impact on Hong Kong families (i.e. those with the father being a Hong Kong resident and the mother a Two-way Permit holder), and urges the Government to exempt these families from the new fee charging policy."</p>	The effectiveness of the new obstetric service arrangements (including the obstetric service package charge) and complementary immigration measures are being closely monitored.

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11. Development of Chinese medicine clinics (CMCs) in the public sector	14 May 2007	The Administration was requested to provide information on the distribution of public CMCs as well as non-profit-making CMCs run by non-governmental organizations by district.	The Administration will provide a written response in due course.
12. Progress report on registration of Chinese medicine practitioners (CMP)	14 May 2007	The Administration was requested - (a) to provide information on why the following two part-time undergraduate degree courses in Chinese medicine failed to fulfil the requirements of recognised courses stipulated by the Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board (Practitioners Board) - (i) part-time undergraduate course in Chinese Medicine offered by the University of Xiamen and the Li Ka Shing Institute of Professional and Continuing Education, the Open University of Hong Kong; and (ii) part-time degree course in Chinese Medicine offered by Jinan University and the Hong Kong College of Technology; and	The Administration will provide a written response in the third quarter of 2007.

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		(b) 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 Practitioners Board so as to resolve the disputes over the eligibility for undertaking the CMP Licensing Examination, with Panel members invited to attend the meeting.	

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