

Panel on Health Services

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 8 December 2006)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Obstetric charges for non-eligible persons in public hospitals

Item proposed by the Administration.

January 2007

2. Redevelopment of Caritas Medical Centre, Phase 2

Item proposed by the Administration.

January 2007

3. Progress report on promoting healthy eating habit among school children

The item was originally scheduled for discussion at the Panel meeting on 13 November 2006. Due to time constraint, members agreed to defer the discussion of the item to another meeting.

January 2007

4. Review of the Quarantine and Prevention of Disease Ordinance (Cap. 141)

The Administration gave an undertaking to the Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the Recommendations of the SARS Expert Committee and the Hospital Authority Review Panel on the SARS Outbreak formed under the Panel to conduct a comprehensive revamp of the Quarantine and Prevention of Disease Ordinance (Cap. 141), having regard to the operational experience in combating the last SARS epidemic and the changing patterns of international trade and people movement and to better meet present day circumstances.

February 2007

5. Development of Chinese medicine clinics in the public sector

Item proposed by the Administration.

February - April 2007

Proposed timing for discussion

6. Expansion of the Blood Transfusion Service Headquarters

Item proposed by the Administration.

February - April 2007

7. Organ donation registry

Item proposed by the Administration.

February - April 2007

8. Poison control

Item proposed by the Administration.

February - April 2007

9. Regulation of "Health Maintenance Organisations"

Item proposed by the Administration.

February - April 2007

The item was last discussed by the Panel at the meeting on 10 July 2006. The Administration was requested to report to members before end of 2006 on the progress made in taking forward the medical director concept for Health Maintenance Organisations.

10. Communicable Disease Information System

Item proposed by the Administration

February - April 2007

11. Progress report on registration of Chinese Medicine practitioners

The item was last discussed by the Panel at the meeting on 13 November 2006. After the meeting, the Panel decided that the issue of providing appropriate assistance to listed Chinese medicine practitioners seeking to obtain registration status be made a standing agenda item for discussion by the Panel every six months.

May 2007

Proposed timing for discussion

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

Item proposed by the Administration.

May - July 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.

13. Fixed penalty system for smoking offence

Item proposed by the Administration.

May - July 2007

At the request of the Bills Committee on Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2005, the Administration undertook to introduce a fixed penalty system for smoking offence within a period of 18 months after the enactment of the Bill in October 2006.

14. Health care financing

Item proposed by the Administration.

May - July 2007

15. Regulation of medical devices

Item proposed by the Administration.

May - July 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.

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

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

To be confirmed

Proposed timing for discussion

17. 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.

18. New hospital on Lantau

Item proposed by the Administration.

To be confirmed

19. 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

20. Review of Dentists (Registration) Ordinance

Item proposed by the Administration.

To be confirmed

21. 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

22. Medical Misadventure Fund

Item proposed by Hon Albert HO.

To be confirmed

Proposed timing for discussion

23. Increase in professional indemnity insurance premiums

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

To be confirmed

24. 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 will provide a written response in due course.

25. Regulation of services provided by beauticians

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

To be confirmed

26. Medical practice by unregistered medical practitioners

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

To be confirmed

27. Shortage of nurses

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

To be confirmed

28. Expansion of private services by the Hospital Authority

Item proposed by Hon Andrew CHENG.

To be confirmed

29. 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

30. Mental health services in public hospitals

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

To be confirmed

31. 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