

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

(Position as at 8 December 2006)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Requiring doctors to purchase insurance to indemnify patients for medical negligence or malpractice as a condition to practise medicine	8 March 2004	Hon CHAN Yuen-han requested to discuss this item.	The matter is being considered by the Medical Council.
2. Increase in professional indemnity insurance premiums	14 March 2005	The Administration undertook to provide a paper on professional indemnity insurance premiums and related issues.	The Administration will submit an information paper in due course.
3. Regulation of medical devices in Hong Kong - Recent progress	19 July 2005	<p>The Administration -</p> <p>(a) to provide a supplementary written response to the concern raised by Ms LI Fung-ying about training and related matters; and</p> <p>(b) to revert to the Panel on the operation of the regulatory system in due course.</p>	<p>The Administration will provide a written response in due course.</p> <p>The Administration will submit an information paper in due course.</p>

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4. Develop a computerised organ donation database	13 February 2006	The Administration agreed to submit a progress report in due course on the work it had done in establishing a computerised organ donation database as a central registry of organ donors.	The Administration advised in its letter dated 7 July 2006 that it will submit a progress report on the subject as soon as practicable in the 2006-2007 legislative session (LC paper No. CB(2)2717/05-06(01)).
5. 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 submit an information paper in due course.
6. Work pressure of health care practitioners in the Hospital Authority	10 April 2006	The Administration and the Hospital Authority (HA) were requested to provide a report to the Panel on the progress made in addressing the views and needs of health care practitioners in the HA regarding work pressure in three months' time.	The Administration will provide a written response in due course.

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7. 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.
8. Regulation of "Health Maintenance Organisations"	10 July 2006	The Administration was requested to report to the Panel before the end of 2006 on the progress made in taking forward the medical director concept for "Health Maintenance Organisations".	The Administration will provide a written response in due course.
9. Review of Hospital Authority Drug Formulary	10 July 2006	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information in relation to self-financed items (SFI) drugs -</p> <p>(a) the number of patients involved, the average monthly cost borne by each patient for purchasing SFI drugs and which SFI drugs were covered by the Samaritan Fund as a safety net; and</p> <p>(b) the impact of SFI drugs on HA patients before and after the implementation of the Formulary.</p>	The Administration's response for (a) was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)3090/05-06 on 26 September 2006.

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10. Enforcement of Undesirable Medical Advertisements Ordinance (UMAO) (Cap. 231)	25 September 2006	The Administration was requested to provide in writing the following - (a) a breakdown of the warning letters issued to newspapers and magazines and a breakdown of organisations against which legal actions were taken in 2004; and (b) examples of the cases which had led and had failed to lead to prosecution respectively under the UMAO, as well as the penalties for cases resulted in conviction.	The Administration will provide a written response in due course.

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11. Registration of Chinese medicine practitioners (CMP)	13 November 2006	The Administration was requested to - (a) provide a written response in three weeks' time to the issues raised by members in relation to the allegation made by a group of students of a part-time degree course in Chinese medicine offered by the Open University of Hong Kong in collaboration with the Xiamen University, including, inter alia, the following: whether the Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong (CMC) had indeed informed all local universities in 2000 that part-time undergraduate degree course in Chinese medicine would be recognised by the Practitioners Board, the reason why the Practitioners Board changed its policy in 2002 that only five-year full-time on campus undergraduate degree course in Chinese medicine would be recognised, as well as the reason for not adopting a grandfathering approach on students affected;	The Administration's response for (a) was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)576/06-07(01) on 6 December 2006. The Administration will provide a written response on the other issues in due course.

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		<p>(b) provide information on the number of listed CMPs who were in the same predicament as the students mentioned in paragraph (a) above as far as possible;</p> <p>(c) provide information about the number of appeals lodged with the CMC against the decisions of the Practitioners Board and how these appeals were finally resolved since the implementation of the Chinese Medicine Ordinance (Cap. 549); and</p> <p>(d) revert to the Panel when it had identified other viable means to assist listed CMPs to become registered CMPs and timetable for implementation.</p>	