

**For Information
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Legislative Council Panel on Health Services

Provision of General Out-patient Clinic in Tin Shui Wai Area 109

PURPOSE

This paper briefs Members on the Administration's plan to build a general out-patient clinic (GOPC) in Tin Shui Wai Area 109.

PROPOSAL

2. We plan to build a GOPC in Tin Shui Wai Area 109. The GOPC will have six consultation rooms, and will also have an Integrated Clinic and a Community Multi-specialty Clinic. The proposed Integrated Clinic will have six consultation rooms, and the proposed Community Multi-specialty Clinic will have two.

3. The proposed GOPC and the related medical facilities will be co-located with the proposed Integrated Community Mental Health Support Services Centre and a Long Stay Care Home of the Labour and Welfare Bureau in a 6-storey building. The GOPC and the related medical facilities will be on G/F to 2/F, and the Integrated Community Mental Health Support Services Centre and a Long Stay Care Home will be on 3/F to 5/F. The site plan of the building is at **Annex**.

JUSTIFICATIONS

4. At present, general out-patient (GOP) services in Hong Kong are primarily provided by the private sector. Public GOP services are mainly targeted at the low-income, the chronically ill and the vulnerable groups (including poor and frail elderly). The Administration has always paid attention to the provision of GOP services in Tin Shui Wai. At present, public GOP services in Tin Shui Wai are mainly provided by the Tin Shui Wai Health Centre located in Tin Shui Wai South. To cater for the GOP service needs in the district, the Hospital Authority (HA) has already rented a consultation room of the Pok Oi Hospital Chinese medicine clinic located in Tin Wah Estate in Tin Shui Wai North since 2006 for providing additional GOP services. The two

clinics provide about 163 000 attendances of GOP consultation services for about 51 000 patients in total.

5. According to the statistics of the Planning Department, the population of Tin Shui Wai in 2007 was about 274 000, and is expected to increase to about 311 000 in 2016. To cater for the increasing population and community needs of Tin Shui Wai, the Administration has planned to build a GOPC in Tin Shui Wai North Area 109. We expect that the proposed GOPC can provide about 55 000 attendances of GOP consultation services each year.

6. To cater for the medical needs of the residents in the district, the Administration has also planned to provide an Integrated Clinic and a Community Multi-specialty Clinic at the proposed GOPC. The proposed Integrated Clinic will provide family medicine, gynecologist, paediatric and community health services, as well as psychiatric treatment. The proposed Community Multi-specialty Clinic is expected to provide physiotherapist, occupational therapist, prosthetic, dietetic services, etc.

7. Before the completion of the proposed GOPC, HA will conduct a pilot project in Tin Shui Wai to purchase primary care services from the private sector for specified patient groups so as to enhance the existing GOP services. Subject to HA's reaching agreement on the service mode and contractual terms with private doctors in the district, HA's target is to implement the project around mid-2008 in phases. We have briefed the Legislative Council Panel on Health Services on the project details in another paper.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. According to our current estimate, the capital cost of the proposed GOPC and the related medical facilities is about \$240 million in money-of-the-day prices.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

9. HA consulted and obtained the support of the Culture, Recreation, Community Service and Housing Committee of the Yuen Long District Council on the proposed GOPC and the related medical facilities on 31 March 2008.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

10. According to the original schedule, we estimated that the construction of proposed GOPC and the related medical facilities would be completed in

2012. In order that the facilities concerned can serve residents in the district as early as possible, we have explored with the Architectural Services Department and other relevant departments to expedite the work subject to the relevant legal and administrative procedures. We now plan to submit the proposal of constructing the GOPC and the related medical facilities in Tin Shui Wai Area 109 to the Legislative Council Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee in June this year. If funding application is approved, we plan to start construction in mid-2009 for completion by end-2011.

ADVICE SOUGHT

11. Members are invited to note the content of the paper.

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