

Panel on Welfare Services

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 6 January 2010)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Provision of infirmary care for elders in a non-hospital setting	13 December 2004	The Administration undertook to provide more details of the tender exercise before the next meeting, including the criteria used in selecting operators to run the trial scheme, justification(s) for inviting private home operators to participate in the exercise, and the reason(s) for setting the unit subsidy for each subsidized infirmary bed in a non-hospital setting at around \$11,000.	The Administration is exploring various options, including upgrading some of the places in subvented residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) to provide infirmary care. The Administration will report progress in due course.
2. Conversion of self-care (S/C) hostel and home for the aged (H/A) places into care and attention places providing continuum of care	14 March 2005	The Administration was requested to provide its plan on providing long term care for the elderly in the medium and long terms, including financing for residential care services for the elderly.	The consultancy study led by the Elderly Commission (EC) on residential care services for the elderly has been completed recently. EC will present the study findings and recommendations to the Panel on 11 January 2010.

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<p>3. Implementation of the Integrated Family Service Centre Model and closure of time-limited Single Parent Centres</p>	<p>9 May 2005</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to revert to members on whether to re-open the Single Parent Centres after the completion of its review on the implementation of the Integrated Family Service Centre (IFSC) upon receiving the review report from the Consultant Team in the first quarter of 2010.</p>	<p>The transformation of IFSCs was completed in 2004-2005. In October 2008, the Administration commissioned a review on the implementation of the IFSC service mode. It is expected to be completed by the end of 2009. The Administration reported progress to the Panel in March 2009 and further discussed the matter at the May meeting. The Administration will report the result of the review to the Panel in due course.</p>
<p>4. Progress report on the standardized assessment mechanism for residential services for people with disabilities</p>	<p>21 March 2006</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to include representative from the Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS) in the Review Working Group on Standardized Assessment Mechanism for Residential Services for People with Disabilities and to increase the number of representatives from parents' groups in the Review Working Group.</p> <p>The then Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food was requested to come up with ways to solve the existing lack of premises for providing residential services for people with disabilities (PWDs).</p>	<p>The Administration will include representative from the HKCSS and invite more representatives from parents' groups to the future Review Working Group meetings.</p> <p>The Bureau will consider appropriate measures to identify and acquire suitable premises/sites for providing residential services to PWDs and will report to LegCo in due course.</p>

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<p>5. Assistance to elderly not receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA)</p>	<p>8 June 2006</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) provide a paper setting out the relevant figures to substantiate its saying that a pay-as-you-go retirement protection scheme was not feasible; and (b) consult employees in Hong Kong on whether they were willing to allocate part of their MPF contributions, say 50%, to a pool for distribution to the current cohort of elders, on the understanding they too would receive a monthly sum of some \$2,500 in their old age. 	<p>The Administration is collating the requisite information and will provide a paper once ready.</p>
<p>6. Review Report on the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System</p>	<p>9 February 2009 9 March 2009</p>	<p>The Administration was requested -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) to provide the specific timetable for and priorities of implementation of the 36 recommendations made by the Lump Sum Grant Independent Review Committee (LSGIRC); (b) to take necessary actions on the motion passed by the Panel; and (c) to report regularly on the implementation of the recommendations made by LSGIRC. 	<p>The Administration aims at introducing most of the new initiatives by the end of 2009 and will advise the Panel of the timetable and progress at an appropriate time.</p> <p>The Administration will follow up on the recommendations made by LSGIRC.</p>

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7. Work progress of the Family Council	11 May 2009	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the priority of work and work plan of Subcommittee on Family Support; (b) the efforts undertaken by the Family Council in promoting the family-friendly employment practices; (c) the past discussions by the Family Council relating to the integration of family policies and related programmes across different bureaux and departments, and the needs of children as well as the future plan on the above areas; and (d) the past discussions by the Family Council on the specific needs and rights of men in the context of their roles in the family. 	The Administration will follow up the matter.
8. Community support services for ex-mentally ill persons	8 June 2009	The Administration was requested to make periodic report on the work progress of the Working Group on Mental Health Services.	At the joint meeting of the Panel on Health Services and Panel on Welfare Services held on 30 September 2009, the Administration has briefed members on the latest progress of the work of the Working Group on Mental Health Services. The Administration has also provided updates on the Working Group on Mental Health Services in a paper on policy initiatives of Food and

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			<p>Health Bureau (LC Paper No. CB(2)40/09-10(01) which was discussed at the meeting of the Panel on Health Services on 16 October 2009.</p> <p>The work of the Working Group on Mental Health Services in assisting the Government in reviewing existing mental health services in Hong Kong is an ongoing and long-term process. In the light of the Working Group's recommendations, we will continue to prioritise and proceed with the service improvement measures on a step by step basis in a practicable and sustainable manner, and will keep members informed of any service enhancement measures in future.</p>

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9. Progress report on the Child Development Fund (CDF)	13 July 2009	<p>The Administration was requested to -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) ascertain from the relevant banks that no administration fee would be charged in respect of CDF accounts;(b) report to the Panel the way forward for CDF after the review of the Steering Committee on CDF;(c) provide the details of the 157 training programmes; and(d) provide further information on the specific plans to use the two-year savings made by the participating children.	<p>The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)698/09-10(01) on 6 January 2010.</p>

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10. Integrated Discharge Support Trial Programme for elderly patients (Programme)	9 November 2009	The Administration was requested to provide - (a) a comparison on the number of participating elderly hospital dischargees who could stay at home before and after the launch of the Programme and a breakdown of the patronage of different types of services provided by the Home Support Teams together with the reasons for requiring such services; (b) a detailed review report on the Programme to the Panel upon its completion; and (c) an interim evaluation report on the Programme to the Panel.	The Administration will brief the Panel on the evaluation results of the Programme in due course.
11. Provision of additional subsidised residential care places as announced in the Policy Address 2009-2010	14 December 2009	The Administration was requested to provide - (a) information on the number of health workers in RCHEs who had attended relevant training courses; and (b) details of the outreaching support services provided by the Hospital Authority and the Department of Health to RCHEs.	The Administration is collating the required information and will revert to the Panel in due course.