

Panel on Health Services**List of follow-up actions**
(Position as at 5 May 2011)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Regulation and control of pharmaceutical products in Hong Kong	31 March 2009	The Administration was requested to provide the revised checklist used by the inspectors of the Department of Health ("DH") when conducting inspections on pharmaceutical manufacturers once they were finalised.	The Review Committee on Regulation of Pharmaceutical Products in Hong Kong recommended DH to upgrade Hong Kong's current Good Manufacturing Practices licensing standards by a phased approach to the international standards promulgated by the World Health Organization and Pharmaceutical Inspection Co-operation Scheme (PIC/S). DH is in the process of procuring a consultancy service for advice and the inspection checklist would be revised in accordance with the advice of the consultant and submit to the Panel once available.
2. Pilot project on outreach primary dental care services for elderly in residential care homes and day care centres	10 January 2011	The Administration was requested to provide after the launch of the pilot project in April 2011 information on - (a) the list of non-governmental organizations providing services under the pilot project; and	The Administration will provide a written response in due course.

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		(b) a breakdown by districts of the number of residential care homes and Day Care Centres for the Elderly receiving the services.	
3. Update on the Drug Formulary of the Hospital Authority	14 February 2011	The Administration was requested to provide a written response to the views and suggestions raised by members at the meeting, preferably within two months.	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1602/10-11(01) on 27 April 2011.
4. Interim review of Elderly Health Care Voucher Pilot Scheme	14 March 2011	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information -</p> <p>(a) a breakdown by quarter of the number of new enrolments under the Elderly Health Care Voucher Pilot Scheme ("the Scheme") since January 2009;</p> <p>(b) the considerations for deciding the subsidy level of the Scheme;</p> <p>(c) the yearly expenditure earmarked for the three-year pilot Scheme and the actual expenditures incurred in 2009 and 2010 respectively; and</p> <p>(d) the financial implication of lowering the eligible age to 60 or 65 and increasing the amount of vouchers for each elder to \$1,000 in the next three-year pilot period.</p>	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1538/10-11(01) on 14 April 2011.

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5. Issues relating to the wastage of doctors in the Hospital Authority	11 April 2011	<p>The Hospital Authority ("HA") was requested to provide the following information -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="864 336 1518 544">(a) detailed information on the calculation of the cost and resource allocation (including manpower and work hours) for each service area under the diagnosis-related groups system;<li data-bbox="864 595 1518 715">(b) the methodology of HA for projecting its medical staff establishment and the projection results;<li data-bbox="864 766 1518 1018">(c) the arrangement to solicit views from the specialty committees and frontline doctors on pressurized areas that required additional resources, so as to improve the fairness and transparency of resource allocation within HA; and<li data-bbox="864 1069 1518 1361">(d) the manpower requirement, the necessary qualification, the implementation timetable and the financial implications of the proposal for the employment of part-time private practitioners to help out in the pressurized outpatient clinics.	The Administration will provide a written response in two months' time.

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6. Creation of new directorate posts in the Department of Health	11 April 2011	The Administration was requested to report on a quarterly or bi-annual basis the progress in taking forward the recommendations of the Review Committee on the Regulation of Pharmaceutical Products in Hong Kong after the establishment of the Office on Drugs.	The Administration will report the progress on the recommendations of the Review Committee on the Regulation of Pharmaceutical Products in Hong Kong after the establishment of the Office on Drugs.

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