

Panel on Health Services

List of follow-up actions

(Position as at 7 June 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	The Administration will provide a written response in due course.

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		<p>under the pilot project; and</p> <p>(b) a breakdown by districts of the number of residential care homes and Day Care Centres for the Elderly receiving the services.</p>	
<p>3. Issues relating to the wastage of doctors in the Hospital Authority</p>	<p>11 April 2011</p>	<p>The Hospital Authority ("HA") was requested to provide the following information -</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(b) the methodology of HA for projecting its medical staff establishment and the projection results;</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(d) the manpower requirement, the necessary qualification, the</p>	<p>The Administration will provide a written response in two months' time.</p>

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		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.	
4. Creation of new directorate posts in DH	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.
5. Progress of hospital accreditation in public hospitals	9 May 2011	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) details of the consultancy study on the launch of the pilot scheme of hospital accreditation ("the pilot scheme"); (b) findings of the two studies conducted by the Nethersole School of Nursing of the Chinese University of Hong Kong on the pilot scheme; (c) the number of medical incidents of public hospitals participated in the pilot scheme; and 	The Administration will provide a written response in due course.

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		(d) the criteria and standards employed under the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards Evaluation and Quality Improvement Program.	
6. Issues relating to manpower and wastage of nurses in HA	9 May 2011	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information -</p> <p>(a) the success rate of application from contract Registered Nurses of HA, who had completed three years or more full time service in the rank and met the performance criteria, for transferring to permanent terms of employment since the introduction of the measure in 2008;</p> <p>(b) a breakdown of the numbers of nurses in HA by contract and permanent terms of employment;</p> <p>(c) the difference in pay arising from the measure to increase the entry pay for Registered Nurse and Enrolled Nurse of HA by two pay points in 2007;</p> <p>(d) the methodology adopted by HA for projecting its nursing staff establishment and the projection results; and</p>	The Administration will provide a written response in due course.

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		(e) the number of graduates coming on stream in the next three years, with a breakdown by the nurse training courses provided by the local tertiary institutions, the HA nursing schools and the private hospitals.	
7. Initiatives for enhancement of mental health services in HA	24 May 2011	The Administration was requested to provide information on the timetable for securing permanent accommodation for all operators of the Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness.	The Labour and Welfare Bureau will provide a written response in due course.