

Panel on Health Services

List of follow-up actions

(Position as at 10 April 2012)

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. 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	Upon the creation of the Assistant Director (Drug) and one Chief Pharmacist posts on 1 and 14 September 2011 respectively, the Drug Office was formally set up on 1 September 2011 to take forward the recommendations of the Review

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		Drugs.	<p>Committee on the Regulation of Pharmaceutical Products in Hong Kong.</p> <p>The Administration will report the progress on the recommendations in due course.</p>
3. Improvement on joint replacement surgeries in the Hospital Authority	13 June 2011	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information -</p> <p>(a) manpower deployment of the two joint replacement centres in the Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital and the Yan Chai Hospital respectively;</p> <p>(b) the respective service demand and capacity of the Kowloon Central Cluster and the Kowloon East Cluster for joint replacement surgeries; and</p> <p>(c) the utilization of the additional funding for the setting up of the two joint replacement centres in the Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital and the Yan Chai Hospital in terms of the various cost components such as manpower, equipment, services and facilities.</p>	The Administration's response to (a) and (b) was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)235/11-12(01) on 4 November 2011.

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4. Healthcare manpower of HA	11 July 2011	HA was requested to provide the following information - (a) the healthcare staff establishment of HA, with a breakdown by wards and specialties of the manpower required to take care of a patient and their average work hours, as well as the formulas used by HA for making the healthcare manpower projections; (b) the turnover rate of nurses in HA for the period of April to July 2011; (c) the latest turnover rate of nurses in HA by October 2011; and (d) the passing rate of the Licensing Examination of the Medical Council of Hong Kong in the past few years.	The Administration will provide a response in due course.
5. Financial assistance to needy patients to meet expenses on privately purchased drugs	14 November 2011	HA was requested to provide information of the drug assistance schemes currently run by community pharmacies operated by non-governmental organizations or charitable funds in the community to provide financial assistance to needy patients to purchase self-financed drugs in HA's Drug Formulary.	The Administration will provide a response in due course.

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6. Pilot project on enhancing radiological investigation services through collaboration with the private sector	12 December 2011	The Administration was requested to provide data on the average waiting time of cancer patients for radiological investigation services before and six months after implementation of the pilot project.	The Administration will provide a response in due course.
7. Handling of medical incidents in public hospitals	9 January 2012	HA was requested to provide information on the trend of each category of sentinel and serious untoward events since the implementation of the Advanced Incidents Reporting System in 2004.	The Administration will provide a response in due course.
8. Health Protection Scheme	13 February 2012	The Administration was requested to provide a written response to issues raised by members at the meeting as set out in LC Paper No. CB(2)1200/11-12(01).	<p>The Administration's response to (a), (c) and (d) was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1200/11-12(02) on 24 February 2012.</p> <p>The Administration's response to (b), (e) and (f) and further response to (c)(i) was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1419/11-12(01) on 16 March 2012.</p>
9. Tobacco Control – Progress Update	13 February 2012	The Administration was requested to provide information on the number of cases where inspectors of the Tobacco Control Office encountered verbal or physical assault in carrying out their	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1367/11-12(01) on 15 March 2012.

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		enforcement actions in the past three years.	
10. Use of obstetric services by non-local women	28 February 2012	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a consolidated response to the views expressed by members and deputations at the meeting, as well as the following information -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) from 1988 to 2008 (at four-yearly intervals) and since 2009 (on a yearly basis),<ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) the number of neonatal beds of public hospitals and the occupancy rate, with breakdown by special care baby unit and neonatal intensive care unit;(ii) the number of registered obstetricians and gynaecologists in Hong Kong, with breakdown by those serving in public hospitals;(iii) the number of registered midwives in Hong Kong, with breakdown by those serving in public hospitals;	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1419/11-12(01) on 9 March 2012.

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		<p>(iv) the average weekly work hours of public hospital doctors and nurses in the Obstetrics and Gynaecology specialty; and</p> <p>(b) the justification, with supporting statistics, for the Administration's explanation that the maternity and neonatal services in public hospitals had already reached full capacity.</p>	

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