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Clerk to Panel
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Dear Ms LAM,

**Panel on Health Services and
Panel on Welfare Services**

Follow-up to the joint meeting on 31 March 2012

I refer to your letter of 14 August 2012 on the captioned meeting. The requested supplementary information in relation to paragraph 19 of the confirmed minutes is provided at **Annex**.

Yours sincerely,


(Miss Angora NGAI)

for Secretary for Food and Health

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Annex**Follow-up to the joint meeting of the Panel on Health Services
and Panel on Welfare Services on 31 March 2012**

In 2011-12, 186 907 patients had received various kinds of psychiatric services, including inpatient, specialist outpatient, day hospital and psychiatric community services, provided by the Hospital Authority (HA). Among them, 14 251 patients had been admitted to psychiatric inpatient units.

HA provides mental health services using an integrated and multi-disciplinary approach involving psychiatrists, psychiatric nurses, community psychiatric nurses, clinical psychologists and occupational therapists. The table below sets out the manpower of healthcare professionals for the provision of mental health services in HA in 2011-12.

Psychiatrist	Psychiatric Nurse (including Community Psychiatric Nurse)	Clinical Psychologist	Occupational Therapist
334	2 161	54	189

As the above healthcare professionals supporting mental health services in the hospital setting also support community services, HA does not have breakdown of manpower figures for mental health services at the hospital and community settings.

To enhance the support for patients in the community, HA launched the Case Management Programme in three districts (Kwun Tong, Kwai Tsing and Yuen Long) for patients with severe mental illness in April 2010. In 2011-12, HA extended the programme to five additional districts (Eastern, Sham Shui Po, Sha Tin, Tuen Mun and Wan Chai). In 2012-13, HA will further extend it to four additional districts (Kowloon City, Southern, Central and Western and Islands). As at the end of March 2012, HA has employed a total of 155 healthcare and allied health personnel with experience in community mental health services as case managers for the provision of intensive and personalised community support to some 10 000 patients with severe mental illness living in these districts.

HA conducts manpower planning for mental health services from time to time in the light of the service needs, models of care and manpower situations of healthcare professionals. HA will continue to monitor the manpower situations of healthcare professionals and make appropriate manpower planning and deployment in order to meet service needs.