

**Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services**

**Supplementary Information on  
Comprehensive Child Development Service**

**Purpose**

The Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services was last briefed on 13 February 2012 on the implementation of the Comprehensive Child Development Service (CCDS) and the Administration's plan to extend its coverage to all 18 districts. This paper provides Members with additional information as requested.

**Background**

2. As a joint initiative of the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), Education Bureau, Department of Health (DH), Hospital Authority (HA) and Social Welfare Department (SWD), CCDS aims to identify and meet, at an early stage, various health and social welfare needs of children (aged 0 to 5) and their families so as to foster healthy development of children. It makes use of the Maternal and Child Health Centres (MCHCs) of DH, the obstetric clinics of HA and other relevant service units, such as Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) and pre-primary institutions, to identify at-risk pregnant women, mothers with postnatal depression, families with psychosocial needs and pre-primary children with health, developmental and behavioural problems, etc. Needy children and families identified will be referred to the appropriate health and/or social welfare services.

3. By the end of 2011, CCDS has covered around half of the target clientele. Full extension to all 18 districts is on track and is expected to be completed in phases in 2012-13.

## **Breakdown of the recurrent resources for CCDS**

4. The annual recurrent resources for the implementation of CCDS in 18 districts are about \$91 million. The allocation to HA, DH and SWD is about \$44 million, \$33 million and \$14 million respectively. The breakdown of the recurrent resources of the three departments by cluster is set out at Annex 1.

## **Breakdown of the additional posts**

5. A total of 78 additional posts will be created for implementing the extended CCDS. The breakdown by their professions and roles is set out at Annex 2.

## **Breakdown of the service referrals**

6. Operational procedures have been put in place amongst relevant service units to identify and follow up on the needs of four types of cases, namely, at-risk pregnant women, mothers with postnatal depression, families with psychosocial needs and pre-primary children with health, developmental and behavioural problems.

7. The relevant health and social service units would identify these needy cases and provide services to them at the same time as appropriate. If deemed necessary, referral to more than one service unit would be made for an individual client.

8. In 2011-12, the relevant service statistics are summarised as follows:

- (a) about 860 at-risk pregnant women were identified and followed up under CCDS. They received counselling, social welfare services, health advice, etc.;
- (b) about 3 700 mothers were identified as having probable antenatal / postnatal depression under CCDS. Around 2 350 referrals were made for follow-up treatments in the appropriate health and/or social service units. The remaining ones were followed up at MCHCs;

- (c) about 12 000 families (excluding postnatal depression cases) were assessed for their psychosocial needs in the context of CCDS, among which around 1 100 referrals had been made for families with varied psychosocial needs to the appropriate service units for follow-up; and
- (d) about 1 700 pre-primary children with health, developmental and behavioural problems were identified and some 1 100 of these cases were referred to the Child Assessment Service for further assessment and service referrals to the appropriate health and/or social service units.

### **Advice Sought**

9. Members are invited to note the content of this paper.

**Labour and Welfare Bureau  
Department of Health  
Hospital Authority  
Social Welfare Department  
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**Breakdown of the Annual Recurrent Resources**

Hospital Authority

The provision is mainly utilised for providing various health services to needy children and their families.

| <b>Hospital Clusters</b>     | <b>Allocation<br/>(\$ million)</b> |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Hong Kong West Cluster       | 4.6                                |
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| Kowloon West Cluster         | 11.8                               |
| Kowloon Central Cluster      | 4.6                                |
| Kowloon East Cluster         | 5.7                                |
| New Territories West Cluster | 6.5                                |
| New Territories East Cluster | 5.7                                |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>44.0</b>                        |

## Department of Health

The provision is mainly utilised for identification of needy children and their families, though follow-up services are also provided at MCHCs.

| <b>MCHC Administrative Clusters</b>  | <b>Allocation<br/>(\$ million)</b> |
|--|------------------------------------|
| Hong Kong Cluster<br>(Central / Western / Eastern / Wan Chai / Islands)            | 3.0                                |
| Kowloon (1) Cluster<br>(Kwun Tong / Wong Tai Sin / Kowloon City)                   | 5.5                                |
| Kowloon (2) Cluster<br>(Sai Kung / Sham Shui Po / Yau Tsim Mong /<br>Wong Tai Sin) | 6.0                                |
| New Territories East (Shatin / Tai Po / North)                                     | 4.8                                |
| New Territories West (1) Cluster<br>(Kwai Tsing / Tsuen Wan / Islands)             | 3.7                                |
| New Territories West (2) Cluster<br>(Tuen Mun / Yuen Long)                         | 4.9                                |
| Central Programme Support and Planning at Head<br>Office                           | 3.5                                |
| Child Assessment Service and Miscellaneous   | 1.3                                |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>33.0</b>                        |

## Social Welfare Department

The provision is mainly utilised for providing various social services to needy children and their families at IFSCs.

| <b>SWD Administrative Clusters</b>  | <b>Allocation<br/>(\$ million)</b> |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Hong Kong<br>(Central / Western / Southern / Islands / Eastern /<br>Wan Chai) | 3.3                                |
| Kowloon East<br>(Kwun Tong / Wong Tai Sin / Sai Kung)                         | 2.6                                |
| Kowloon West<br>(Kowloon City / Yau Tsim Mong / Sham Shui Po)                 | 2.0                                |
| New Territories East<br>(Shatin / Tai Po / North)                             | 2.1                                |
| New Territories West<br>(Tsuen Wan / Kwai Tsing / Tuen Mun / Yuen<br>Long)    | 4.0                                |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>14.0</b>                        |

### Breakdown of the Additional Posts

| Profession                           | Role  | Posts |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------|
| Associate Consultant (Paediatrics)   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide specialist care to needy children identified to be suffering from physical and mental health problems</li> <li>• Assist in organising relevant health education and promotion activities for parents, as well as designing training programs for CCDS staff</li> </ul>   | 5     |
| Associate Consultant (Psychiatry)    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide specialist psychiatric care to families in need of mental health intervention</li> <li>• Supervise health care professionals who provide specialist care to pregnant women or postnatal mothers suffering from depression</li> </ul>   | 4     |
| Medical Officer                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform clinical duties, conduct initial assessment for and follow up of postnatal depression cases or families with significant psychosocial risk identified by nurses in MCHCs</li> <li>• Perform comprehensive assessment for pre-school children with health, developmental and behavioural problems</li> <li>• Provide professional support to nurses</li> <li>• Communicate and coordinate with other service providers to ensure the quality of service delivery</li> </ul> | 4     |
| Advanced Practice Nurse (Psychiatry) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supervise the clinical duties of the registered nurses (Psychiatry) stationed in MCHCs</li> <li>• Provide psychiatric assessment and counselling services for the more severe cases in MCHCs</li> </ul>  | 5     |

| <b>Profession</b>             | <b>Role</b>   | <b>Posts</b> |
|-------------------------------|---|--------------|
| Registered Nurse (Psychiatry) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offer psychiatric assessment and counselling for identified cases in MCHCs</li> </ul>  | 8            |
| Registered Nurse (Maternity)  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify pregnant women or postnatal mothers suffering from depression and other health problems at the public hospitals, and follow-up on their situation</li> </ul>  | 5            |
| Registered Nurse              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide nursing support in MCHCs, mainly for identifying pregnant women and postnatal mothers suffering from depression</li> <li>• Provide nursing follow up of clients who do not require service referrals</li> <li>• Conduct parenting education for at-risk parents</li> </ul>   | 17           |
| Clinical Psychologist         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide specialist consultation to those high-risk pregnant women identified</li> </ul>  | 2            |
| Speech Therapist              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide timely assessment and parental support for preschool children identified to have speech problems by MCHCs</li> </ul>   | 2            |
| Assistant Social Work Officer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide counselling services to needy families and children identified</li> <li>• Plan and conduct groups and programmes on child care, parenting skills, marital and interpersonal relationship, stress management, etc. for families in need.</li> <li>• Proactively reach out to families and children in need of social welfare services.</li> </ul> | 23           |
| Executive Assistant           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide clerical support to the medical professionals and the CCDS program</li> </ul>  | 3            |
| <b>Total</b>                  |   | <b>78</b>    |