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**PANEL ON WELFARE SERVICES
PANEL ON HEALTH SERVICES**

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-TERM CARE POLICY

**Supplementary information
on
Provision of subsidised residential care places for the elderly
and persons with disabilities**

Purpose

This paper provides supplementary information in response to Members' requests regarding the provision of subsidised residential care places for the elderly and persons with disabilities.

Background

2. Dr. Hon. Fernando Cheung Chiu-hung and Hon. Tang Ka-piu have separately asked for information related to the provision of subsidised residential care places for the elderly and persons with disabilities vide their letters to the Secretariat of the Legislative Council dated 18 January 2013 (i.e. LC Paper No. CB(2)548/12-13(03)) and 23 January 2013 (i.e. LC Paper No. CB(2)556/12-13(01)) respectively.

The Administration's Response

3. Regarding the information requested by Members, the Administration has already provided the projected number of additional residential care places for the elderly, and that for persons with disabilities vide LC Paper No. CB(2)548/12-13(01). Apart from these additional places, we will continue to seek new resources for increasing

the supply of subsidised residential care places. Separately, we have also provided the number of applicants for subsidised residential care places for the elderly and that for subsidised residential care places for the persons with disabilities, and the respective waiting time as at end-December 2012 in the said paper. As for the other information requested by Members, such is provided in the following paragraphs where available.

(I) The provision of subsidised residential care places

(A) Residential care places for the elderly

4. The number of additional subsidised residential care places which commenced operation from 2007-08 to 2011-12 is provided at **Annex 1**.

(B) Residential care places for persons with disabilities

5. The number of additional subsidised residential care places which commenced operation from 2007-08 to 2011-12 is provided at **Annex 2**.

(II) The demand for subsidised residential care places

(A) Residential care places for the elderly

6. Regarding the age profile and type of accommodation of the applicants as at end-December 2012, please refer to **Annexes 3 and 4**.

7. The number of applicants on the Central Waiting List (CWL), applicants admitted to subsidised residential care places, applicants who withdrew their applications from CWL, and applicants who passed away while waiting for subsidised places in the past five years are tabulated at **Annexes 5-8** respectively.

(B) Residential care places for persons with disabilities

8. Regarding the age profile of the applicants as at end-December 2012, please refer to **Annex 9**.

9. The number of admissions and discharges, as well as that of persons on the waiting list for subsidised residential care places for persons with disabilities from 2007-08 to 2011-12 are provided at **Annex 10**.

(III) Identifying sites for residential care homes

(A) Residential Care Home for the Elderly (RCHEs)

10. Among the 11 sites earmarked for the construction of new RCHEs, we expect that the RCHEs at six sites could commence service from 2013-14 to 2017-18. The location and district, nature of the development projects, and the estimated number of available residential care places of these six RCHEs are provided in the table at **Annex 11**. The number of places to be provided is preliminary estimates and subject to change as we continue to work out the details of the projects.

(B) Residential Care Home for Persons with Disabilities (RCHDs)

11. From 2013-14 to 2017-18, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has earmarked sites in 14 development projects for the construction of new subsidised RCHDs. The location and district, and nature of development of these 14 development projects, and the estimated number of available residential care places are provided in the table at **Annex 12**. Given that planned projects in future years are still in the initial planning stage, the type of service and number of places to be provided in each project may change subject to the actual size and design of the premises.

(IV) Residential care homes in Public Rental Housing (PRH)

12. For new PRH development, SWD works closely with the Housing Department (HD) to explore the feasibility of incorporating suitable welfare facilities since the project planning stage. During the feasibility assessment process, SWD will take into account both the local needs and overall demands for subsidised residential care places on the one hand, and consider and balance various factors of the sites and premises in collaboration with HD on the other. Such factors include

the location, allowable area for accommodating welfare facilities, environment such as air quality, transportation and accessibility, conformity to related statutory requirements on fire and building safety, etc.

(A) RCHEs

13. Amongst the six earmarked development project sites as mentioned in paragraph 10 above, two sites are located in PRH estates. Together with the new contract RCHE located at Shek Kip Mei Estate Phase 2, the total number of additional residential care places provided in PRH estates (including both subsidised and non-subsidised places) from 2013-14 to 2017-18 is anticipated to be about 350.

(B) RCHDs

14. Out of the 14 earmarked development projects sites for the construction of new subsidised RCHDs mentioned in paragraph 11 above, 10 sites are located in PRH estates. The total number of additional RCHD places provided in PRH estates from 2013-14 to 2017-18 is anticipated to be about 886.

(V) Progress of the Administration's follow-up on Sites/Premises suggested by the Alliance for the Subvented Residential Care Service

15. A table summarising the status and progress of the Administration's follow-up on the 10 sites/premises put forward by the Alliance for the Subvented Residential Care Service is at **Annex 13**.

Advice Sought

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

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Annex 1

**Number of Additional Subsidised Residential Care Places
for the Elderly
(2007-08 to 2011-12)**

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Nursing Home places	50	120	157	124	365
Care and Attention places	554	52	399	581	551

Annex 2

**Number of Additional Subsidised Residential Care Places
for Persons with Disabilities
(2007-08 to 2011-12)**

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Total number of additional places	112	335	96	584	43

Annex 3

**Age Profile of Elderly Applicants for
Subsidised Residential Care Services
(as of 31.12.2012)**

Age Range	Number of Elderly Applicants	
	Nursing Home (NH) Places	Care and Attention (C&A) Places
60 – 69	560	1 682
70 – 79	1 612	5 996
80 – 89	3 009	11 288
90 or above	1 204	3 327
Total	6 385	22 293

As of 31.12.2012, the average age of NH and C&A applicant was both 82.

**Type of Accommodation of
Elderly Applicants for Subsidised Residential Care Services
(as of 31.12.2012)**

Type of accommodation	Number of elderly applicants	
	Nursing Home places	Care and Attention places
Residential care home for the elderly (RCHEs) (excluding private RCHEs)	745	829
Private RCHEs (including those participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme)	3 616	6 606
Public housing	837	8 413
Private housing	1 124	6 210
Others (e.g. hospital)	63	235
Total	6 385	22 293

Annex 5

**Number of Elderly Applicants on the Central Waiting List for
Subsidised Residential Care Places
(2007-08 to 2011-12)^{Note}**

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Nursing Home places	6 231	6 220	6 259	6 409	6 456
Care and Attention places	16 705	17 948	19 556	20 342	21 432

Note: The figures were cut off at the end of that financial year, i.e. 31st of March.

Annex 6

**Number of Elderly Applicants Admitted to
Subsidised Residential Care Places
(2007-08 to 2011-12)**

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Nursing Home places	428	618	622	599	779
Care and Attention places	3 906	3 855	3 443	4 294	4 200

Annex 7

**Number of Elderly Applicants Who Withdrew their Applications
from the Central Waiting List
(2007-08 to 2011-12)**

	Number of Applicants who withdrew their applications				
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Nursing Home places	294	290	371	269	333
Care and Attention places	2 168	1 985	2 067	2 292	2 155

Annex 8

**Number of Elderly Applicants Passed Away
While Waiting for Subsidised Residential Care Places
(2007 to 2011)^{Note}**

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Nursing Home places	1 619	1 847	1 822	1 823	1 958
Care and Attention places	2 449	2 556	2 716	2 971	3 189

Note: only figures in calendar years are available.

**Age Distribution of Applicants on Waiting List
for Residential Care Services for Persons with Disabilities
(as at end-December 2012)**

(A) Applications for Residential Special Child Care Centre

	Aged below 6
No. of applicants	44

**(B) Applications for Small Group Home for Mildly Mentally
Handicapped Children/Integrated Small Group Home**

	Aged 6 -18
No. of applicants	73

(C) Applications for Adult Residential Care Services

	Aged 15 - 19	Aged 20 - 29	Aged 30 - 39	Aged 40 - 49	Aged 50 - 59	Aged 60 or above	Total
No. of applicants	832	1 982	1 344	1 448	1 552	475	7 633

**(D) Applications for Services of Care and Attention Home for Aged
Blind**

	Aged Below 80	Aged 80 - 89	Aged 90 or above	Total
No. of applicants	48	47	18	113

Annex 10

**Number of Admissions and Discharges for Subsidised Residential
Care Places for Persons with Disabilities (2007-08 to 2011-12)**

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Total number of admitted cases	1358	1028	1384	1248	1401
Total number of discharged cases	895	710	817	783	835

**Number of the Persons on the Waiting List for Subsidised Residential
Care Places for Persons with Disabilities (2007-08 to 2011-12)^{Note}**

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Total number of persons on the waiting list	5 957	6 492	6 953	7 249	7 428

Note: The figures were cut off at the end of that financial year, i.e. 31st of March.

**New Residential Care Homes for the Elderly
under 6 Development Projects
(2013-14 to 2017-18)**

	Location and District	Nature of development projects	Estimated number of residential care places (including both subsidised and non-subsidised places)
1	Hoi Fai Road, Yau Tsim Mong	Private residential development	150
2	Public rental housing (PRH) development at Ex-Cheung Sha Wan Police Married Quarters site, Sham Shui Po	PRH development	150
3	Lee Tung Street /Mcgregor Street, Wan Chai	Urban Renewal Authority (URA) development	93
4	Po On Road / Wai Wai Road, Sham Shui Po	URA development	100
5	West Rail Tsuen Wan West Station, Tsuen Wan	Private residential development	120
6	Shui Chuen O PRH development, Shatin Area 52, Shatin	PRH development	100

Annex 12

**New Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities
under 14 Development Projects
(2013-14 to 2017-18)**

	Location and District	Nature of development projects	Estimated number of residential care places (including both subsidised and non-subsidised places)
1	Ex-staff quarters, Castle Peak Hospital, Tuen Mun	Conversion of government premises	70
2	Shek Kip Mei Phase 2 PHE development, Sham Shui Po	Public rental housing (PRH) development	100
3	Amenity & Community Building, Tin Ching Estate, Tin Shui Wai, Yuen Long	Development project carried out by the Housing Department (HD)	50
4	Government joint-user complex, Tin Shui Wai Area 109, Yuen Long	Public Works Project	75
5	PRH development at Ex-Cheung Sha Wan Police Married Quarters site, Sham Shui Po	PRH development	70
6	Shui Chuen O PRH development, Shatin Area 52, Shatin	PRH development	196

	Location and District	Nature of development projects	Estimated number of residential care places (including both subsidised and non-subsidised places)
7	Redevelopment of So Uk Estate Phase 1, Sham Shui Po	PRH development	140
8	Hung Shui Kiu Area 13 PRH development, Yuen Long	PRH development	50
9	Sheung Shui Area 36 PRH development, North District	PRH development	30
10	PRH development at Ex-San Po Kong Flatted Factory site, Wong Tai Sin	PRH development	20
11	Tung Chung Area 56 PRH development, Islands	PRH development	30
12	Ancillary Facility Building, Anderson Road, Kwun Tong	PRH development	200
13	Redevelopment of the ex-Kai Nang Workshop, Kwun Tong	Redevelopment of government site	See Note below
14	Redevelopment of the ex-Siu Lam Hospital, Tuen Mun	Redevelopment of government site	

Note: Subject to the findings of the technical feasibility study concerned, a total of some 2 000 day and residential care places for persons with disabilities will be provided under the two projects

Annex 13

**Progress of the Administration's follow-up on Sites/Premises
suggested by
the Alliance for the Subvented Residential Care Service**

Site No.	District	Site/Premises	Status / Progress
1.	Shatin	Caritas Hiu Yau Kindergarten, G/F, Fook Lam House, Kwong Lam Court (Note)	The subject set of premises is owned and managed by Housing Authority (HA). In 2010, a non-governmental organisation made a leasing application to HA for setting up a community learning support centre. The application was eventually approved by HA and the set of premises is not available for welfare use.
3.	Shatin	Site at Kwong Wing Lane near Castello	The subject site is situated on a slope next to an area zoned "Village Type Development" in Tai Lam Liu. In view of the site constraints including the hilly terrain and the lack of proper vehicular access to the site, the Administration currently has no plan to develop the site for welfare use.
5.	Shatin	Site between Kam Fung Court and Vista Paradiso	The subject site is zoned "Open Space" which is intended for recreation and leisure use. The Administration currently has no plan to rezone the site for provision of welfare facilities.

Site No.	District	Site/Premises	Status / Progress
7.	Shatin	Site between Lee On Estate and Monte Vista	Same as Site No. 5 above.
9.	Shatin	Former Fo Tan Cottage Area	The subject site is reserved for public rental housing (PRH) development and the Administration has planned to incorporate a number of welfare facilities (including a residential care home for the elderly) in the project. The implementation programme of the PRH development is being drawn up by the Housing Department (HD).
10.	Shatin	Tin Sam Public School	Same as Site No. 5 above.
11.	Southern	Government lot opposite to 65 Ap Lei Chau Praya Road (Note)	According to the Lands Department, the subject site occupies an area of about 950m ² and is in an elongated shape. It is situated in proximity to the shipyards at the waterfront and subject to noise problem. In view of the limited site area and the noise impact, the Administration currently has no plan to redevelop the site for provision of welfare facilities.
21	Eastern	Site at Dragon Road, North Point (Note)	Same as Site No. 5 above.

Site No.	District	Site/Premises	Status / Progress
22.	Eastern	Site behind 53 Shau Kei Wan Main Street East, Shau Kei Wan (Note)	Same as Site No. 5 above.
29.	Sham Shui Po	Vacant school between Block 2 and Block 3 of Pak Tin Estate	The subject site refers to the ex-Society of Boys' Centre - Hui Chung Sing Memorial School. It has been included in the Phase I redevelopment of Pak Tin Estate. We are exploring with HD the suitability of incorporating welfare facilities in the redeveloped Pak Tin Estate.

Note: The area of Sites No. 1, 11, 21 and 22 should be 661m², 950m², 710m² and 1 650 m² respectively according to available records.