

Supplementary Information for

**Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services
(Meeting held on 10 December 2012)**

**Setting up of Two Rehabilitation Service Facilities
for Persons with Disabilities in Shek Kip Mei and Tin Shui Wai**

(a) Measures to be taken by the Administration to increase the supply and shorten the waiting time for residential care places for persons with disabilities and the planned provision of such places in the coming ten years

The Administration will continue to closely keep in view the service demand and adopt the following three-pronged approach to encourage participation from different sectors to provide diversified residential care services for persons with disabilities in accordance with the 2007 Hong Kong Rehabilitation Programme Plan -

- (i) regulating residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) through a licensing scheme to ensure their service quality on the one hand and to help the market develop residential care homes of different types and operational modes on the other;
- (ii) supporting NGOs to develop self-financing homes; and
- (iii) increasing steadily the supply of subsidised RCHD places.

While the Administration will continue to increase the provision steadily, there are constraints in identifying sites for setting up RCHDs. The Administration has to take into account various factors, including the demand and supply of relevant services in the local community, the size of the site, transportation arrangements, planning parameters and user clauses for the site as well as local views towards the facilities to be set up in the vicinity.

The Administration has been actively identifying suitable premises for setting up RCHDs through long, medium and short term planning. On long

term planning, we maintain close contact with relevant government departments including the Lands Department, the Planning Department and the Housing Department, with a view to reserving sites in new development or re-development projects as far as practicable for setting up rehabilitation service facilities. On medium term planning, the Administration would bid for vacant premises at government buildings and vacant school premises for provision of rehabilitation facilities. On short term planning, the Administration would actively identify vacant public housing units for conversion into RCHDs.

The planned additional provision of residential care services for persons with disabilities by region during the period from 2012-13 to 2017-18 is provided at part (b) below.

(b) Breakdown of the supply of residential care and day training places for persons with disabilities as well as the planned provision of these services in all 18 districts in the next five years

The planned additional provision of residential care and day training places by region during the period from 2012-13 to 2017-18^{Note} is as follows –

Residential Care Services

Region	Capacity as at October 2012	Planned Provision in 2012-13	Planned Provision in 2013-14	Planned Provision in 2014-15	Planned Provision in 2015-16	Planned Provision in 2016-17	Planned Provision in 2017-18
Hong Kong Island	2 599	0	125	0	0	30	0
East Kowloon	1 828	4	16	0	0	20	500
West Kowloon	1 162	1	170	21	140	0	0
East New Territories	1 563	42	16	0	226	0	0
West New Territories	4 578	215	195	10	50	0	1 150
Total	11 730	262	522	31	416	50	1 650

Day Training Services

Region	Capacity as at October 2012	Planned Provision in 2012-13	Planned Provision in 2013-14	Planned Provision in 2014-15	Planned Provision in 2015-16	Planned Provision in 2016-17	Planned Provision in 2017-18
Hong Kong Island	3 123	0	140	60	0	60	0
East Kowloon	3 252	30	0	0	0	0	380
West Kowloon	2 650	10	100	0	170	0	0
East New Territories	2 393	0	86	0	210	0	0
West New Territories	4 613	164	100	0	160	0	550
Total	16 774	204	426	60	540	60	930

(c) A breakdown of the latest waitlisting situation of hostel places for moderately mentally handicapped persons and severely mentally handicapped persons respectively, the existing demand and future provision of such places for each district

The latest position on the waiting list and the future provision of Hostel for Moderately Mentally Handicapped Persons (HMMH) and Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons (HSMH) are provided below –

Waiting List for Residential Care Services for Persons with Disabilities

Type of Residential Care Services	Persons with Disabilities on the Waiting List as at October 2012
HMMH	1 451
HSMH	2 160

Future Provision ^{Note}

Region	Planned Provision in 2012-13		Planned Provision in 2013-14		Planned Provision in 2014-15		Planned Provision in 2015-16		Planned Provision in 2016-17		Planned Provision in 2017-18	
	HMMH	HSMH	HMMH	HSMH	HMMH	HSMH	HMMH	HSMH	HMMH	HSMH	HMMH	HSMH
Hong Kong Island	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0
East Kowloon	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100
West Kowloon	1	0	20	100	21	0	50	50	0	0	0	0
East New Territories	0	0	0	16	0	0	50	50	0	0	0	0
West New Territories	0	164	70	50	0	0	50	0	0	0	75	400
Total	5	164	90	266	21	0	150	100	0	30	175	500

(d) Birth rate of mentally handicapped persons in Hong Kong and whether there was a decrease in such birth rate in recent years

The Hospital Authority does not capture statistics on the birth rates for persons with intellectual disabilities. The intellectual disability can be attributed to many different underlying causes, and some of these conditions may not present themselves until months or years after birth.

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^{Note} Given that planned projects in future years are still in the initial planning stage, the type of service and the number of places to be provided in each project may change subject to the actual size and design of the premises, etc. We will continue to actively identify additional sites for provision of rehabilitation services to meet the demand.