

Panel on Health Services

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 12 January 2018)

	Subject	Proposed timing for discussion
1.	HIV and AIDS response measures formulated in relation to Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong (2017-2021) At the special meeting on 4 January 2018 when the Panel was briefed on the subject, members agreed to hold another special meeting to receive views from deputations in this regard.	February 2018
2.	General Outpatient Clinic Public-Private Partnership Programme At the meeting on 16 March 2015, the Panel was briefed on the progress of the General Outpatient Clinic Public-Private Partnership Programme. The Administration was requested to revert to the Panel on the findings of the interim review on the Programme to be carried out by the Hospital Authority ("HA") in mid-2015. In October 2015, the Administration advised that the interim review was currently under way. The Administration's proposed timing for discussion of the subject was revised from the second half of 2017 to the third quarter of 2017 in February 2017, and was further revised from the second half of 2017 to February 2018 in October 2017. At the policy briefing cum meeting on 16 October 2017, members were advised that the Programme would cover all 18 districts of the territory by 2018.	February 2018
3.	Voluntary Health Insurance Scheme ("VHIS") Item proposed by the Administration.	March 2018

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At the meeting on 16 January 2017, the Panel was briefed on the Consultation Report on VHIS. Members were advised that VHIS would be implemented through a non-legislative framework. The Administration would prepare the VHIS practice guidelines and work out the arrangement for tax deduction under VHIS.

At the policy briefing cum meeting on 16 October 2017, members were advised that the Administration's plan was to implement VHIS in 2018.

4. Five hospital projects under 10-year Hospital Development Plan

March 2018

Item proposed by the Administration.

The Administration intends to brief the Panel on five hospital projects under the 10-year Hospital Development Plan, namely new acute hospital at Kai Tak Development Area – foundation, excavation & lateral support and basement excavation works; redevelopment of Grantham Hospital, phase 1 – preparatory works; redevelopment of Kwong Wah Hospital – main works (superstructure works for phase 1); redevelopment of Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital – preparatory works; and redevelopment of Queen Mary Hospital, phase 1 – main works.

5. Reprovisioning of Fu Shan Public Mortuary

April 2018

Item proposed by the Administration.

There are currently three public mortuaries in full operation by the Department of Health ("DH") in Hong Kong, namely Victoria Public Mortuary, Fu Shan Public Mortuary ("FSPM") and Kwai Chung Public Mortuary. FSPM which started operation in 1989 have limited body storage capacity and outworn architectural designs.

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The Administration proposes to construct a new public mortuary building for the reprovisioning of the existing FSPM in Shatin. The proposed construction is necessary to meet the increasing needs for storage of dead bodies in the territory and to enhance the quality of public mortuary service to the public.

6. Legislative proposal to regulate electronic cigarettes and other new tobacco products

April 2018

At the meeting on 18 May 2015, the Panel was briefed on the legislative proposals to strengthen tobacco control, which included, among others, the policy direction of the legislative proposal to regulate electronic cigarettes. A special meeting was held on 6 July 2015 to receive public views on the proposals. The Administration was requested to revert to the Panel on how it would take forward the proposals.

At the informal meeting between the Chairman of the Panel and the Secretary for Food and Health ("SFH") to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2015-2016 session on 26 October 2015, it was agreed that the item be scheduled for discussion in January 2016.

Hon Alice MAK and Hon KWOK Wai-keung proposed vide their joint letter dated 11 November 2015 (LC Paper No. CB(2)266/15-16(01)) that the Panel should discuss issues relating to the regulation of electronic cigarettes. The Administration's proposed timing for discussion of the subject was revised to the first half of 2016 in December 2015, and to the second half of 2016 in May 2016. The proposed timing for discussion was further revised to the first half of 2017 in October 2016, and to the second half of 2017 in May 2017.

At the meeting on 12 October 2017, Dr Hon Helena WONG considered that the Panel should discuss the subject at the earliest possible time in the 2017-2018 session.

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7. Development of Chinese medicine hospital

June 2018

At the meeting on 18 October 2016, Hon CHAN Han-pan suggested that the Administration should update the Panel on the progress of the development of a Chinese medicine hospital.

The Chief Executive announced in his 2017 Policy Address that the Government has decided to finance the construction of a Chinese medicine hospital on a reserved site in Tseung Kwan O, and invite HA to assist in identifying a suitable non-profit-making organization by tender to take forward the project and operate the hospital.

The Administration originally intended to brief the Panel on the progress for the development of the Chinese medicine hospital at the meeting on 19 June 2017. Subsequently, at the request of the Administration and with the concurrence of the Chairman, discussion of the subject has been deferred to a future meeting.

Separately, the Panel agreed at its meeting on 25 April 2017 to appoint a Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Development of Chinese Medicine to, among others, study the mode of management and operation of the Chinese medicine hospital. Members noted that the Subcommittee would be placed on the waiting list until a vacant slot arose to accommodate its activation.

At the policy briefing cum meeting on 16 October 2017 and the special meeting on 6 November 2017 to receive views from members of the public and the Chinese medicine profession on mode of operation of Chinese medicine hospital, members were advised that it was expected that the positioning of the Chinese medicine hospital and the development framework for major areas of the hospital would be announced in the first half of 2018.

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The Administration's proposed timing for discussion of the subject was revised from May 2018 to June 2018 in January 2018.

8. Ultra-expensive drugs including drugs for uncommon diseases

June 2018

At the meeting on 11 April 2017, the Panel was briefed on a proposed Community Care Fund ("CCF") Programme to subsidize eligible patients to purchase ultra-expensive drugs (including drugs for treatment of uncommon disorders such as Paroxysmal Nocturnal Haemoglobinuria). Members were advised that the Administration and HA would review the arrangements for the proposed CCF Programme after its implementation taking into account the operational experience and would revert to the Panel on the outcome of the review.

At the meeting on 12 October 2017, Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki, Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG, Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT and Hon SHIU Ka-chun suggested that the Panel should discuss the provision of ultra-expensive drugs (including drugs for treatment of rare diseases) for needy persons at the earliest possible time in the 2017-2018 session. Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG, Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT and Hon SHIU Ka-chun further suggested that the subject could be discussed in conjunction with cancer strategy (item 38 below). At the informal meeting between the Chairman, Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2017-2018 session on 30 October 2017, it was agreed that the drug treatment of cancer would also be addressed in the context of discussing this item.

At the policy briefing cum meeting on 16 October 2017, members were advised that the CCF Programme had been rolled out in August 2017. HA would expedite the review of the patient's co-payment mechanism under the

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CCF Programme with a view to alleviating the financial burden on patients requiring long-term ultra-expensive drug treatment. HA would complete the review in the first half of 2018 and propose improvement measures.

9. Accredited Registers Scheme for Healthcare Professions

July 2018

At the meeting on 16 May 2016, the Administration briefed the Panel on the proposed regulatory framework of the voluntary accredited registers scheme for healthcare personnel who are currently not subject to statutory regulation. Members noted that a pilot scheme would be launched before end of 2016 to test the feasibility of the voluntary accredited registers scheme. The Administration was requested to revert to the Panel on the implementation of the pilot scheme in the 2016-2017 legislative session. Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che and Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki suggested that the Panel should receive views from the stakeholders on the pilot scheme.

In October 2016, the Administration advised that it planned to revert to the Panel on the subject in the fourth quarter of 2016 or the first quarter of 2017. The proposed timing for discussion was revised to the first quarter of 2017 and the second half of 2017 in November 2016 and February 2017 respectively.

At the meeting on 26 January 2017, in the context of discussing the policy initiatives in respect of health matters, members were advised that with the launch of the pilot scheme in end 2016, the plan of the accreditation agent was to submit the accreditation results for consideration by DH by the third quarter of 2017. The final accreditation outcomes were expected to be announced by end-2017. The proposed timing for discussion was revised from the second half of 2017 to the first half of 2018 in October 2017.

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At the meeting on 12 October 2017, Hon SHIU Ka-chun proposed that in light of the announcement in the Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address that the Government would pursue the Accredited Registers Scheme for Healthcare Professions by completing the accreditation process for speech therapists, clinical psychologists, educational psychologists, audiologists and dietitians to pave the way for setting up a statutory registration regime for these professions, the timing for the Panel to discuss the subject should be advanced to end of 2017 or early 2018.

At the policy briefing cum meeting on 16 October 2017, members were advised that the accreditation process for the above five healthcare professions was expected to be completed by 2018.

10. Reprovisioning of Victoria Public Mortuary

4th quarter of
2018

Item proposed by the Administration in the 2017-2018 legislative session.

There are currently three public mortuaries in full operation by DH in Hong Kong, namely Victoria Public Mortuary ("VPM"), FSPM and Kwai Chung Public Mortuary. VPM which started operation in 1972 have limited body storage capacity and outworn architectural designs.

The Administration proposes to construct a new public mortuary building for the reprovisioning of the existing VPM in Kennedy Town. The project scope also comprises the improvement and fitting works inside an existing underground cavern for the provisioning of a departmental personal protective equipment store. The proposed construction is necessary to meet the increasing needs for storage of dead bodies in the territory and to enhance the quality of public mortuary service to the public.

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11.	Provision of obstetric services in the Tseung Kwan O Hospital ("TKOH")	To be confirmed
	<p>At the meeting on 13 June 2011, the Administration advised that HA would monitor closely the manpower situation with regard to obstetric and paediatric services and would review in 2012-2013 the appropriate timing for the commissioning of the obstetric and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit services in TKOH. Before such services were provided in TKOH, the relevant demand in the Kowloon East region could continue to be catered for by the United Christian Hospital.</p> <p>At the meeting on 21 January 2013, the Administration advised that HA would continue to make plan to prepare for the opening of such services in TKOH at an opportune time as and when sufficient manpower was available and safety standard could be assured. The Administration would revert to the Panel on the progress.</p> <p>Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT proposed vide her letter dated 22 August 2014 (LC Paper No. CB(2)2234/13-14(03)) that the Panel should discuss the subject in the 2014-2015 legislative session. In November 2014, the Administration advised that it would brief the Panel on the subject in the third quarter of 2015. In October 2015, the Administration advised that its latest plan was to brief the Panel on the subject in the fourth quarter of 2015. The proposed timing for discussion was further revised to the first half of 2016 in November 2015, and to the second half of 2016 in May 2016.</p>	
12.	Public and private hospital development under the dual-track healthcare system	(See note)
	<p>At the meeting on 18 December 2012, members requested the Administration to revert to the Panel on the blueprint to develop the medical services, including the service capacity of public and private hospitals.</p>	

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The Panel discussed private hospital development at the meeting on 15 April 2013. As regards public hospital development, the Panel was briefed on the redevelopment and expansion plans of public hospitals at the meeting on 15 July 2013.

At the meeting on 10 October 2013, members considered the suggestion of the Administration to remove the item from the list and were of the view that the Administration should revert to the Panel on its blueprint for the long-term development of public and private hospitals under the dual-track healthcare system.

At the meeting on 18 January 2016, SFH briefed the Panel on the public hospital development plan for the coming 10 years as announced by the Chief Executive in his 2016 Policy Address. Members noted that a total provision of \$200 billion has been earmarked for the implementation of the development plan.

At the meeting on 18 December 2016, Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT and Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki respectively suggested that the Administration should brief the Panel on its plan to enhance the hospital services of the New Territories East Cluster and the timetable of individual projects under the 10-year public hospital development plan in the 2016-2017 session.

[Note: At the informal meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2016-2017 session on 27 October 2016, the Administration has advised that it would consult the Panel on the funding proposals for the development and/or expansion plans of individual public hospitals as and when appropriate.]

13. Prenatal tests provided by HA

(See note)

Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT proposed in her letter dated 19 August 2014 (LC Paper No. CB(2)2234/13-14(01)) discussion on introduction of non-invasive prenatal test for Down's syndrome in public hospitals. The Chairman

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instructed that the subject of prenatal screening for Down's syndrome under HA be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.

At the meeting on 19 January 2015, in the context of discussing the policy initiatives in respect of health matters, members were advised that the Administration and HA were exploring the introduction of non-invasive prenatal test for Down's syndrome in the future Hong Kong Children's Hospital.

At the meeting on 18 October 2016, Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT suggested that the provision of low-risk prenatal tests should be discussed by the Panel in the 2016-2017 session. Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested at the same meeting that the Panel should discuss the provision of antenatal checkups for pregnant women in the New Territories West Cluster in the session.

[Note: At the informal meeting between the Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2015-2016 session on 26 October 2015, it was agreed that the subject "Prenatal screening for Down syndrome under HA" would be discussed in the context of "Women's health" (item 19 below).]

14. Healthcare and support services for patients with chronic diseases

To be confirmed

Hon CHAN Yuen-han and Hon Alice MAK proposed vide their joint letter dated 1 December 2014 (LC Paper No. CB(2)401/14-15(01)) that the Panel should discuss the provision of healthcare and support services for patients with chronic diseases. Members agreed at the meeting on 15 December 2014 that the subject be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.

At the informal meeting between the Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2015-2016 session on 26 October 2015, it was noted

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that the Joint Subcommittee on Long-term Care Policy set up under the Panel and the Panel on Welfare Services in the Fifth Legislative Council had studied the relevant issues. The Joint Subcommittee had completed its work, and made a number of recommendations for the Administration's consideration. A motion to take note of the report of the Joint Subcommittee was moved by its Chairman at the Council meeting of 3 December 2014. The Administration has provided a progress report on the motion in May 2015.

15. Handling of public requests for emergency medical needs within the vicinity of public hospitals

To be confirmed

Hon Alice MAK proposed vide her letter dated 10 August 2015 (LC Paper No. CB(2)2004/14-15(01)) that the Panel should discuss issues relating to the handling of emergency medical requests by public hospitals arising from a North Lantau Hospital incident.

The Chairman instructed that the subject of handling of public requests for emergency medical needs within vicinity of public hospitals be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion. In October 2015, the Administration advised that it would brief the Panel on the subject in the fourth quarter of 2015. The proposed timing for discussion was further revised to the first half of 2016 in November 2015, and to the second half of 2016 in May 2016.

16. Procedure in organ transplant

To be confirmed

Hon CHAN Han-pan proposed vide his letter dated 28 August 2015 (LC Paper No. CB(2)2062/14-15(01)) that the Panel should discuss issues relating to an organ donation and transplantation incident in the Prince of Wales Hospital whereby it was found that the donor had renal cell carcinoma after the carrying out of the heart and lungs transplantations. The Chairman instructed

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that the subject of procedure in organ transplant be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.

Dr Hon Pierre CHAN proposed vide his letter dated 2 May 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(2)1323/16-17(01)) requesting the Panel to discuss at the earliest possible time issues relating to organ donation and transplant.

- 17. Monitoring of the unauthorized sale of pharmaceutical products** To be confirmed

Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki proposed vide his letter dated 9 October 2015 (LC Paper No. CB(2)2229/14-15(01)) that the Panel should discuss issues relating to the monitoring of the unauthorized sale of pharmaceutical products and invited views from deputations on the subject. The Chairman instructed that the subject be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.

- 18. Regulation and development of beauty services** To be confirmed

The subject was last discussed at the joint meeting of the Panel and the Panel on Commerce and Industry held on 23 June 2015. At the meetings on 15 October 2015 and 18 October 2016, Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested that the Panel should follow up on issues relating to the regulation of beauty services in the sessions concerned.

Issues relating to the use control of medical devices commonly used in beauty procedures and the regulation of day procedure centres have respectively been discussed by the Panel under the subjects "Proposed regulatory framework for medical devices" and "Legislative proposal for regulation of private healthcare facilities" on 16 January and 28 February 2017 respectively.

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On 21 and 28 February 2017, the Panel on Commerce and Industry and the Panel respectively agreed to appoint a Joint Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Regulation of Devices and Development of the Beauty Industry under the two Panels. Members noted that the Joint Subcommittee would be placed on the waiting list until a vacant slot arose to accommodate its activation. In the light of the above, members agreed that the two Panels should hold a joint meeting in the interim to follow up the relevant issues.

At the meeting on 12 October 2017, Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan and Hon SHIU Ka-fai proposed that the Panel should discuss the subject at the earliest possible time in the 2017-2018 session.

19. Women's health

To be confirmed

Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT proposed at the meeting on 15 October 2015 and vide her letter dated 20 October 2015 (LC Paper No. CB(2)117/15-16(01)) that the subject on women's health, including the prevention of breast and cervical cancers and provision of cervical cancer vaccination for the female population, should be discussed by the Panel in the 2015-2016 session.

At the meeting on 18 October 2016, Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT suggested that the provision of breast cancer screening should be discussed by the Panel in the 2016-2017 session.

At the meeting on 12 October 2017, Dr Hon Helena WONG and Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT proposed that the Panel should discuss the subject at the earliest possible time in the 2017-2018 session.

At the policy briefing cum meeting on 16 October 2017, members were advised that CCF would implement a three-year pilot scheme to provide subsidized cervical cancer screening and preventive education for eligible low-income women.

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20.	<p data-bbox="287 291 1149 380">Public health measures for the lead in drinking water incidents</p> <p data-bbox="287 425 1149 806">At the meeting on 15 October 2015, Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested that the Administration should revert to the Panel at the earliest opportunity in the 2015-2016 session on the public health measures for the lead in drinking water incidents, in particular measures to safeguard the quality of drinking water from the health perspective, analysis of blood lead testing results and health impacts of lead consumption on affected persons not belonged to the three more easily affected groups.</p> <p data-bbox="287 851 1149 1064">At the informal meeting between the Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2015-2016 session on 26 October 2015, it was agreed that the item be scheduled for discussion in the second quarter of 2016.</p> <p data-bbox="287 1108 1149 1232">At the meeting on 18 October 2016, Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki considered that the Administration should revert to the Panel on the subject in the 2016-2017 session.</p> <p data-bbox="287 1265 1149 1433">At the meeting on 12 October 2017, Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested that the Panel should discuss the subject at the earliest possible time in the 2017-2018 session.</p>	To be confirmed
21.	<p data-bbox="287 1500 1149 1545">Healthcare referral mechanism between DH and HA</p> <p data-bbox="287 1590 1149 1966">Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki proposed vide his letter dated 16 October 2015 (LC Paper No. CB(2)71/15-16(01)) that the Panel should discuss issues relating to the healthcare referral mechanism between DH and HA. He was particularly concerned about the referral arrangement for patients suffering from Psoriasis under the treatment of the dermatological clinics of DH. The Chairman instructed that the subject be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.</p>	To be confirmed

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Social Hygiene Service ("SHS") and HA have worked together to introduce a biologic clinic in Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital to provide biologic therapy to people with psoriasis. HA has appointed specialists in dermatology of SHS to directly operate the expectant clinic. Patients with psoriasis eligible to biologic therapy will be directly referred to the expectant clinic as if internal referral. SHS and HA have the plan to commence pilot service in this biologic clinic in the first quarter of 2018.

22. Implementation of the Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 16 November 2015, in the context of discussing the Administration's proposed supplementary provision to meet the estimated voucher expenditure of the Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme in 2015-2016, members agreed that the Administration should revert to the Panel on the implementation of the Scheme, including the pilot scheme launched at the University of Hong Kong – Shenzhen Hospital in October 2015, at a future meeting.

At the meeting on 20 June 2016, in the context of discussing the "Review of Elderly Health Assessment Pilot Programme", members were advised that a comprehensive review of the Scheme was in progress. The strategic directions of the elderly health assessment service provided by DH would be reviewed taking into account the findings of the study.

At the meeting on 26 January 2017, in the context of discussing the policy initiatives in respect of health matters, members were advised that additional resources would be allocated to DH for lowering the eligibility age for the Scheme from 70 to 65 within 2017.

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23.	HA's private patient services At the meeting on 21 December 2015, HA advised that the priority areas identified by the Private Service Review Working Group for improving the administration of private patient services and the processing of related revenue in the two teaching hospitals would be considered by the Teaching Hospital Committee. The Administration was requested to revert to the Panel on the way forward for implementing the recommendations of the Working Group. In July 2016, the Administration provided a written response (LC Paper No. CB(2)1893/15-16) on the matter. At the meeting on 18 October 2016, Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki considered that the Panel should further discuss the subject in the 2016-2017 session.	To be confirmed
24.	Review of the implementation of the smoking ban at the bus interchanges at the eight tunnel portal areas The item was referred to the Panel for follow-up by the Subcommittee on Smoking (Public Health) Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 2) Order 2015. During the scrutiny of the Amendment Order, the Administration has advised that it would review the smoking ban at the eight bus interchanges concerned after 12 months of implementation and consider the way forward for further expanding the non-smoking areas to other facilities or areas. The Subcommittee agreed to refer the outcome of the review to the Panel for follow-up. At the policy briefing cum meeting on 16 October 2017, members were advised that the Administration would study the extension of statutory no-smoking areas at public transport facilities.	To be confirmed

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25.	Review of the Human Reproductive Technology Ordinance (Cap. 561)	To be confirmed
	<p>The item was referred to the Panel for follow-up by the Bills Committee on Human Reproductive Technology (Amendment) Bill 2015.</p> <p>During the scrutiny of the Bill, the Administration has advised that it would work with the Council on Human Reproductive Technology ("CHRT") to look into the need to amend the Human Reproductive Technology Ordinance comprehensively having regard to the stakeholders' feedback and the operating experience of CHRT. The Administration undertook to keep the Panel informed of the progress.</p>	
26.	Provision of alternative therapy	To be confirmed
	<p>At the meeting on 16 May 2016, members considered the proposal of Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki to discuss issues relating to the provision of alternative therapy (LC Paper No. CB(2)1479/15-16(01)) and agreed that the subject should be discussed at a future meeting of the Panel.</p>	
27.	Regulation of Chinese medicines	To be confirmed
	<p>At the meeting on 16 December 2013, the Panel was briefed on the Administration's work in regulating Chinese herbal medicines and testing for pesticide residues in Chinese herbal medicines. Separately, issues relating to the reference standards, safety and quality of the commonly used Chinese herbal medicines were discussed by the Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Development of Chinese Medicine appointed by the Panel in the Fifth Legislative Council. At the meeting on 18 October 2016, Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed that the Panel should discuss the safety standard and surveillance of pesticide residues and</p>	

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heavy metal in Chinese herbal medicines in the 2016-2017 session.

At the request of Dr Hon Helena WONG, the Administration provided an information paper on regulation of pesticide residues and heavy metals in Chinese herbal medicines when it briefed the Panel on the legislative proposal for conferring power on the Director of Health to issue recall order under the Chinese Medicine Ordinance (Cap. 549) at its meeting on 28 February 2017. At the meeting, members agreed that the Panel should further discuss the safety standard and surveillance of pesticide residues and heavy metal in Chinese herbal medicines at a future meeting.

Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed vide her letter dated 10 March 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(2)963/16-17(01)) that the Panel should discuss in the 2016-2017 session the regulation of Chinese herbal medicines (in particular planting, import, distribution, retail and testing of Chinese herbal medicines), and the policy on the procurement of Chinese herbal medicines by Chinese Medicine Centres for Training and Research under HA. The Administration has provided a written response (LC Paper No. CB(2)1240/16-17(01)) to the issues raised in the aforesaid letter.

On 25 April 2017, the Panel agreed to appoint a Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Development of Chinese Medicine to, among others, follow up issues relating to registration of Chinese medicines. Members noted that the Subcommittee would be placed on the waiting list until a vacant slot arose to accommodate its activation.

At the meeting on 12 October 2017, Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested that the Panel should discuss the regulation of Chinese herbal medicines at the earliest possible time in the 2017-2018 session. At the same meeting, Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan considered that the Administration should brief the Panel on the progress of the establishment of the permanent Government

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Chinese Medicines Testing Institute. She further suggested that the subject could be discussed in conjunction with the regulation of health food products (item 28 below).

28. Regulation of health food products

To be confirmed

Hon CHAN Han-pan and Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed at the meeting on 18 October 2016 that the Panel should discuss the regulation of health food products in the 2016-2017 session.

At the informal meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2016-2017 session on 27 October 2016, SFH has advised that the Food and Health Bureau was studying whether an independent legislation should be introduced for regulating health food products. In the course, consideration would be given to the priority of various other tasks under its purview.

Hon CHAN Han-pan proposed vide his letter dated 8 March 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(2)953/16-17(01)) that the Panel should discuss the registration and monitoring of health food products in the 2016-2017 session. The Administration has provided a written response (LC Paper No. CB(2)1250/16-17(01)) to the issues raised in the aforesaid letter.

At the meeting on 12 October 2017, Dr Hon Helena WONG considered that the Panel should discuss the subject at the earliest possible time in the 2017-2018 session. At the same meeting, Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan suggested that the subject could be discussed in conjunction with the regulation of Chinese medicines (item 27 above).

Hon CHAN Han-pan proposed via his letter dated 13 October 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(2)51/17-18(01))

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that the Panel should discuss the subject at the earliest possible time.

- 29. Provision of one-stop services for victims of sexual violence in public hospitals** To be confirmed

At the meeting on 18 October 2016, Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested that the Panel should discuss the provision of one-stop services for victims of sexual violence in public hospitals in the 2016-2017 session.

- 30. Measures for the prevention and control of Zika virus infection** To be confirmed

The subject was last discussed at the meeting of the Panel held on 15 February 2016. At the meeting on 18 October 2016, Hon Tanya CHAN suggested that the Administration should update the Panel on measures for the prevention and control of Zika virus infection at an opportune time in the 2016-2017 session.

At the informal meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2017-2018 session on 30 October 2017, the Administration advised that it intended to brief the Panel on the subject in February 2018. In January 2018, the Administration has revised the proposed timing for discussion of the subject to a future meeting.

- 31. Clinical governance of the obstetric surgeries of HA** To be confirmed

Hon CHAN Han-pan suggested vide his letter dated 23 December 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(2)506/16-17(01)) that the Panel should hold an urgent discussion on the maternal death cases in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

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The Chairman instructed that the subject "Clinical governance of the obstetric surgeries of HA" be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.

- 32. Prevention of crime in psychiatric wards of the HA hospitals** To be confirmed

Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen suggested vide her letter dated 16 January 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(2)623/16-17(01)) that the Panel should discuss issues relating to the sexual assault case of the psychiatric wards of the Kowloon Hospital. Members agreed at the meeting on 16 January 2017 that the subject "Prevention of crime in psychiatric wards of the HA hospitals" be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.

Dr Hon Pierre CHAN further suggested vide his letter dated 14 February 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(2)806/16-17(01)) that the Panel should discuss the security measures for public hospital wards in the light of the sexual assault cases of the psychiatric wards of the HA hospitals.

- 33. Workflow and infection control measures of operating theatres in cataract centres and day care centres of HA** To be confirmed

Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen proposed vide her letter dated 9 March 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(2)964/16-17(01)) that the Panel should discuss at the earliest possible time the workflow and infection control measures of operating theatres in cataract centres and day care centres of HA. The Chairman instructed that the subject be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion. The Administration has provided a written response (LC Paper No. CB(2)1023/16-17(01)) to the issues raised in the aforesaid letter.

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34. Enhancement of mental health services

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 25 April 2017, the Panel was briefed on the Mental Health Review Report issued by the Administration on 18 April 2017. The Panel held a special meeting on 22 May 2017 to receive views from members of the public on the review. Members were advised that the Administration would revert to the Panel on the concrete proposals for the implementation of the recommendations put forward in the Report for the enhancement of the overall mental health services in Hong Kong.

At the policy briefing cum meeting on 16 October 2017, members were advised that the advisory committee tasked to, among others, follow up on the implementation of recommendations in the Report would be set up in the fourth quarter of 2017.

At the informal meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2017-2018 session on 30 October 2017, the Administration advised that it intended to brief the Panel on the establishment of the advisory committee and the regularization of Dementia Community Support Scheme in January 2018. Subsequently, at the request of the Administration and with the concurrence of the Chairman, discussion of the subject has been deferred to a future meeting.

35. Implementation of the recommendations of the strategic review on healthcare manpower planning and professional development

(See Note)

At the meeting on 19 June 2017, the Panel was briefed on the report on the strategic review on healthcare manpower planning and professional development issued by the Administration on 14 June 2017. The Panel held a special meeting on 4 July 2017 to receive views from members of the public on the strategic review. Members were advised that the Administration

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would revert to the Panel on the implementation progress of the various recommendations on healthcare manpower planning and professional development and regulation put forward in the report.

At the meeting on 12 October 2017, Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT suggested that the Panel should discuss the subject at the earliest possible time in the 2017-2018 session.

[Note: The Administration will update the Panel on the subject in the context of discussing "Review of HA" at the meeting on 15 January 2018.]

36. Provision of dental services for adult patients with intellectual disability and with financial needs

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 17 July 2017, in the context of discussing the provision of public dental services, members were advised that the Administration was currently evaluating the operation of the Pilot Project on Dental Service for Patients with Intellectual Disability, and also working out the arrangements for expanding the aforesaid dental service including implementation of relevant training programmes. The Administration advised at the meeting that it would brief the Panel on the way forward in the 2017-2018 legislative session.

At the meeting on 12 October 2017, Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG considered that the Panel should discuss the subject at the earliest possible time in the 2017-2018 session.

37. Review of oral health goals

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 17 July 2017, in the context of discussing the provision of public dental services, members were advised that DH planned to set up an expert group to review and formulate appropriate oral health goals for the population of Hong Kong. The

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Administration was requested to revert to the Panel on the outcome of the review.

38. Cancer strategy

(See note)

Hon SHIU Ka-chun proposed in his letter dated 28 September 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(2)2145/16-17(01)) that the Panel should discuss at the earliest possible time the provision of healthcare services for cancer patients. The Chairman instructed that the subject "Cancer strategy" be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.

At the meeting on 12 October 2017, Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, Hon SHIU Ka-chun and Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG suggested that the Panel should discuss the subject at the earliest possible time in the 2017-2018 session, and the discussion could be held in conjunction with the ultra-expensive drugs including drugs for uncommon diseases (item 8 above).

[Note: At the informal meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2017-2018 session on 30 October 2017, it was agreed that drug treatment for cancer would also be addressed in the context of discussing "Ultra-expensive drugs including drugs for uncommon diseases".]

39. Provision of treatment for termination of pregnancy

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 12 October 2017, Hon SHIU Ka-chun suggested that the Administration should brief members on the provision of treatment for termination of pregnancy by public and private hospitals.

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40.	Information technology enhancement project of DH	To be confirmed
	<p>Item proposed by the Administration in the 2017-2018 legislative session.</p> <p>DH plans to increase the application of information technology and put in place a comprehensive Clinical Information Management System and other related systems so as to enhance its capability in meeting various public health challenges and deliver higher quality services to the public.</p>	
41.	Sharing restrictions under the Electronic Health Record Sharing System ("eHRSS")	To be confirmed
	<p>Item proposed by the Administration in the 2017-2018 legislative session.</p> <p>As one of the tasks of Stage Two Development of eHRSS, the Administration plans to enhance the patient's choice over the scope of data sharing through developing some form of sharing restriction features.</p>	
42.	Substitute decision-making and advance directives in relation to medical treatment	To be confirmed
	<p>At the meeting on 8 December 2008, the Panel was briefed on the recommendations made by the Law Reform Commission ("LRC") on advance directives in its report entitled "Substitute Decision-making and Advance Directives in Relation to Medical Treatment" published in August 2006. Members were advised that taking into account that the concept of advance directives was not one with which the community was generally familiar, the Administration considered that it would be premature to attempt to formulate a statutory framework and to embark on any legislation process for advance directives at this stage. It would however consult and solicit inputs of the relevant professions and</p>	

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organizations on the information about advance directives to be provided to the public in the first quarter of 2009, with a view to enabling an informed choice by an individual who wished to make an advance directive.

The Administration has advised that having regard to the outcome of the consultation, it considered it more advisable to implement advance directives by way of legislation where there was a greater degree of awareness and consensus over the use of advance directives and that the community was ready for it. The Review Committee on Mental Health, which was set up in May 2013, would consider, among others, whether and how necessary changes should be introduced to the Mental Health Ordinance (Cap. 136) including LRC's recommendations in relation to the definition of "mentally incapacitated persons". In May 2015, the Administration commissioned The Chinese University of Hong Kong ("CUHK") to conduct a three-year research on quality of healthcare for the ageing. As far as medical directive is concerned, CUHK will study whether the definition of "mentally incapacitated persons" under the Mental Health Ordinance should be amended. The Administration will decide on the way forward after the completion of CUHK's research.