

**For information  
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**Legislative Council Panel on Health Services**

**District Health Centre Pilot Project in Kwai Tsing District**

**PURPOSE**

This paper briefs Members on the latest progress of the setting up of the pilot District Health Centre (DHC) in Kwai Tsing District.

**BACKGROUND**

2. A comprehensive and coordinated primary healthcare system that provides person-centred first contact care is crucial to safeguarding overall public health.

3. In her 2017 Policy Address, the Chief Executive directed that, to further illustrate the effectiveness of medical-social collaboration in providing primary healthcare services, the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) should set up a pilot DHC with a brand new operation mode in Kwai Tsing District within two years. The Government will provide funding for the centre according to the needs and characteristics of the district. The planned DHC will make use of the local network to procure services from organisations and healthcare personnel serving the district so that the public can receive necessary care in the community. With the experience gained from the pilot scheme, we will progressively set up DHCs in all 18 districts.

**THE PROPOSED DHC**

4. The DHC aims to raise public awareness on personal health management, enhance disease prevention, and strengthen medical and rehabilitation services in the community, thereby reducing unwarranted use of hospital services. The services being considered for the DHC (and through its local network) include health promotion; health

screening for target groups; case management; care coordination; community rehabilitation; medical, nursing, allied health and drug counselling services.

5. We are identifying an easily accessible venue for the DHC in Kwai Tsing District. Other than this core official centre, we propose that there will be five official satellites to tally with the five sub-districts of the district to better serve the community –

- (a) Kwai Chung (West)<sup>1</sup>;
- (b) Kwai Chung (North East)<sup>2</sup>;
- (c) Kwai Chung (Central and South)<sup>3</sup>;
- (d) Tsing Yi (North East)<sup>4</sup>; and
- (e) Tsing Yi (South West)<sup>5</sup>.

Services may also be provided at the healthcare service providers under the local network.

## **LATEST DEVELOPMENT**

6. Discussion of the Steering Committee on Primary Healthcare Development (Steering Committee) and the Working Group on District Health Centre Pilot Project in Kwai Tsing District (Working Group) thus far covers the following areas –

- (a) health status of the population in Kwai Tsing District and that of the overall Hong Kong population, in particular the prevalence of selected chronic diseases and health risk behaviours;
- (b) existing primary care services provided by the Department of Health, the Hospital Authority, non-governmental organisations, and healthcare professionals in private practice in the district;
- (c) possible services to be offered at the DHC.

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<sup>1</sup> Covering Kwai Hing, Kwai Shing East Estate, Upper Tai Wo Hau, Lower Tai Wo Hau, Kwai Chung Estate North, Kwai Chung Estate South and Kwai Shing Estate West.

<sup>2</sup> Covering Shek Yam, On Yam, Shek Lei South, Shek Lei North, Tai Pak Tin.

<sup>3</sup> Covering Kwai Fong, Wah Lai, Lai Wah, Cho Yiu, Hing Fong, Lai King.

<sup>4</sup> Covering On Ho, Wai Ying, Tsing Yi Estate, Cheung Hang, Ching Fat and Cheung On.

<sup>5</sup> Covering Greenfield, Cheung Ching, Cheung Hong, Shing Hong, Tsing Yi South.

## **STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

7. FHB, with the support from the Steering Committee and the Working Group, has started in March 2018 to meet with stakeholders from Kwai Tsing District, including doctors, allied health professionals, non-governmental organisations and patient groups. We also plan to consult the Kwai Tsing District Council at its special meeting on 20 April 2018.

## **WAY FORWARD**

8. Taking into account the views collated from stakeholders and the further deliberation of the Steering Committee and the Working Group, we will draw up the detailed plan for the pilot DHC, with an aim to commissioning service by the third quarter in 2019.

## **ADVICE SOUGHT**

9. Members are invited to note the latest development of the setting up of the pilot DHC in Kwai Tsing and offer views on the way forward.

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