

Panel on Health Services

List of follow-up actions

(Position as at 23 April 2018)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Briefing by the Secretary for Food and Health on the Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address	26 January 2017	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on:</p> <p>(a) the increase in public health expenditure in the light of a growing number of elders aged 65 or above under an ageing population; and</p> <p>(b) programmes to promote preventive care for middle-aged adults in primary care setting and the expenditure involved.</p>	The Administration will provide a response in due course.
2. Mechanism for handling medical incidents in public and private hospitals	19 June 2017	<p>The Administration/Hospital Authority ("HA") was requested to:</p> <p>(a) advise on whether HA had taken any disciplinary actions against its staff for delaying or omitting the reporting of medical incidents classified as sentinel events or serious untoward events to HA Head Office within 24 hours of their identification, as was required under the Sentinel and Serious Untoward Event Policy;</p>	The Administration will provide a response in due course.

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		<p>(b) explain the reason(s) why the sentinel events relating to "retained instruments or other material after surgery/ interventional procedure" and "death of an inpatient from suicide (including home leave)" remained as the top two categories of sentinel events reported by HA during the period of 1 October 2007 to 30 September 2016, albeit HA had implemented improvement measures identified by the relevant Root Cause Analysis Panels for these incidents, including whether healthcare manpower constraint of HA was a factor attributing to the above phenomenon; and</p> <p>(c) provide details of the support provided by the clusters or hospitals concerned for their staff who were involved in sentinel events or serious untoward events.</p>	
3. Preparation for winter surge	20 November 2017	<p>The Administration was requested to:</p> <p>(a) in respect of the media reports in mid-November 2017 concerning the recent respective outbreaks of pulmonary tuberculosis in a secondary</p>	The Administration will provide a response in due course.

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		<p>school in Shatin and a middle school in Hunan Province, advise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="981 331 1590 756">(i) the surveillance and control measures put in place by the Department of Health ("DH") to contain the spread of pulmonary and extrapulmonary tuberculosis in the school setting and in the community, in particular how DH could prevent delay in reporting any suspected cases or outbreaks of the diseases by schools; and<li data-bbox="981 810 1590 1015">(ii) the measures taken by DH at the border control point(s) in the territory to avoid imported cases of tuberculosis to safeguard public health; and <p>(b) provide information on the number of HA's patients who were transferred to private hospitals with low-cost hospital bed arrangement for completion of treatment during summer surge in 2017, and the number of private hospital beds and expenditure so involved.</p>	

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4. Mental health of adolescents ¹	20 December 2017 (Joint meeting with the Panel on Education and Panel on Welfare Services)	<p>The Administration/HA was requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) provide quarterly reports on the work progress of the Advisory Committee on Mental Health which was established on 28 November 2017; (b) provide, with a breakdown by the year of schooling, the enrollment rates of eligible students for DH's Student Health Service ("SHS") and attendance rates of these students for the annual health assessment provided under SHS to, among others, screen for mental health problem(s); (c) in respect of the child and adolescent psychiatric service provided by HA, advise the annual expenditure involved, and the number and rate of increase in healthcare manpower for the provision of the service from 2011-2012 to 2016-2017; (d) provide information on the suicide rate of adolescents aged between 12 and 17 years in the past 10 years; 	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1255/17-18(01) on 20 April 2018.

¹ The item has been separately included in the respective lists of follow-up actions of the Panel on Education and Panel on Welfare Services.

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		<p>(e) advise the respective numbers and percentages of students who had received Tier-3 support under the Three-tier Intervention Model in the school setting in each of the past five years, and whether any of these students had committed suicide afterwards; and</p> <p>(f) advise whether and, if so, what additional funding support would be provided to tertiary institutions according to the number of students with special education needs admitted to individual institutions.</p>	
5. Review of HA	15 January 2018	<p>The Administration/HA was requested to:</p> <p>(a) advise the details of the pay scale for, and the mechanism put in place by HA to consider and decide the remuneration packages of and the annual pay adjustment for, its senior executives at HA Head Office and clusters;</p> <p>(b) provide, if available, statistics on the number of experienced doctors and nurses drained from HA to private healthcare providers and the number of returnees to HA in the past five years; and</p>	The Administration will provide a response in due course.

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		(c) advise the measures taken by HA in recent years to attract and retain its care-related supporting staff.	
6. Legislative proposal on paired/pooled organ donation and Thematic Household Survey findings on organ donation	15 January 2018	The Administration was requested to, in respect of its undertaking to examine the provision of liver transplant service by HA, in particular the directorship and manpower arrangement of the liver transplant team in the light of the incident concerning an intra-operative break during a liver transplant surgery in October 2017, advise the preliminary findings within three months' time.	The Administration will provide a response in due course.
7. HIV and AIDS response measures formulated in relation to the Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong (2017-2021)	5 February 2018	The Administration was requested to: (a) provide information on the respective numbers of HIV infected patients that were captured by the HIV Reporting System under DH and those receiving treatment services at the three designated HIV clinics set up under DH and HA, with a breakdown by age groups and patients who were in need of residential care services;	The Administration will provide a response in due course.

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		<p>(b) provide a response to the suggestion from some members and deputations to extend the service hours of the three designated HIV clinics set up under DH and HA to cover Saturdays and Sundays so as to provide greater flexibility for those HIV infected patients who had to work on weekdays in scheduling their consultations;</p> <p>(c) provide the details of the mechanism put in place by the Education Bureau to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the implementation of sex education in the school setting, and the evaluation outcomes when available; and</p> <p>(d) advise in the form of a table the number of approved grant applications for the AIDS Trust Fund in the past five years, with a breakdown by the target groups of and the amount of grant approved for each target group.</p>	
8. Development of primary healthcare services	12 February 2018	<p>The Administration/HA was requested to:</p> <p>(a) provide information on the respective funding provision for, as well as establishment and service throughputs</p>	The Administration will provide a response in due course.

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		<p>of the Tin Shui Wai, North Lantau and Kwun Tong Community Health Centres in each year since their commencement of services in 2012, 2013 and 2015 respectively; and</p> <p>(b) provide information on the number of complaints received under the Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme since the conversion of the Scheme into a recurrent support programme in 2014, with a breakdown by the number of substantiated cases and the claims involved, and the actions taken by the Administration in respect of these cases.</p>	
9. Cancer strategy	2 March 2018	The Administration/HA was requested to advise the annual expenditure involved if all the 44 cancer drugs, irrespective of their current categorization under the HA Drug Formulary, were to be provided by HA as part of its subsidized services.	The Administration will provide a response in due course.
10. The legislative proposal for introducing tax deduction under the Voluntary Health Insurance Scheme	19 March 2018	<p>The Administration was requested to:</p> <p>(a) advise, in table form, a breakdown by expenditure items of the amount originally planned to be used and the</p>	The Administration will provide a response in due course.

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		<p>amount that had been used so far under the \$50 billion earmarked in the 2008-2009 Budget for healthcare reform; and</p> <p>(b) advise the proportions of public and private inpatient services as at present and in 2040 with the implementation of the Voluntary Health Insurance Scheme.</p>	
<p>11.Five hospital projects under 10-year Hospital Development Plan</p>	<p>19 March 2018</p>	<p>The Administration/HA was requested to advise:</p> <p>(a) the estimated additional recurrent expenditure required for introducing 24-hour general outpatient service in the Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital as suggested by some members;</p> <p>(b) in respect of the redevelopment of Kwong Wah Hospital ("KWH") which was tentatively aimed to be completed in 2025,</p> <p>(i) the estimated additional recurrent expenditure and manpower required to support the redeveloped KWH; and</p>	<p>The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1261/17-18(01) on 23 April 2018.</p>

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		<p>(ii) how the redeveloped KWH could meet the increased healthcare service demand, particularly that of the Yau Tsim Mong District, arising from the relocation of most of the services of Queen Elizabeth Hospital to the new acute hospital at Kai Tak Development Area, of which the development was aimed to be completed in 2024;</p> <p>(c) the current shortfall of medical beds in HA to meet the service demand across the territory;</p> <p>(d) the number of additional hospital beds planned to be provided by each of the projects under the second 10-year Hospital Development Plan; and</p> <p>(e) the current ratio of HA beds per 1 000 population and the corresponding ratio in overseas places, as well as the estimated ratio after the completion of the first and second 10-year Hospital Development Plans.</p>	

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12. Response measures for seasonal influenza	19 March 2018	<p>The Administration/HA was requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="904 293 1588 501">(a) provide information on the amount and cost of the stockpile of antiviral drugs (e.g. Tamiflu) which had been disposed of by HA in 2017 due to expiry of the shelf-life;<li data-bbox="904 549 1588 836">(b) advise the measures to be introduced to facilitate the organization of outreach seasonal influenza vaccination activities at primary schools, the estimated financial and manpower resources so required and the target vaccination rate; and<li data-bbox="904 900 1588 1187">(c) advise the expenditure involved for transferring 21 patients of HA (since the commencement of the 2017-2018 winter influenza season and up to 19 March 2018) to private hospitals with low-cost hospital bed arrangement for completion of treatment.	The Administration will provide a response in due course.