

**Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services
Meeting on 11 December 2017**

**Community care support for
persons suffering from dementia and their carers**

Supplementary Information

At the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services on 11 December 2017, community care support for persons suffering from dementia and their carers was discussed. Members requested the Government/Hospital Authority (HA) to provide the following information after the meeting -

- (i) the number of persons having early symptoms of dementia who were receiving relevant services provided by the Government;
- (ii) a breakdown of the age distribution of the 500 odd patients with dementia who were below 60 years old and were receiving treatment from HA's psychiatric departments; and
- (iii) the number of unsuccessful applications for the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low Income Families.

This note provides the requested information.

Item (i)

2. The Government/HA does not have the information.

Item (ii)

3. The table below sets out the number of dementia patients who received psychiatric specialist services in HA by age group in 2016-17 –

Age	Number of dementia patients (diagnosed with dementia under the psychiatric specialty and received psychiatric specialist services)^{1,2}
Aged below 30	10
Aged from 30 to 39	20
Aged from 40 to 49	60
Aged from 50 to 59	280
Aged 60 or above	12 050
Total	12 420

¹ As some patients with dementia may have other symptoms, they received services in other departments of HA (e.g. geriatric department).

² Figures are rounded to the nearest ten.

Item (iii)

4. The table below sets out the number of applications received and the number of ineligible applications under Phase I and Phase II of the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low Income Families as at end-August 2018 –

	Phase I	Phase II
Number of Applications Received	2 928	2 916
	5 844	
Number of Ineligible Applications³	803	661
	1 464	

³ The rest of the applications were mainly eligible cases, but a few were classified as “withdrawn” or “others” (e.g. the application be made by another carer).

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