

**Panel on Health Services**

**List of outstanding items for discussion**

(position as at 9 October 2019)

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1.	<b>Hong Kong Cancer Strategy</b>  Item proposed by the Administration.  The Administration promulgated the Hong Kong Cancer Strategy in July 2019 with a view to reducing the cancer burden of the local population and improving the quality of life and survivorship of cancer patients through setting work priorities and directions. The Cancer Strategy is the first holistic plan for cancer prevention and control for Hong Kong. The goal is to reduce the hit rate of cancer, to provide effective and timely cancer screening and treatment to all in need, and to offer reassuring survivorship support services to survivors and their carers.  Soft copies of the summary report and full version of the Hong Kong Cancer Strategy have been issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1838/18-19.	November 2019
2.	<b>Substitute decision-making and advance directives in relation to medical treatment</b>  At the meeting on 8 December 2008, the Panel was briefed on the recommendations made by the Law Reform Commission 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	November 2019

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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 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. 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 (Cap. 136) should be amended. The Administration will decide on the way forward after the completion of CUHK's research.

At the policy briefing cum meeting on 15 October 2018, members were advised that the Administration would consult the public in 2019 on arrangements of advance directives and the relevant end-of-life care.

The Administration's proposed timing for discussion of the subject was revised from the second quarter of 2019 to the second half of 2019 in March 2019.

The public consultation on end-of-life care legislative proposals regarding advance directives and dying in place was launched on 6 September 2019. The deadline for submission of views is 16 December 2019.

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<b>3. Enhancement of the Public Health Laboratory Centre</b>	December 2019
Item proposed by the Administration.	
<p>The Administration proposes enhancing and integrating laboratory facilities of the Public Health Laboratory Centre ("PHLC") in Sham Shui Po. The proposed scope of work comprises of (a) altering part of PHLC for (i) enhancement of microbiology laboratories with supporting facilities; (ii) relocation of the Chemical Pathology and Haematology Division of the Department of Health ("DH") from Lek Yuen Health Centre in Shatin; and (iii) construction of a Pathology Store; and (b) reviewing and upgrading the existing ventilation and air-conditioning plant of PHLC.</p>	
<b>4. Reprovisioning of Victoria Public Mortuary</b>	December 2019
Item proposed by the Administration.	
<p>At present, there are three public mortuaries in full operation by DH in Hong Kong, namely Victoria Public Mortuary ("VPM"), Fu Shan Public Mortuary and Kwai Chung Public Mortuary. VPM, which started operation in 1972, has limited body storage capacity and outworn architectural designs.</p>	
<p>The Administration proposes constructing a new public mortuary building for the reprovisioning of the existing VPM in Kennedy Town. The project scope also comprises 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 bodies in the territory and to enhance the quality of public mortuary service to the public.</p>	

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The Administration's proposed timing for discussion of the subject was revised from the fourth quarter of 2018 to the first quarter of 2019 in February 2018, and further revised to the second quarter of 2019 in February 2019 and to the third quarter of 2019 in May 2019.

**5. Enhancement of mental health services**

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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 meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and the Secretary for Food and Health ("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.

At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki suggested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the work progress of the Advisory Committee on Mental Health since its establishment in November

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2017. At the same meeting, Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG suggested that the needs of persons suffering from dementia should be discussed by the Panel.

At the policy briefing cum meeting on 15 October 2018, members were advised that the Administration would commission universities to conduct territory-wide mental health prevalence surveys covering children, adolescents and elders to gather information on the mental health status of the Hong Kong population for better planning of mental health services.

At the meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2018-2019 session on 22 October 2018, the Administration undertook to brief members on the child and adolescent psychiatric services provided by the Hospital Authority ("HA") in the context of discussing the subject.

The Administration's proposed timing for discussion of the subject was revised from the first quarter of 2019 to the second quarter of 2019 in March 2019, and further revised to the fourth quarter of 2019 in May 2019.

**6. Review of dental care services**

To be confirmed

Pursuant to the discussion at the meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2018-2019 session on 22 October 2018, the Chairman has suggested that issues relating to "Provision of dental services for adult patients with intellectual disability and with financial needs" (item 25 below); the project on dental services for persons with intellectual disability namely "Healthy Teeth Collaboration" managed by DH; and "Review of oral health goals" (item 26 below) should be discussed in the context of discussing the subject.

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Discussion of the subject was originally scheduled for the regular meeting of the Panel on 17 June 2019 which was subsequently cancelled. The paper provided by the Administration for the above meeting has been issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1632/18-19(03).

**7. Accident and emergency service provided by HA**

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Hon CHAN Han-pan suggested that the Panel should discuss the subject in the 2018-2019 session.

Pursuant to the outcomes of discussion at the meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2018-2019 session on 22 October 2018, the Chairman has suggested and the Administration has agreed that the Panel should be briefed on the subject, covering, among others, issues relating to "Handling of public requests for emergency medical needs within the vicinity of public hospitals" (item 14 below).

Discussion of the subject was originally scheduled for the regular meeting of the Panel on 17 June 2019 which was subsequently cancelled. The relevant paper provided by the Administration for the above meeting has been issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1632/18-19(05).

**8. Follow-up actions on emerging cases of human infection of rat Hepatitis E virus and the territory-wide rodent control work**

(See note)

Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan and Hon Elizabeth QUAT proposed vide their joint letter dated 15 May 2019 that the Panel should discuss the subject. The Administration has provided a written response (LC Paper No. CB(2)1791/18-19(01)) to the issues raised in the above letter. At the meeting on 20 May 2019, members agreed that subject to the view of the

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Chairman of the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene, the two Panels should hold a joint meeting to discuss the subject.

The joint meeting originally scheduled for 17 June 2019 was subsequently cancelled. The relevant paper provided by the Administration for the above joint meeting has been issued to members of the two Panels vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1631/18-19(01).

*[Note: The Administration has suggested that the subject be removed from the list. It has advised that it would continue the ongoing territory-wide rodent control work and closely monitor the situation.]*

**9. Update on Chinese medicine development and amendments to the Chinese Medicine Ordinance (Cap. 549)**

To be confirmed

The Administration proposed in May 2019 to brief the Panel on the subject, which covered the following items, in the third quarter of 2019. According to the Administration, its original plan was to brief members on the subject at the July 2019 regular meeting of the Panel which was subsequently cancelled.

*(i) Review of the Chinese Medicine Ordinance*

The item was referred to the Panel for follow-up by the Bills Committee on Chinese Medicine (Amendment) Bill 2017.

In the course of scrutinizing the Bill, the Administration has, in response to members' request, advised that it would examine the need to comprehensively review the Chinese Medicine Ordinance after having discussed with the Chinese medicine industry to understand the stakeholders' views on the current provisions of the Ordinance. The Administration undertook to keep the Panel informed of the way forward in this regard.

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At the meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2018-2019 session on 22 October 2018, the Administration has advised that it planned to brief the Panel, among others, on the proposed amendments to the definition of proprietary Chinese medicine under the Ordinance.

Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki proposed vide his letter dated 13 December 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(2)455/18-19(01)) that the Panel should discuss issues relating to the definition of proprietary Chinese medicines under the Chinese Medicine Ordinance and the registration of these products.

*(ii) Regulation of Chinese medicines*

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 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 at its meeting on



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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 Chinese Medicines Testing Institute. She further suggested that the subject could be discussed in conjunction with the regulation of health food products (item 9(iii) below).

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At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested that the Panel should discuss the subject in the 2018-2019 session.

*(iii) Regulation of health food products*

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 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 9(ii) above).

Hon CHAN Han-pan proposed via his letter dated 13 October 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(2)51/17-18(01)) that the Panel should discuss the subject at the earliest possible time.

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At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested that the Panel should discuss the subject in the 2018-2019 session.

Pursuant to the discussion at the meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2018-2019 session on 22 October 2018, the Chairman has suggested that the Panel should discuss the subject in the third quarter of 2019.

**10. Responses taken by HA in relation to mass gathering and confrontation incidents in the community** To be confirmed

Dr Charles Peter MOK raised concern over issues on the accessing of HA patients' personal information by the law enforcement agencies vide his two letters dated 17 June 2019, which were respectively addressed to the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data and the Chief Executive of HA and copied to Chairman of the Panel (LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1689/18-19(01) and (02)).

Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki proposed vide his letter dated 19 June 2019 that the Panel should discuss the subject as early as possible. Given the cancellation of the July regular meeting of the Panel, the Chairman instructed that the subject be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.

**11. Public and private hospital development under the dual-track healthcare system** (See note)

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.

The Panel discussed private hospital development at the meeting on 15 April 2013. As regards public hospital

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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, 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 hospital development plan in the 2016-2017 session.

Since the announcement of the first 10-year hospital development plan in January 2016, the Panel has been consulted on individual hospital projects under the plan at its meetings on 15 February 2016, 21 March 2016, 25 April 2017, 15 May 2017, 19 March 2018 and 18 March 2019.

At the policy briefing cum meeting on 15 October 2018, members were advised that the Administration had invited HA to plan for the second 10-year hospital development plan at estimated cost of \$270 billion. The Panel was briefed on the Administration's initial thinking and status of the projects under the plan at the meeting on 15 April 2019.

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*[Note: At the 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.]*

**12. 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 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 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.

**13. 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

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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 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)) that the Panel should discuss at the earliest possible time issues relating to organ donation and transplant.

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

(See note)

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.

*[Note: Pursuant to the outcomes of discussion at the meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2018-2019 session on 22 October 2018, the Chairman has suggested and the Administration has agreed that the subject would be discussed in the context of "Accident and emergency service provided by HA" (item 7 above).]*

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<b>15.</b>	<b>Monitoring of the unauthorized sale of pharmaceutical products</b>	To be confirmed
	<p>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.</p>	
<b>16.</b>	<b>Women's health</b>	To be confirmed
	<p>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.</p>	
	<p>At the meeting on 18 October 2016, Hon Elizabeth QUAT suggested that the provision of breast cancer screening should be discussed by the Panel in the 2016-2017 session.</p>	
	<p>At the meeting on 12 October 2017, Dr Hon Helena WONG and Hon Elizabeth QUAT proposed that the Panel should discuss the subject at the earliest possible time in the 2017-2018 session.</p>	
	<p>At the policy briefing cum meeting on 16 October 2017, members were advised that the Community Care Fund ("CCF") would implement a three-year pilot scheme to provide subsidized cervical cancer screening and preventive education for eligible low-income women.</p>	
	<p>Hon CHAN Han-pan suggested vide his letter dated 4 June 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(2)1536/17-18(01)) that</p>	

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the Panel should discuss at the earliest possible time the supply of Human Papillomavirus vaccines.

At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan and Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG suggested that the Panel should discuss the provision of breast cancer screening at the earliest possible time in the 2018-2019 session.

At the policy briefing cum meeting on 15 October 2018, members were advised that free HPV vaccination would be introduced to school girls of particular age groups starting from the 2019-2020 school year. Separately, a government-commissioned study to identify risk factors associated with breast cancer for local women was expected to be completed in the latter half of 2019.

**17. Public health measures for the lead in drinking water incidents** To be confirmed

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.

At the 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.

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.



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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.

**18. HA's private patient services**

To be confirmed

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.

**19. Review of the Human Reproductive Technology Ordinance (Cap. 561)**

To be confirmed

The item was referred to the Panel for follow-up by the Bills Committee on Human Reproductive Technology (Amendment) Bill 2015.

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.

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<b>20.</b>	<b>Provision of alternative therapy</b>  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.	To be confirmed
<b>21.</b>	<b>Provision of one-stop services for victims of sexual violence in public hospitals</b>  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.  At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG suggested that the Panel should discuss the subject at the earliest possible time in the 2018-2019 session.	To be confirmed
<b>22.</b>	<b>Prevention of crime in psychiatric wards of the HA hospitals</b>  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.	To be confirmed

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<b>23.</b>	<b>Workflow and infection control measures of operating theatres in cataract centres and day care centres of HA</b>	To be confirmed
	<p>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.</p>	
<b>24.</b>	<b>Implementation of the recommendations of the strategic review on healthcare manpower planning and professional development</b>	To be confirmed
	<p>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 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.</p>	
	<p>At the meeting on 12 October 2017, Hon Elizabeth QUAT suggested that the Panel should discuss the subject at the earliest possible time in the 2017-2018 session.</p>	
	<p>At the meeting on 15 January 2018, the Administration updated the Panel on the subject in the context of discussing "Review of HA".</p>	

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Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki proposed vide his letter dated 14 May 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(2)1395/17-18(01)) that the Panel should discuss at the earliest possible time the healthcare manpower situation in HA.

At the policy briefing cum meeting on 15 October 2018, members were advised that the number of University Grants Committee ("UGC")-funded degree places for various healthcare disciplines would be increased in the 2019-2020 to 2021-2022 UGC triennium. Separately, the Administration had invited the regulatory bodies to submit proposals on the regulation and development of healthcare professions. In addition, it had commenced a new round of manpower projection exercise to update the demand and supply of healthcare manpower.

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

(See note)

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.

*[Note: Pursuant to the outcomes of discussion at the meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2018-2019 session on 22 October 2018, it is suggested that the subject would be discussed in the context of "Review of dental care services" (item 6 above).]*

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<b>26.</b>	<b>Review of oral health goals</b>	(See note)
	<p>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 Administration was requested to revert to the Panel on the outcome of the review.</p> <p><i>[Note: Pursuant to the outcomes of discussion at the meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2018-2019 session on 22 October 2018, it is suggested that the subject would be discussed in the context of "Review of dental care services" (item 6 above).]</i></p>	
<b>27.</b>	<b>Development of primary healthcare and the District Health Centre Pilot Project in Kwai Tsing District</b>	To be confirmed
	<p>At the meeting on 12 February 2018, the Panel was briefed on the development of primary healthcare services in the public sector as well as the latest progress in the setting up of the pilot District Health Centre ("DHC") in Kwai Tsing District as announced in the Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address. The Administration was requested to revert to the Panel on the implementation plan for the pilot project, including, among others, the land, manpower and financial requirements.</p> <p>At the special meeting on 26 March 2018 to receive views from members of the public on the pilot project, members were advised that the Administration would draw up the detailed plan for the pilot DHC, with an aim to commission service by the third quarter in 2019.</p> <p>At the meeting on 16 July 2018, the Panel was briefed on the proposals for the pilot DHC. The Administration was requested to revert to the Panel on the concrete</p>	

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details concerning the setting up of the Centre, such as the financial manpower requirements, service scope and locations of the access points.

At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested that the Panel should invite stakeholders' views on how to further enhance the development of primary healthcare as well as the role of the pilot DHC in this regard after its commencement of operation.

At the policy briefing cum meeting on 15 October 2018, members were advised that the Administration would allocate around \$100 million a year to subsidize the operation of the pilot DHC, and would reserve premises within Government properties for setting up DHCs in various districts. In the meantime, suitable locations had been identified in Kwun Tong and the Eastern District.

**28. Regulation of use control of medical devices**

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 16 July 2018, the Panel was briefed on the latest development on the legislative proposal on regulation of medical devices, which, at that point of time, was aimed to be introduced into the Legislative Council in the 2018-2019 legislative session. Members were advised that having regard to the stakeholders' views, the use control of medical devices had been dropped from the legislative proposal. The Administration would revert to the Panel on the regulation of use control of medical devices as and when appropriate.

The Administration has advised in October 2019 that it would revert to the Panel on the regulation of medical devices and the timing for introduction of the legislative proposal as and when appropriate.

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<b>29.</b>	<b>Service provision in North Lantau Hospital</b>	To be confirmed
	<p>At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki suggested that the Panel should discuss the subject at the earliest possible time in the 2018-2019 session.</p>	
<b>30.</b>	<b>Provision of atrial fibrillation screening</b>	To be confirmed
	<p>At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Hon KWONG Chun-yu suggested that the provision of atrial fibrillation screening to facilitate early identification of potential stroke cases should be discussed by the Panel in the 2018-2019 session.</p>	
	<p>Hon KWONG Chun-yu proposed via his letter dated 13 November 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(2)257/18-19(01)) that the Panel should hold a meeting to receive views from members of the public on measures for stroke prevention, including the provision of atrial fibrillation screening.</p>	
<b>31.</b>	<b>Specialist services provided by HA</b>	To be confirmed
	<p>At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Hon CHAN Han-pan suggested that the Panel should discuss the subject in the 2018-2019 session.</p>	
<b>32.</b>	<b>Pilot Accredited Registers Scheme for Healthcare Professions</b>	To be confirmed
	<p>At the meeting on 16 July 2018, the Panel was briefed on the implementation progress of the Pilot Accredited Registers Scheme for Healthcare Professions. Members were advised that the speech therapist profession had been granted accreditation. The accreditation process of audiologist and dietitian professions was expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2018, whereas the</p>	

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accreditation process of educational psychologist and clinical psychologist professions was expected to commence in the third and fourth quarters of 2018 respectively.

At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Dr Hon Helena WONG and Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG suggested that the Administration should update the Panel on the latest implementation progress of the Pilot Scheme in the 2018-2019 session. At the same meeting, Hon SHIU Ka-chun suggested that the Administration should brief the Panel on its plan to, in the light of the evaluation findings of the Pilot Scheme, study how to formulate a statutory registration regime for relevant accredited professions as announced in the Chief Executive's 2018 Policy Address.

The Panel held a special meeting to receive views from members of the public on the subject on 10 December 2018. The Administration advised at the meeting that the Accreditation Agent announced the accreditation results for the speech therapist and audiologist professions in April and November 2018 respectively, and expected to announce the accreditation results for dietitian and educational psychologist professions in phases by the first quarter of 2019. Separately, the accreditation process for the clinical psychologist profession has commenced. Upon completion of the accreditation, the Accreditation Agent will review the effectiveness of the Pilot Scheme and report to the Administration with recommended measures for improvement. The Administration would study how to formulate a statutory registration regime for relevant accredited professions based on the Pilot Scheme.

**33. Implementation of medical-social collaboration**

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Hon SHIU Ka-chun suggested that the Panel should discuss the subject in the 2018-2019 session.



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<b>34.</b>	<b>Review of Voluntary Health Insurance Scheme and study on High Risk Pool proposal</b>	To be confirmed
	<p>The item was referred to the Panel for follow-up by the Bills Committee on Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No. 4) Bill 2018.</p> <p>In the course of scrutinizing the Bill, the Administration has undertaken to revert, as and when appropriate, to the Panel on its review of the effectiveness of Voluntary Health Insurance Scheme after its implementation and the progress in re-examining the High Risk Pool proposal.</p>	
<b>35.</b>	<b>Good Samaritan law for first aid given in bona fide medical emergency</b>	To be confirmed
	<p>At the meeting on 19 November 2018, Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki suggested that the Panel should discuss the subject at the earliest possible time in the 2018-2019 session.</p>	
<b>36.</b>	<b>Samaritan Fund and CCF Medical Assistance Programmes</b>	To be confirmed
	<p>At the meeting on 19 November 2018, in the context of discussing the review findings of the means test of Samaritan Fund and CCF Medical Assistance Programmes, members were advised that the Administration would revert, as and when appropriate, to the Panel on improvement to the mechanisms for inclusion of drugs in and processing the applications under the safety net.</p> <p>The Panel held a special meeting on 11 December 2018 to receive views from members of the public on the above review findings. At the meeting, the Administration undertook to revert to the Panel the progress of the implementation of the proposed enhancement measures after 12 months of implementation.</p>	

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At the meeting on 20 May 2019, Hon KWONG Chun-yu suggested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the implementation progress of the First Phase Programme of Medical Assistance Programmes under CCF.

**37. Management and testing of pharmaceutical products** To be confirmed

Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed via her letter dated 29 November 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(2)373/18-19(01)) that the Panel should discuss the management and testing of pharmaceutical products. The Chairman instructed that the subject be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion. In response to the request made by Dr Hon Helena WONG in the letter, the Administration has provided for members' reference an information paper on the regulation and testing of pharmaceutical products (LC Paper No. CB(2)502/18-19(01)).

**38. Drug Formulary of HA** To be confirmed

The Public Complaints Office of the Legislative Council Secretariat referred the item to the Panel vide a referral memorandum (LC Paper No. CB(2)605/18-19(01)) (Restricted to members only), requesting the Panel to follow-up with the Administration and HA on the policy issues relating to inclusion of drugs for treatment of serious mental disorder in the HA's Drug Formulary. The Chairman instructed that the subject be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.

**39. Implementation of the regulatory regime under the Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance (Cap. 633)** To be confirmed

The item was referred to the Panel for follow-up by Subcommittee on Private Healthcare Facilities

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Ordinance (Specification of Date for Section 135(1)(a))  
Notice and Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance  
(Specification of Date for Section 136(1)(a)) Notice.

In the course of scrutinizing the two Notices, the Administration has, in response to members' request, undertaken to brief the Panel on a yearly basis on the progress made towards the full implementation of the new regulatory regime under the Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance.

- 40. Progress report on the use of the additional funding earmarked in the 2019-2020 Budget for HA's work concerning its manpower, drug treatments and medical equipment** To be confirmed

At the special meeting on 19 March 2019 to receive views from deputations on the corporate governance and manpower situation of HA, the Administration was requested to revert to the Panel on the progress on implementation of various measures by HA in the following areas with the additional funding earmarked in the 2019-2020 Budget: (a) the use of the \$721 million for boosting staff morale and retaining talents; (b) the use of the \$400 million for expanding the scope of HA's Drug Formulary; and (c) the use of the \$5 billion for expediting the upgrading and acquisition of medical equipment.

Having consulted HA, the Administration has provided in July 2019 the action plan of HA for using the above funding (LC Paper No. CB(2)1788/18-19(01)).

- 41. Corporate governance and manpower situation of HA** To be confirmed

The Panel received views from deputations on the subject at its special meeting on 19 March 2019. Subsequently, Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan requested vide her letter dated 1 April 2019 (LC Paper No. CB(2)1164/18-19(01)) that the Panel should hold a

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follow up discussion in this regard. The Chairman instructed that the subject be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.

The Chairman suggested vide his letter dated 28 June 2019 (LC Paper No. CB(2)1784/18-19(01)), which was addressed to SFH and copied to the Panel, that the Panel should follow up the human resources management and workplace bullying problem of HA and receive views from deputations on the matter. The Chairman suggested again vide his another letter dated 9 October 2019 to SFH (LC Paper No. CB(2)1963/18-19(01)) that the Panel should discuss the subject.

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