

Panel on Health Services

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 4 December 2019)

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1.	Enhancement of mental health services	January 2020
	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	

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on Mental Health since its establishment in November 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 and to January 2020 in November 2019.

2. Development of primary healthcare and setting up of DHC Express

January 2020

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.

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 details concerning the setting up of the Centre, such as

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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.

At the special meeting on 21 October 2019, the Chairman and Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed a discussion of the development of primary healthcare.

At the policy briefing on 21 October 2019, members were advised that the first DHC in Kwai Tsing District had commenced operation in September 2019. In the current-term government, the Administration expected to set up DHCs in six more districts and planned to fund non-governmental organizations to set up smaller interim DHC Express in the remaining 11 districts where full-fledged DHCs would yet to be set up.

In November 2019, the Administration suggested to incorporate into this item the discussion of medical-social collaboration as proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun at the meeting on 11 October 2018. Members have raised no other views on the suggestion.

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3. Genomic medicine

March 2020

Item proposed by the Administration.

At the policy briefing cum meeting on 15 October 2018, members were advised that the Government would provide funding to introduce a large-scale Hong Kong Genome Project ("HKGP"). The Panel was briefed on the details of the project at its meeting on 21 January 2019.

At the policy briefing on 21 October 2019, members were advised that the Steering Committee on Genomic Medicine established to study the strategies for developing genomic medicine in Hong Kong planned to submit its report ("the Report") to the Government in end-2019. In addition, the Hong Kong Genome Institute would be set up in 2020 to take forward HKGP. Members will be briefed on the Report and the latest update of HKGP.

4. Review of dental care services and relevant manpower plan

1st quarter of
2020

Discussion of the subject "Review of dental care services", which covered items (i) to (iii) below, 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).

At the meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2019-2020 session on 29 October 2019, the Administration advised that it planned to brief members on the review of dental care services and relevant manpower plan in the first quarter of 2020.

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(i) Review of dental care services

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 (ii) below); the project on dental services for persons with intellectual disability namely "Healthy Teeth Collaboration" managed by the Department of Health ("DH"); and "Review of oral health goals" (item (iii) below) should be discussed in the context of discussing the subject.

At the special meeting on 21 October 2019, Hon Elizabeth QUAT suggested that the Panel should discuss the provision of public dental care services.

(ii) Provision of dental services for adult patients with intellectual disability and with financial needs

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.

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(iii) Review of oral health goals

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.

5. Four projects under the first 10-year Hospital Development Plan

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2020

Item proposed by the Administration.

The Administration intends to brief the Panel on the following four projects under the first 10-year Hospital Development Plan: Redevelopment of Grantham Hospital, phase 1 - demolition, site formation and foundation works; Expansion of United Christian Hospital - main works (superstructure and refurbishment works); Hospital Authority Supporting Services Centre; and Community Health Centre cum social welfare facilities at Pak Wo Road, North District.

6. Update on Samaritan Fund and Community Care Fund ("CCF") Medical Assistance Programmes

2nd quarter of
2020

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.

The Panel held a special meeting on 11 December 2018 to receive views from members of the public on the

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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.

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.

7. Voluntary registration scheme for the development of nursing specialties

2nd quarter of
2020

Item proposed by the Administration.

At the policy briefing on 21 October 2019, members were advised that the Nursing Council of Hong Kong planned to launch a voluntary registration scheme for the development of nursing specialties in early 2020, in order to pave way for the eventual setting up of a statutory registration regime.

8. Accident and emergency service provided by HA and responses taken by HA in relation to mass gathering and confrontation incidents in the community

To be confirmed

Discussion of the subject "Accident and emergency service provided by HA", which covered the items (i) and (ii) below, 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).

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In November 2019, the Administration suggested to combine the discussion of the subject with "Responses taken by HA in relation to mass gathering and confrontation incidents in the community" (item (iii) below). Members raised no other views to the suggestion.

(i) Accident and emergency service provided by HA

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 8(ii) below).

(ii) Handling of public requests for emergency medical needs within the vicinity of public hospitals

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.

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(iii) Responses taken by HA in relation to mass gathering and confrontation incidents in the community

Hon 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.

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

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.

At the meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2019-2020 session on 29 October 2019, it was agreed that the subject would be followed up by the Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Development of Chinese Medicine appointed by the Panel pending to its activation of work.

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(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.

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

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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 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.

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

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

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

At the policy briefing on 21 October 2019, members were advised that the Chinese Medicine Hospital was expected to commence its operation in phases by end of 2024 the earliest, and the permanent GCMTI would be established next to the Hospital for expected commissioning in 2024 the earliest. Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed at the special meeting held on the same day that the Panel should hold a discussion of the subject.

(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-

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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 (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.

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.

At the special meeting on 21 October 2019, Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed a discussion of the subject.

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

11. Regulation 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.

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)).

At the special meeting on 21 October 2019, Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested that the Panel should discuss the emergence of suspected counterfeit vaccines in the market.

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12. Women's health

To be confirmed

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, 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 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.

Hon CHAN Han-pan suggested vide his letter dated 4 June 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(2)1536/17-18(01)) that the Panel should discuss at the earliest possible time the supply of Human Papillomavirus ("HPV") 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

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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.

At the special meeting on 21 October 2019, Hon Elizabeth QUAT suggested that the Panel should discuss the subject, in particular the provision of breast cancer screening.

At the meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2019-2020 session on 29 October 2019, it was agreed that the Administration would brief the Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Support for Cancer Patients on, among others, the findings of the commissioned study on risk factors associated with breast cancer for local women which was expected to be completed in the latter half of 2019.

- 13. 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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14. Provision of one-stop services for victims of sexual violence in and prevention of crime in psychiatric wards of public hospitals	To be confirmed

In November 2019, the Administration suggested to merge the discussion of items (i) and (ii) below. Members raised on other views on the suggestion.

(i) Provision of one-stop services for victims of sexual violence in public hospitals

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.

(ii) Prevention of crime in psychiatric wards of the HA hospitals

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.

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<p data-bbox="143 293 935 338">15. Provision of atrial fibrillation screening</p> <p data-bbox="296 383 1150 595">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 data-bbox="296 640 1150 896">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>	To be confirmed
<p data-bbox="143 976 855 1021">16. Specialist services provided by HA</p> <p data-bbox="296 1066 1150 1189">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>	To be confirmed
<p data-bbox="143 1270 1150 1359">17. Pilot Accredited Registers Scheme for Healthcare Professions</p> <p data-bbox="296 1404 1150 1874">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 accreditation process of educational psychologist and clinical psychologist professions was expected to commence in the third and fourth quarters of 2018 respectively.</p> <p data-bbox="296 1919 1150 2045">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</p>	To be confirmed

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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.

18. Review of Voluntary Health Insurance Scheme and study on High Risk Pool proposal

To be confirmed

The item was referred to the Panel for follow-up by the Bills Committee on Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No. 4) Bill 2018.

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.

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19.	Good Samaritan law for first aid given in bona fide medical emergency	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>	
20.	Drug Formulary of HA	To be confirmed
	<p>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.</p>	
21.	Implementation of the regulatory regime under the Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance (Cap. 633)	To be confirmed
	<p>The item was referred to the Panel for follow-up by Subcommittee on Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance (Specification of Date for Section 135(1)(a)) Notice and Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance (Specification of Date for Section 136(1)(a)) Notice.</p>	
	<p>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.</p>	
	<p>At the policy briefing on 21 October 2019, members were advised that the application period for licences for</p>	

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private hospitals started on 2 July 2019, and that for day procedure centres would commence on 2 January 2020. For clinics, applications for licences and requests for letters of exemption would commence in 2021 the earliest.

- 22. Corporate governance and manpower situation of HA and 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

In November 2019, the Administration suggested to merge the discussion of items (i) and (ii) below. Members raised other views on the suggestion.

(i) Corporate governance and manpower situation of HA

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 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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At the special meeting on 21 October 2019, Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed a discussion of the subject.

At the meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2019-2020 session on 29 October 2019, it was agreed that the Administration should brief the Panel on the subject in the 2019-2020 session.

- (ii) *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*

At the special meeting on 19 March 2019, 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)).

23. Health impacts of the chemicals deployed by the Police to disperse crowds

To be confirmed

Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki proposed vide his letter dated 21 October 2019 (LC Paper No. CB(2)35/19-20(01)), which was tabled at the special meeting of the Panel held on the same day, that the Panel should hold a joint meeting with the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene to discuss the health effects of

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the chemicals deployed by the Police in dispersal operations. At the meeting, Mr CHAN Chi-chuen, Dr Helena WONG and Mr KWONG Chun-yu echoed the view of Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

Subsequent to the meeting, the Chairman has directed that the Administration be requested to provide a written response to the issues raised in the letter to facilitate the Panel's consideration of how the matter should be followed up. The Administration's response has been issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)148/19-20(02) on 7 November 2019.

24. Maintenance of professionalism in service delivery by healthcare professionals in public hospitals

To be confirmed

At the special meeting on 21 October 2019, Hon Starry LEE, Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG, Hon CHAN Han-pan and Hon Elizabeth QUAT suggested that the Administration and the Hospital Authority should brief the Panel on measures in place to ensure the healthcare professionals' professionalism in the delivery of services in public hospitals in the light of their participation in mass gathering activities taken place in hospital premises.

At the meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2019-2020 session on 29 October 2019, the Administration was requested to provide a written response to members' concerns in this regard to facilitate the Panel's consideration of how the matter should be followed up. The Administration's response has been issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)148/19-20(01) on 7 November 2019.

	Subject	Proposed timing for discussion
25.	Prevention of Osteoporosis At the special meeting on 21 October 2019, Hon Elizabeth QUAT proposed a discussion of the subject.	To be confirmed
26.	End-of-life care: Legislative proposals on advance directives and dying in place At the meeting on 8 November 2019, the Panel was briefed on the public consultation on the subject being conducted for the period from 6 September to 16 December 2019. The Administration was requested to revert to the Panel on the results of the public consultation when available. The Panel will receive views from deputations on the subject at the meeting on 13 December 2019.	To be confirmed