

Panel on Health Services**List of follow-up actions**

(Position as at 8 January 2020)

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. Proposed extension of Kowloon Psychiatric Observation Unit	24 April 2018	The Administration/the Hospital Authority ("HA") was requested to advise the respective numbers of doctors, psychiatric nurses and allied health staff (with a breakdown by the grades involved), as well as the respective ratios of these healthcare professionals to patients, to support the operation of the Kowloon Psychiatric Observation Unit before and after the new "gazetted" ward commenced operation.	The Administration will provide a response in due course.

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3. Briefing by the Secretary for Food and Health on the Chief Executive's 2018 Policy Address	15 October 2018	The Administration was requested to provide a breakdown by expenditure items (including, among others, the subsidized consultation and treatment services) of the \$100 million allocated to subsidize the operation of the Kwai Tsing District Health Centre for a year.	The Administration's response has been included in its paper (LC Paper No. CB(2)468/19-20(10)) provided for the discussion of agenda item V "Development of primary healthcare and setting up of DHC Express" at the Panel meeting on 10 January 2020.
4. Development of Chinese medicine	17 December 2018	<p>The Administration/HA was requested to:</p> <p>(a) provide a response to the observations and recommendations made by Office of The Ombudsman in respect of the professional development of Chinese medicine pharmacists as set out in paragraphs 6.23, 6.24 and 6.28(11) of its Direct Investigation Report on Government's Regulation of Proprietary Chinese Medicine (Chinese version only) released on 13 December 2018;</p> <p>(b) provide a response to the suggestions given by the Hong Kong Chinese Medicine Pharmacists Association on the development of Chinese medicine in its submission to the Panel (LC Paper No. CB(2)473/18-19(01));</p>	The Administration will provide a response in due course.

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		<p>(c) provide an update in respect of the examination being carried out by the Correctional Services Department in liaison with the Department of Health and HA on the recommendation put forward by the jury of a death inquest held by the Coroner's Court in June 2018 that the Administration should consider providing Chinese medicine services as an option for prisoners in prison hospitals; and</p> <p>(d) provide for reference of the Panel the report on the evaluation of HA's Integrated Chinese-Western Medicine Pilot Programme once available.</p>	
<p>5. Planning for the second 10-year Hospital Development Plan</p>	<p>15 April 2019</p>	<p>The Administration/HA was requested to:</p> <p>(a) advise the timetable for the opening of the planned additional beds of each proposed project under the first and the second Hospital Development Plan ("HDP") as set out in Annexes A and B to LC Paper No. CB(2)1167/18-19(07);</p> <p>(b) advise the factors and the relevant statistics (in particular public healthcare demand based on the demographic</p>	<p>The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)451/19-20(01) on 27 December 2019.</p>

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		<p>profile of the population projections in the catchment areas) that HA had taken into account in coming up with its plan to provide over 5 000 and over 9 000 additional beds under the first and the second HDP respectively; and</p> <p>(c) in respect of the Administration's advice that the general bed capacity would be increased to 4.8 beds per 1 000 persons by 2036, explain the reason why it still fell short of the planning standard of 5.5 beds per 1 000 persons as set out in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines.</p>	
<p>6. Briefing by the Secretary for Food and Health on the Chief Executive's 2019 Policy Address</p>	<p>21 October 2019</p>	<p>The Administration/HA was requested to advise:</p> <p>(a) the new measure(s) putting in place for (i) attracting more qualified non-locally trained specialist medical practitioners to serve in the public healthcare sector; and (ii) shortening the waiting time for public healthcare services, in particular specialist outpatient services;</p> <p>(b) the number of people who had purchased or migrated to Certified Plans under the Voluntary Health Insurance Scheme since its launch in April 2019; and</p>	<p>The Administration will provide a response in due course.</p>

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		(c) the policies and measures putting in place by HA for enhancing communication with the Police to ensure the provision of a safe and stable environment for patients in public hospitals.	
7. End-of-life care: Legislative proposals on advance directives and dying in place	8 November 2019	<p>The Administration/HA was requested to:</p> <p>(a) advise in detail the plan and timetable of the Administration and HA to enhance HA's palliative care services, in particular the provision of palliative care beds in public hospitals, and the capacity of and manpower for home care services; and</p> <p>(b) in respect of the 1 557 HA's patients who had signed advance directives (with a refusal to cardiopulmonary resuscitation) in 2018, provide a breakdown by the types of diseases suffered by these patients.</p>	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)349/19-20(06) on 12 December 2019.
8. Preparation for winter surge	8 November 2019	<p>The Administration/HA was requested to advise:</p> <p>(a) whether the estimated increase of 190 doctors, 845 nurses and 330 allied health professionals in HA in 2019-2020 as</p>	The Administration will provide a response in due course.

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		<p>compared with the manpower in 2018-2019 was a time-limited measure for tackling the surge in service demand during the upcoming winter influenza season;</p> <p>(b) the estimated number of supporting staff to be increased by HA in 2019-2020, and whether HA would consider deploying the financial resources reserved for utilizing agency supporting staff to encourage existing supporting staff to augment the manpower resources during the winter surge;</p> <p>(c) whether the Administration would target education at parents to raise their awareness on the effectiveness of seasonal influenza vaccination ("SIV") in preventing their children from seasonal influenza and its complications;</p> <p>(d) whether the Administration would consider providing (i) free SIV to all community-living Hong Kong residents aged 50 to under 65 years old under the Government Vaccination Programme; and (ii) free or subsidized SIV to holders of valid visa/entry permit who worked in Hong Kong; and</p>	

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		(e) the number of meetings held in the premises of the Hospital Authority Building during January to March 2019.	

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