

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

(Position as at 19 March 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's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)625/19-20(01) on 25 February 2020.

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
3. Development of Chinese medicine	17 December 2018	<p>The Administration/HA was requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="898 280 1585 703">(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;<li data-bbox="898 743 1585 991">(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));<li data-bbox="898 1031 1585 1495">(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	The Administration will provide a response in due course.

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
		<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>4. 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>(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.</p>	<p>The Administration will provide a response in due course.</p>

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
5. Preparation for winter surge	8 November 2019	<p>The Administration/HA was requested to advise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) whether the estimated increase of 190 doctors, 845 nurses and 330 allied health professionals in HA in 2019-2020 as 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;(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;(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;	The Administration will provide a response in due course.

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
		<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> <p>(e) the number of meetings held in the premises of the Hospital Authority Building during January to March 2019.</p>	
6. The Administration's response measures for the emergence of a cluster of pneumonia cases in Wuhan of Hubei Province	10 January 2020	The Administration was requested to provide its estimation on the daily and total numbers of arrivals from Wuhan of Hubei Province since mid-December 2019.	The Administration will provide a response in due course.
7. Measures for the prevention and control of novel coronavirus infection in Hong Kong	30 January 2020	The Administration was requested to advise the total number of surgical masks that would be delivered to Hong Kong in early February 2020.	The Administration will provide a response in due course.
8. Measures for the prevention and control of Coronavirus Disease ("COVID-19") in Hong Kong	10 March 2020	<p>The Administration was requested to:</p> <p>(a) provide a written response to a member's concern about the quality of the surgical masks supplied by the Government Logistics Department ("GLD") for the</p>	The Administration will provide a response in due course.

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
		<p>Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority to distribute to candidates sitting for this year's Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination;</p> <p>(b) in respect of the Administration's work in sourcing personal protective equipment (including surgical masks) globally to combat the novel coronavirus epidemic, advise (i) details of each order made so far and the expected delivery timetable for the ordered items; and (ii) its concrete plan on how to secure an adequate amount of these items for use by both frontline workers of HA and residents of Hong Kong throughout the epidemic period;</p> <p>(c) advise the date(s) on which GLD and HA started to make direct procurement of surgical masks without going through a tendering process so that orders could be placed quickly in the highly competitive global market; and</p> <p>(d) advise the progress of the work of the Labour and Welfare Bureau in examining the proposal to prescribe COVID-19 as an occupational disease under the</p>	

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
		Employees' Compensation Ordinance (Cap. 282).	

Council Business Division 2
Legislative Council Secretariat
19 March 2020