

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

(Position as at 22 April 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. Development of Chinese medicine	17 December 2018	<p>The Administration/the Hospital Authority ("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>	The Administration will provide a response in due course.

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		<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> <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>3. 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</p>	<p>The Administration will provide a response in due course.</p>

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		<p>trained specialist medical practitioners to serve in the public healthcare sector; and</p> <p>(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>	
4. 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 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</p>	<p>The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)857/19-20(01) on 21 April 2020.</p>

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

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5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Measures for the prevention and control of Coronavirus Disease ("COVID-19") in Hong Kong	10 March 2020	<p>The Administration was requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority to distribute to candidates sitting for this year's Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination; (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 	The Administration will provide a response in due course.

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		<p>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 Employees' Compensation Ordinance (Cap. 282).</p>	
<p>8. Development of primary healthcare and setting up of DHC Express</p>	<p>20 March 2020</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to:</p> <p>(a) provide information on the number of monthly attendance of the Kwai Tsing District Health Centre ("DHC") since its commencement of operation in September 2019; and</p> <p>(b) advise the address of the seven DHCs to be set up in Sham Shui Po, Wong Tai Sin,</p>	<p>The Administration will provide a response in due course.</p>

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		<p>Wan Chai, Eastern, Yau Tsim Mong, Kwun Tong and Tai Po districts, for which support of the relevant District Councils in respect of their locations had been secured, and the timetable for consulting the other District Councils on the locations of the remaining 10 DHCs.</p>	
<p>9. Measures for the prevention and control of COVID-19 in Hong Kong</p>	<p>20 March 2020</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to advise the timetable for the disbursement of the monthly allowance of \$1,000 under the Anti-epidemic Fund for a period of no less than four months to frontline cleansing workers, toilet attendants and security workers employed by service contractors of the Government and HA.</p>	<p>The Administration will provide a response in due course.</p>
<p>10. Four projects under the first 10-year Hospital Development Plan ("HDP") and proposed creation of one supernumerary post of Government Architect in the Architectural Services Department</p>	<p>20 March 2020</p>	<p>The Administration/HA was requested to provide the following information before the submission of the relevant capital works proposals and staffing proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and the Establishment Subcommittee respectively:</p> <p>(a) advise the number of visitors' carpark spaces and the family-friendly facilities, such as family-friendly toilets, to be provided in the expanded United Christian Hospital and the redeveloped Grantham Hospital;</p>	<p>The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)842/19-20(01) on 20 April 2020.</p>

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		<p>(b) advise the preliminary design and floor plan of the proposed HA Supporting Services Centre building, including how HA could ensure that the collocating of an information technology corporate data centre and a central laundry centre as well as a central food production unit for patient meals in the same building would not affect the operation of the former which required, among others, stringent physical security control, uninterrupted power supply, and avoidance of physical vibration and water leakage threats;</p> <p>(c) advise the Administration's plan for enhancing the healthcare manpower of the public sector to meet the manpower requirements of the expanded United Christian Hospital and the redeveloped Grantham Hospital; and</p> <p>(d) explain the reasons for setting the proposed duration of the proposed supernumerary post of Government Architect in the Architectural Services Department at about seven years from 2020-2021 to 2026-2027, and advise in detail the healthcare projects under HDP to be overseen by the post holder.</p>	

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11.Measures for the prevention and control of COVID-19 in Hong Kong	8 April 2020	<p>The Administration was requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) advise the difference in the COVID-19 testing arrangements for asymptomatic inbound travellers arriving via the air control point and the land boundary control points (i.e. Shenzhen Bay Port and Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Port) under the Enhanced Laboratory Surveillance Programme as at 8 April 2020, and explain why there was a difference in the testing arrangements;(b) advise the surveillance work being carried out by the Administration to ensure that people who were subject to the 14-day compulsory quarantine would not leave their dwelling places;(c) advise whether a Mainland resident holding valid visit endorsement issued by the relevant authorities other than that of Wuhan city but had stranded in the Hubei Province during its lockdown was allowed to enter Hong Kong as of 8 April 2020; and	The Administration will provide a response in due course.

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		(d) advise the number of imported COVID-19 cases recorded from 25 March to 7 April 2020 with a breakdown by the countries or areas that the patients concerned had visited for any period of time during the 14 days before the date of arrival, and their respective percentage of the total passenger arrival figure.	

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