

LegCo Panel on Health Services

List of Follow-up Actions by the Administration
(as at 11 June 1999)

Subject	Date(s) of relevant meeting(s)	Follow-up Actions Required	Outcome
1. Policy Briefing 1.1 Clinical and hospital services 1.2 Training programmes for health care staff provided by HA	12.10.1998 12.10.1998	Members were informed that the demand for HA health care services including in-patient, special clinical and emergency services had increased in the range of 5% to 10% in the past year. HA would provide a breakdown on the respective increases. HA agreed to provide information on how the number of trainees for each training programme was arrived at.	Response awaited Response awaited.
2. Government's investigation report on the kidney dialysis incident at the Hong Kong Sanatorium and Hospital 3. Healthy Living into the 21st Century Campaign 3.1 Strengthening awareness of food hygiene	9.11.1998 9.11.1998	Adm agreed to provide a copy of the safety guidelines issued by DH for all medical institutions providing kidney dialysis service for members' reference. Adm undertook that DH would further liaise with Education Department to strengthen education on food hygiene.	Paper issued to members under LC Paper No. CB(2) 2080/98-99 on 24.5.1999. No progress report has yet been provided.

3.2 Progress report		<p>Dr YEUNG Sum requested that when the Administration next prepared a progress report for submission to the Panel, it should provide the following information -</p> <p>(a) how many litter blackspots had been cleaned up since launching the Campaign;</p> <p>(b) how effective it was in reducing the incidence of Hong Kong people suffering from common diseases; and</p> <p>(c) an assessment of overall cleanliness and hygienic conditions in Hong Kong.</p>	No progress report has yet been provided.
4. Subsidiary legislation under the Chiropractors Registration Ordinance (Cap. 428)	11.1.1999	Mr LAW Chi-kwong considered that section 13(5) of the CRO which read “The Council may delegate any of its functions relating to registration and the renewal of registration to the registration committee.” was unclear and suggested that it should be amended to specify the functions. HBCO said that he would reflect the suggestion to the Chiropractors Council.	Response awaited.
5. Mental Health Services	8.2.1999		
5.1 Findings of a longitudinal study		Adm agreed to report the findings of the study to the Panel.	Response awaited.
5.2 Improvements of hospital environment		Adm agreed to provide more information on its refurbishment plan.	Response awaited.

<p>6. Control of unregistered pharmaceuticals and blood/blood products in Hong Kong</p>	<p>8.2.1999</p>	<p>Adm agreed to provide the following information -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the number of successful prosecutions against selling unregistered pharmaceutical products, making false declaration or importing pharmaceutical products without a licence; b. the recommendations of the Board at its meeting held on 10 February 1999; c. if an importer had bought a product at a very cheap price in another country and was able to meet the storage and other handling requirements, how the Adm would handle these products. 	<p>Response awaited.</p>
<p>7. Chiropractors Registration</p> <p>7.1 Consultation with members of the profession in connection with the registration</p> <p>7.2 The “grandparent” issue</p>	<p>8.3.1999</p>	<p>Adm undertook to follow up with the Chiropractors Council to ensure that the consultation would reach as many members of the profession as possible.</p> <p>Adm undertook to follow up the issue.</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p>

8. Follow-up on implementation of the Enhanced Productivity Programme (EPP) in the Hospital Authority and the Department of Health	8.3.1999	<p>The Chairman and Mr LAW Chi-kwong requested DH and HA to provide the following information by April 1999 –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. service areas where reduction of resources had been made and the justifications; b. service areas from which resources had been redeployed and justifications for the re-deployment; and c. details of how each public hospital managed to identify 1% of its baseline budget for re-development in 1999-2000 as “seed money”. 	Response awaited. Implementation of EPP in HA was further discussed on 21.5.1999. HWB agreed to follow up with HA and provide a progress report a month later (i.e. 21.6.1999)
9. Medical Social Workers	19.4.1999	At Dr LEONG Che-hung’s request, a paper is being prepared by Adm on the subject.	Paper being prepared by Adm.
10. Briefing on H9N2	19.4.1999	Adm agreed to follow up with Education Department on the strengthening of education to students about the hygienic practices to observe when making contacts with chickens, ducks and other birds.	Report on follow-up action awaited.
11. Monitoring of private hospitals 11.1 A complaint case mentioned by SOCO	19.4.1999	DH would confirm whether it had received the complaint and if so, what actions had been taken in response to the complaint.	Response awaited.

11.2 Lists of charges		Adm agreed to follow up with private hospitals asking them to prepare more detailed lists of their charges for display in private hospitals and for distribution to patients.	Response awaited.
11.3 Supplementary information		<p>Adm agreed to provide information on -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the number of complaints made by patients to private hospitals concerning administrative procedures (such as fee-charging matters); b. Adm's role in relation to the monitoring of these administrative matters; and c. its policy on the control of clinical performance of visiting doctors of private hospitals. 	Response awaited.
12. Visiting health teams (VHT) for the elderly	19.4.1999	Adm undertook to conduct a review of the provision of the VHT service to assess the cost-effectiveness of the present arrangement by involving both DH and HA to provide the service and how far there was duplication of service.	Response awaited.
13. Year 2000 compliance in public and private health sectors	21.5.99	DH and HA agreed to provide progress reports two months later (i.e. 21.7.1999)	Response awaited.
	21.5.99	DH was asked to provide a position report on the development of contingency plans under which private hospitals would provide support to each other and public hospitals in case there were excessive demands arising from system failure.	Response awaited.

14. Dental policy and review of oral health goals	21.5.99	Adm agreed to provide a progress report 2 months later on its deliberations on the way forward.	Response awaited.
14.1 Over-supply of dental manpower		Adm was asked to address the issue.	Response awaited.

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