Panel on Health Services

List of outstanding items for discussion (position as at 9 February 2007)

1.	Prevention and Control of HIV / AIDS	Proposed timing for discussion
	Item proposed by the Administration.	March 2007
2.	Regulation of "Health Maintenance Organisations"	
	Item proposed by the Administration.	March 2007
	The item was last discussed by the Panel at the meeting on 10 July 2006. The Administration was requested to report to members before end of 2006 on the progress made in taking forward the medical director concept for Health Maintenance Organisations.	
3.	Poison control	
	Item proposed by the Administration.	April-May 2007
4.	Communicable Disease Information System	
	Item proposed by the Administration	April-May 2007
5.	Development of Chinese medicine clinics in the public sector	
	Item proposed by the Administration.	May 2007
6.	Progress report on registration of Chinese Medicine practitioners	
	The item was last discussed by the Panel at the meeting on 13 November 2006. After the meeting, the Panel decided that the issue of providing appropriate assistance to listed Chinese medicine practitioners seeking to obtain registration status be made a standing agenda item for discussion by the Panel every six months.	May 2007

		Proposed timing for discussion
7.	Monitoring the effectiveness of the measures taken by the Hospital Authority to address the increased demand for obstetric services in public hospitals by Mainland women	
	The item was last discussed by the Panel at the meeting on 8 January 2007. The Administration was requested to report the effectiveness of the new measures taken by Hospital Authority to address the increased demand for its obstetric services to the Panel in three months' time.	May - June 2007
8	Study on non-tobacco products that share the same trade mark as tobacco products	
	Item proposed by the Administration.	May - July 2007
	At the request of the Bills Committee on Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2005, the Administration undertook to examine the viability of prohibiting the use of tobacco brand name and logo on non-tobacco products.	
9.	Fixed penalty system for smoking offence	
	Item proposed by the Administration.	May - July 2007
	At the request of the Bills Committee on Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2005, the Administration undertook to introduce a fixed penalty system for smoking offence within a period of 18 months after the enactment of the Bill in October 2006.	
10.	Health care financing	
	Item proposed by the Administration.	May - July 2007
11.	Regulation of medical devices	
	Item proposed by the Administration.	May - July 2007
	At the Panel meeting on 27 April 2006, members agreed to follow up on the implementation timetable for regulation of medical devices, including the use of Hydrophilic Polyacrylamide Gel (PAAG) for breast augmentation.	

		Proposed timing for discussion
12.	Progress report on promoting healthy eating among school children	uiscussion
	The item was last discussed by the Panel at the meeting on 8 January 2007. The Administration was requested to report to the Panel after it had completed an evaluation study of the campaign to promote healthy eating habit among school children at the end of the 2006-2007 school year and to take into account members' views and suggestions in the comprehensive review of the campaign.	To be confirmed
13.	Regulation of health care personnel not currently subject to statutory registration	
	Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.	To be confirmed
14.	Separation of prescribing from dispensing of drugs	
	Item proposed by Dr Hon YEUNG Sum.	To be confirmed
	The item was last discussed by the Panel at the meeting on 28 June 2005, during which the Administration advised that its position was that the matter would require thorough discussion by the stakeholders and the community at large, and the Administration would continue to listen to views and engage the parties concerned in the discussion before deciding the way forward.	
15.	New hospital on Lantau	
	Item proposed by the Administration.	To be confirmed
16.	Health care complaints mechanism	
	This item was previously discussed by the Panel in 2002. The Administration undertook to revert on this subject.	To be confirmed
17.	Review of Dentists (Registration) Ordinance	
	Item proposed by the Administration.	To be confirmed

		Proposed timing for discussion
18.	Enhancing the provision of dental care for the elderly and extending school dental care services to post-primary students	
	Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.	To be confirmed
19.	Medical Misadventure Fund	
	Item proposed by Hon Albert HO.	To be confirmed
20.	Increase in professional indemnity insurance premiums	
	Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.	To be confirmed
21.	Shortage of medical frontline staff in the Hospital Authority	
	Referred for follow-up by the Panel at a meeting between Legislative Council Members and Wong Tai Sin District Council members on 6 January 2005.	The Administration will provide a written response in due course.
22.	Regulation of services provided by beauticians	
	Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.	To be confirmed
23.	Medical practice by unregistered medical practitioners	
	Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.	To be confirmed
24.	Shortage of nurses	
	Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.	To be confirmed
25.	Expansion of private services by the Hospital Authority	
	Item proposed by Hon Andrew CHENG.	To be confirmed

		Proposed timing for discussion
26.	Report on "Substitute decision-making and advance directives in relation to medical treatment"	
	The above report was published by the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong in August 2006.	To be confirmed
27.	Mental health services in public hospitals	
	Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.	To be confirmed
28.	Review of fee waiver mechanism for public hospital fees and charges	
	Referred for follow-up by Duty Roster Members following their meeting with a deputation on 22 November 2006.	To be confirmed
29.	Expansion of the Blood Transfusion Service Headquarters	
	Item proposed by the Administration.	To be confirmed
30.	Appointment of members to the Hospital Authority Board	
	Item proposed by Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG.	To be confirmed
31.	Improvement to the Lok Yan School	
	During the discussion on the "Redevelopment of Caritas Medical Centre (CMC), Phase 2" at the meeting on 8 January 2007, members agreed that the issue of improving the Lok Yan School, which was adjacent to the CMC, be included in the outstanding list of items for discussion.	The subject is under the purview of the Education and Manpower Bureau.

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