

Panel on Health Services

List of follow-up actions

(Position as at 9 February 2007)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Requiring doctors to purchase insurance to indemnify patients for medical negligence or malpractice as a condition to practise medicine	8 March 2004	Hon CHAN Yuen-han requested to discuss this item.	The Administration will provide a written response in the 1 st quarter of 2007.
2. Increase in professional indemnity insurance premiums	14 March 2005	The Administration undertook to provide a paper on professional indemnity insurance premiums and related issues.	The Administration will provide a written response in the 1 st quarter of 2007.
3. Regulation of medical devices in Hong Kong - Recent progress	19 July 2005	The Administration - (a) to provide a supplementary written response to the concern raised by Ms LI Fung-ying about training and related matters; and (b) to revert to the Panel on the operation of the regulatory system in due course.	The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1034/06-07(01) on 6 February 2007.

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4. Develop a computerised organ donation database	13 February 2006	The Administration agreed to submit a progress report in due course on the work it had done in establishing a computerised organ donation database as a central registry of organ donors.	The issue is scheduled to be discussed in the Panel on Health Services on 12 February 2007.
5. Fu Shan Public Mortuary incident	31 March 2006	<p>The Administration -</p> <p>(a) to provide a paper after the meeting setting out the disciplinary actions taken by the Administration, if any, against the frontline and management staff who had committed dereliction of duty in the incident; and</p> <p>(b) to inform the Panel in three to six months' time of the progress made in taking forward the medium and long-term measures recommended by the Independent Committee on the incident of the Fu Shan Public Mortuary.</p>	The Administration will provide a written response in the 2 nd quarter of 2007.
6. Discharge planning in public hospitals	12 June 2006 (joint meeting with the Panel on Welfare Services)	The Administration was requested to provide a written response to the views expressed by deputations about the lack of community support services for discharged patients. Upon receipt, another joint meeting could be held to follow up the matter.	The Administration will provide a written response in due course.

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7. Enforcement of Undesirable Medical Advertisements Ordinance (UMAO) (Cap. 231)	25 September 2006	The Administration was requested to provide in writing the following - (a) a breakdown of the warning letters issued to newspapers and magazines and a breakdown of organisations against which legal actions were taken in 2004; and (b) examples of the cases which had led and had failed to lead to prosecution respectively under the UMAO, as well as the penalties for cases resulted in conviction.	The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1035/06-07(01) on 6 February 2007.

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8. Registration of Chinese medicine practitioners (CMP)	13 November 2006	<p>The Administration was requested to -</p> <p>(a) provide a written response in three weeks' time to the issues raised by members in relation to the allegation made by a group of students of a part-time degree course in Chinese medicine offered by the Open University of Hong Kong in collaboration with the Xiamen University, including, inter alia, the following: whether the Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong (CMC) had indeed informed all local universities in 2000 that part-time undergraduate degree course in Chinese medicine would be recognised by the Practitioners Board, the reason why the Practitioners Board changed its policy in 2002 that only five-year full-time on campus undergraduate degree course in Chinese medicine would be recognised, as well as the reason for not adopting a grandfathering approach on students affected;</p> <p>(b) provide information on the number of listed CMPs who were in the same predicament as the students mentioned in paragraph (a) above as far as possible;</p>	<p>The Administration's response for (a) was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)576/06-07(01) on 6 December 2006.</p> <p>The Administration will provide a written response to (b) and (c) in the 1st quarter of 2007.</p> <p>The Administration will report back on (d) at the Panel meeting in May 2007.</p>

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		<p>(c) provide information about the number of appeals lodged with the CMC against the decisions of the Practitioners Board and how these appeals were finally resolved since the implementation of the Chinese Medicine Ordinance (Cap. 549); and</p> <p>(d) revert to the Panel when it had identified other viable means to assist listed CMPs to become registered CMPs and timetable for implementation.</p>	
<p>9. Redevelopment of Yan Chai Hospital</p>	<p>11 December 2006</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a response in writing to the followings before submitting its funding proposal to the Finance Committee for approval -</p> <p>(a) to provide information on the total estimated cost and completion time for the proposed project;</p> <p>(b) to provide information on the projected increase in the population of the Kwai Tsing and Tsuen Wan District upon the completion of the redevelopment project;</p>	<p>The Administration will provide a written response before the funding proposal of the Redevelopment of Yan Chai Hospital to be submitted to the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee in April 2007.</p>

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		<p>(c) to provide information on whether the proposed community health and wellness centre in Yan Chai Hospital would have the capacity to cope with the service demand upon its completion, and if so, what such capacity was;</p> <p>(d) to provide information on the total gross floor area of the new community health and wellness centre, as opposed to that of the existing four hospital blocks earmarked for development;</p> <p>(e) to explore into the feasibility of shortening the completion time for the redevelopment project;</p> <p>(f) to provide information on the utilisation rate of obstetrics and gynaecology service at the Princess Margaret Hospital; and</p> <p>(g) to convey members' suggestion about introducing obstetrics and gynaecology service at Yan Chai Hospital to the HA for consideration.</p>	

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10. Telephone booking system for public outpatient services	11 December 2006	<p>The Administration -</p> <p>(a) to provide all relevant information pertaining to the utilisation of the general outpatient clinics before and after the implementation of the telephone booking service;</p> <p>(b) to consider all the views/suggestions expressed by members on ways to enhance the telephone booking service and provide a written response in due course; and</p> <p>(c) to arrange a site visit to assist members to have a better understanding of the operation of the telephone booking system.</p>	<p>The Administration's response for (a) and (b) was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)972/06-07(01) on 29 January 2007. For item (c), the Hospital Authority is arranging a site visit for members to gain a better understanding on the operation including the telephone booking system of a general outpatient clinic.</p>

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<p>11. Impact of use of obstetric services by Mainland women on resources of public hospitals</p>	<p>8 January 2007</p>	<p>The Administration to provide the following information requested by members -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) total number of births in Hong Kong in the whole of 2006; (b) Government's estimate on the fertility rate in Hong Kong on the assumption that local women would have three children as advocated by Chief Executive; (c) operation of the companies offering services to arrange for Mainland pregnant women to come to Hong Kong to give birth; (d) breakdown of the births by private and public hospitals from 2001 to 2006; (e) breakdown of the births by local and Non-eligible women fathered by Hong Kong and non-Hong Kong residents in each public hospital from 2001 to 2006; (f) behaviour of Mainland pregnant women using the obstetric services of public hospitals as revealed by the review mentioned in paragraph 12 of the Administration's paper (LC Paper No. CB(2)761/06-07(03). 	<p>The Administration's response for (a), (d) and (f) was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)833/06-07(01) on 10 January 2007. The Administration will provide a written response to (b), (c) and (e) as soon as possible.</p>

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12. Redevelopment of Caritas Medical Centre (CMC), Phase 2	8 January 2007	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information before submitting its funding proposal to the Finance Committee for approval -</p> <p>(a) whether, and if so, how the proposed project could cope with the increase in service demand from the growing population in the Sham Shui Po district;</p> <p>(b) what was the delineation of role and service provision of hospitals among the Kowloon West cluster to which CMC belonged upon the completion of the proposed project; and</p> <p>(c) what was the additional manpower required for the redeveloped CMC.</p> <p>The Administration was also requested to arrange a site visit to both the Wai Yee Block of CMC and the adjacent Lok Yan School to facilitate members in gaining first-hand information on the condition of these two buildings.</p>	<p>The Administration will provide the information as requested in its funding proposal to be submitted to the Public Works Subcommittee in April 2007.</p> <p>The Administration is liaising with the HA to arrange the visit to the CMC in late February or early March 2007.</p>