

Panel on Health Services

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

	Proposed timing for discussion
1. Impact of rationalisation of public hospital services on patients	
During the discussion on Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki's request to discuss the issue of the reduction of convalescent beds in Tseung Kwan O Hospital (LC Paper No. CB(2) 1068/06-07(01) at the Panel meeting on 12 February 2007, members agreed to discuss the wider issue of the impact of rationalisation of public hospital services on patients in April 2007. The Administration agreed to strive to come up with a paper for discussion in April 2007 as far as practicable.	April 2007
2. Poison control	
Item proposed by the Administration.	April 2007
3. Communicable Disease Information System	
Item proposed by the Administration	May-July 2007
4. Mode of supply of self-financed item (SFI) drugs to patients of public hospitals	
At the meeting on 12 February 2007, the Administration was requested to report to the Panel when the Hospital Authority Board had come to a view on the mode of supply of SFI drugs before implementation.	To be confirmed
5. Development of Chinese medicine clinics in the public sector	
Item proposed by the Administration.	May 2007

Proposed timing for discussion

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 (CMPs) seeking to obtain registration status be made a standing agenda item for discussion by the Panel every six months.

May 2007

At the meeting on 12 February 2007, members agreed to follow-up on a referral from Duty Roster Members on the proposal put forward by deputations that the five CMPs represented on the Chinese Medicine Council should not be appointed by the Chief Executive but should be elected by all registered and listed CMPs. The Administration agreed to respond to such a proposal in its report to the Panel on the progress made in providing appropriate assistance to listed CMPs seeking to obtain registration status tentatively scheduled for May 2007.

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.

Proposed timing for discussion

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.

12. Progress report on promoting healthy eating among school children

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.

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13. Regulation of health care personnel not currently subject to statutory registration

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

To be confirmed

Proposed timing for discussion

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

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

Proposed timing for discussion

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

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

Proposed timing for discussion

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