

**Panel on Health Services**

**List of follow-up actions**

(Position as at 14 May 2007)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. 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 <sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2007.
2. 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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3. 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's response for (b) and (c) was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1253/06-07(01) on 7 March 2007.</p> <p>The Administration will report back on (d) at the Panel meeting to be held on 14 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>	
4. Redevelopment of Yan Chai Hospital	11 December 2006	<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's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1494/06-07(01) on 3 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 Hospital Authority (HA) for consideration.</p>	

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<p>5. 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"> <li>(a) total number of births in Hong Kong in the whole of 2006;</li> <li>(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;</li> <li>(c) operation of the companies offering services to arrange for Mainland pregnant women to come to Hong Kong to give birth;</li> <li>(d) breakdown of the births by private and public hospitals from 2001 to 2006;</li> <li>(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;</li> <li>(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).</li> </ul>	<p>The Administration's response to (a), (d) and (f) was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)833/06-07(01) on 10 January 2007, and its response to (b), (c) and (e) vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1601/06-07(01) on 17 April 2007.</p>

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<p>6. Redevelopment of Caritas Medical Centre (CMC), Phase 2</p>	<p>8 January 2007</p>	<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's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1483/06-07(03) on 3 April 2007.</p> <p>The visit to the CMC was made on 13 March 2007.</p>
<p>7. Mode of supply of self-financed item (SFI) drugs in public hospitals</p>	<p>23 January 2007</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the latest information on the percentage of SFI drugs prescribed by HA doctors to public patients.</p>	<p>The Administration will provide a response in due course.</p>

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8. Review of the Quarantine and Prevention of Disease Ordinance (Cap. 141)	12 February 2007	The Administration was requested to advise members in due course which infectious diseases would be added to the list of notifiable diseases.	The Administration will provide a written response in due course.
9. Prevention and control of HIV/AIDS	12 March 2007	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a response in writing to the following -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) breakdown of the programmes/projects supported by the AIDS Trust Fund (ATF) by type and amount involved in each of the past five years;</li> <li>(b) amount of funding for ATF for use in the coming five years, as well as the types of programmes/projects which ATF intended to fund and the percentage concerned;</li> <li>(c) including AIDS patients, people who were HIV positive and frontline AIDS workers on the Advisory Council on AIDS; and</li> <li>(d) providing free HIV testing service to non-local sex workers.</li> </ul>	The Administration will provide a written response in the second quarter of 2007.
10. Regulation of "Health Maintenance Organisations"	12 March 2007	The Administration was requested to provide comments received by the Government's Working Group on the medical director concept.	The Administration will report back to the Panel in June 2007.

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11. Rationalisation of public hospital services	2 April 2007	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information -</p> <p>(a) bed-to-population ratio; health care professional-to-population ratio; funding allocation for 2007-2008; utilisation rates of various hospital services and their associated median waiting time; and types and capacities of ambulatory and community care services provided to day patients, in each of the seven hospital clusters;</p> <p>(b) re-organisation of services undertaken in the past and its impact, if any, on the districts served; and</p> <p>(c) cross-cluster utilisation of hospital services in the past three years.</p>	The Administration will provide a written response in due course.
12. Private patient services at public hospitals and fee-sharing arrangements	2 April 2007	<p>The Administration/HA was requested to discuss with the two universities with medical faculties on ways to ensure that private patient fees received by the two universities were properly recorded, charged and audited for incorporating into HA's billing system and revert to the Panel. The Administration /HA agreed to report the results of HA's review of the billing system to the Panel when they became available in about three months' time.</p>	The Administration will report back to the Panel when the results of HA's review are available.



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13. Mortuaries in public hospitals	16 April 2007	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a response in writing to the following -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) number and percentage of mortuary compartments containing two bodies in each public hospital concerned;</li><li>(b) projected demand for capacity of mortuaries in public hospitals in the coming 10-15 years;</li><li>(c) interim contingency measures to tackle the problem of inadequate capacity of mortuaries in public hospitals such as building temporary mortuary facilities; and</li><li>(d) long-term measures to tackle the root of the problem and timetable for implementing such.</li></ul>	The Administration will report back to the Panel in June 2007.

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14. Further discussion on the obstetric service charge for non-eligible persons whose spouses are Hong Kong residents	30 April 2007	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a written response to the motion passed by the Panel at the meeting on 16 April 2007 by early June 2007. The wording of the motion reads as follows -</p> <p>"本委員會對於衛生福利及食物局及醫院管理局於今年 2 月初推行公立醫院內地孕婦的新收費政策(39,000 元/48,000 元)未有考慮對港人家庭(即父親為香港居民而母親為準來港婦女之家庭)的影響表示遺憾,並要求當局豁免港人家庭按新收費政策繳費。"</p> <p>(Translation)</p> <p>"That this Panel expresses regret that the new obstetric package charge (\$39,000/\$48,000) implemented by the Health, Welfare and Food Bureau and the Hospital Authority in early February this year for Mainland women giving birth in public hospitals has failed to take into account its impact on Hong Kong families (i.e. those with the father being a Hong Kong resident and the mother a Two-way Permit holder), and urges the Government to exempt these families from the new fee charging policy."</p>	The effectiveness of the new obstetric service arrangements (including the obstetric service package charge) and complementary immigration measures are being closely monitored.