

Panel on Health Services

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 11 January 2008)

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| 1. Surveillance of Communicable Diseases in Hong Kong - Key Trends and Follow Up

Item proposed by the Administration. | February 2008 |
| 2. Progress on the Implementation of the Human Reproductive Technology Ordinance and its Regulations

Item proposed by the Administration. | February 2008 |
| 3. Regulation of medical devices

Item proposed by the Administration.

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. | Q2 2008 |
| 4. Study on non-tobacco products that share the same trade mark as tobacco products

Item proposed by the Administration.

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. | Q2 2008 |

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Q2 2008

5. 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.

6. Progress report on registration of Chinese Medicine practitioners (CMPs)

May 2008

Subsequent to the meeting on 13 November 2006, the Panel has decided that the issue of providing appropriate assistance to listed CMPs seeking to obtain registration status be made a standing agenda item for discussion by the Panel every six months.

The item was last discussed by the Panel at its meeting on 12 November 2007.

7. Billing arrangements for private patient services at public hospitals

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 10 December 2007, Dr Hon YEUNG Sum suggested to invite representatives from the two universities with medical faculties to discuss billing arrangements for private patients at a future meeting.

8. Mode of supply of self-financed item (SFI) drugs to patients of public hospitals

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 12 February 2007, the Administration was requested to report to the Panel when the HA Board had come to a view on the mode of supply of SFI drugs before implementation.

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To be confirmed

9. Eligibility for subsidised public benefits of non-eligible persons (NEPs) whose spouses are Hong Kong residents and those who are not

During the discussion on the issue of "Obstetric service charge for NEPs whose spouses are Hong Kong residents" on 30 April 2007, members agreed that a joint meeting should be held with other relevant Panels to discuss with the Chief Secretary for Administration on the impact of eligibility for public benefits by NEPs whose spouses were Hong Kong residents on population policy and family policy.

10. Regulation of "Health Maintenance Organisations" (HMOs)

To be confirmed

The issue was last discussed at the meeting on 11 June 2007. The Administration was requested to revert to the Panel the timeframe for establishing a statutory licensing regime to regulate HMOs, in view of the lack of adequacy of the Medical Director concept to safeguard patients' welfare.

11. Review of the assessment criteria for introducing new drugs into the Hospital Authority Drug Formulary and for assistance under the Samaritan Fund

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG.

12. Operation and manpower arrangements of public mortuaries

To be confirmed

Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki has proposed to discuss the operation of public mortuaries arising from the failure of a mortuary staff at Victoria Public Mortuary to observe the stipulated procedures for claiming of deceased body before sending the body for burial.

Hon Andrew CHENG has separately proposed to discuss the manpower arrangements of public mortuaries.

13. Health care financing

To be confirmed

Item proposed by the Administration.

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- 14. Communicable Disease Information System** To be confirmed

Item proposed by the Administration

- 15. Regulation of health care personnel not currently subject to statutory registration** To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

- 16. Separation of prescribing from dispensing of drugs** To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon YEUNG Sum.

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.

- 17. Health care complaints mechanism** To be confirmed

This item was previously discussed by the Panel in 2002. The Administration undertook to revert on this subject.

- 18. Enhancing the provision of dental care for the elderly and extending school dental care services to post-primary students** To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

- 19. Medical Misadventure Fund** To be confirmed

Item proposed by Hon Albert HO.

- 20. Increase in professional indemnity insurance premiums** To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

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- 21. Regulation of services provided by beauticians** To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

- 22. Medical practice by unregistered medical practitioners** To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

- 23. Expansion of private services by the Hospital Authority** To be confirmed

Item proposed by Hon Andrew CHENG.

- 24. Report on “Substitute decision-making and advance directives in relation to medical treatment”** To be confirmed

The above report was published by the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong in August 2006.

- 25. Review of fee waiver mechanism for public hospital fees and charges** To be confirmed

Referred for follow-up by Duty Roster Members following their meeting with a deputation on 22 November 2006.

- 26. Appointment of members to the Hospital Authority Board** To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG.

- 27. Licensing examination of doctors** To be confirmed

Item proposed by Hon Mrs Selina CHOW.

At the meeting on 11 October 2007, Hon Mrs Selina CHOW suggested to discuss the issue of the low passing rate of licensing examination of doctors sat by overseas medical graduates.

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To be confirmed

28. Vaccination policy

Hon LI Kwok-ying has proposed to discuss and invite deputations' views on the Government's vaccination policy, including the mechanism for providing vaccination free of charge for vaccine preventable diseases.

香港兒童健康疫苗關注組 has provided a written submission to the Panel requesting a review of childhood immunisation programme (LC Paper No. CB(2)725/07-08(01) issued on 4 January 2008).

29. Doctor Work Reform Recommendation Report

To be confirmed

Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki has proposed to discuss the captioned Report by HA's Steering Committee on Doctor Work Hour.