

Panel on Health Services

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 16 May 2008)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Vaccination policy

June 2008

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 four written submissions (LC Paper No. CB(2)725/07-08(01) issued on 4 January 2008, LC Paper No. CB(2)1086/07-08(01) issued on 14 February 2008 , LC Paper No. CB(2)1219/07-08(01) issued on 27 February 2008 and LC Paper No. CB(2)1526/07-08(01) issued on 8 April 2008)) to the Panel requesting a review of childhood immunisation programme.

Wyeth (Hong Kong) Limited has provided a written submission to the Panel requesting inclusion of pneumococcal vaccines in the childhood immunisation programme (LC Paper No. CB(2)1016/07-08(01) issued on 5 February 2008).

At the meeting on 14 April 2008, members agreed to discuss the issue at the regular meeting in June 2008.

2. Strategy for prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

June 2008

Item proposed by the Administration.

3. Progress of licensing under the Human Reproductive Technology Ordinance

June 2008

Item proposed by the Administration.

Proposed timing for discussion

4. Allocation of resources among hospital clusters by the Hospital Authority

Q3 2008

At the meeting on 14 January 2008, the Administration was requested to revert to members in six months' time on the motion carried, the development of the new internal funding allocation model, the suggestion of rotating Hospital Chief Executives (HCEs) to also serve as Cluster Chief Executive and the progress made in rotating HCEs to work at other hospitals.

5. Progress report on promoting healthy eating among school children

Q4 2008

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. Review of Hospital Authority's new obstetric service arrangements and the obstetric service charge for non-eligible persons

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 18 February 2008, the Administration agreed to revert to members on the outcome of its review on the whole package of obstetric service arrangements before the expiry of the current legislative session.

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.

A joint letter from Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki and Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG dated 15 February 2008 on the captioned subject was issued to members on 6 March 2008 [Appendix III to LC Paper No. CB(2) 1266/07-08(01)].

Proposed timing for discussion

8. Review of the pilot schemes on the Doctor Work Reform Recommendation Report

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 10 March 2008, the Panel passed a motion requesting the Administration and the Hospital Authority to, among others, report the outcome of the review on the pilot schemes launched for implementing the Doctor Work Reform Recommendation Report to the Panel before the expiry of the current legislative session.

9. Regulation of medical devices

To be confirmed

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.

10. Study on non-tobacco products that share the same trade mark as tobacco products

To be confirmed

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.

11. 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.

Proposed timing for discussion

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. Communicable Disease Information System

To be confirmed

Item proposed by the Administration

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

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

Proposed timing for discussion

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. 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.

20. Medical Misadventure Fund

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Hon Albert HO.

21. Increase in professional indemnity insurance premiums

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

22. Regulation of services provided by beauticians

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

23. Medical practice by unregistered medical practitioners

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

Proposed timing for discussion

24. Expansion of private services by the Hospital Authority

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Hon Andrew CHENG.

25. 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.

26. 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.

27. Appointment of members to the Hospital Authority Board

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG.

28. 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.

29. Medical services in Tin Shui Wai

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG.

30. Nursing care in residential care homes for the elderly

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon Joseph LEE.