

Panel on Health Services

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 5 December 2008)

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| <p>1. Redeployment of Directorate Posts in the Department of Health</p> <p>Item proposed by the Administration.</p> | January 2009 |
| <p>2. Progress report on promoting healthy eating among school children</p> <p>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.</p> | January 2009 |
| <p>3. Healthcare reform and financing - report on stage one consultation</p> <p>The Panel held two meetings with the Administration to discuss the Healthcare Reform Consultation Document entitled "Your Health, Your Life" released on 13 March 2008. The Panel also met with a total of 64 organisations/individuals in two public hearings to listen to their views on the proposals contained in the Consultation Document.</p> <p>The Administration reported to the Panel on 16 June 2008 that over 4 300 submissions were received at the conclusion of the first stage consultation ending 13 June 2008. The Administration would take into account concerns expressed by different sectors of the community when devising more concrete proposals for second-stage consultation aimed to take place in the first half of 2009.</p> | 1 st quarter 2009 |
| <p>4. Development of a territory-wide electronic healthcare record (eHR)</p> <p>Item proposed by the Administration.</p> | 1 st quarter 2009 |

Proposed timing for discussion

- 5. Refurbishment of Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital** 1st quarter 2009

Item proposed by the Administration.

- 6. Allocation of resources among hospital clusters by the Hospital Authority (HA)** 1st quarter 2009

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.

- 7. Regulation of medical devices** 2nd quarter 2009

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. The Administration will brief the Panel on the regulatory proposal of medical devices in due course.

- 8. Implementation of the Smoking Offence Fixed Penalty System** 2nd quarter 2009

Item proposed by the Administration.

- 9. Reprovisioning of Yaumatei Specialist Clinic at Queen Elizabeth Hospital** 2nd quarter 2009

Item proposed by the Administration.

- 10. Relocation of Siu Lam Hospital to Block B of Castle Peak Hospital** 2nd quarter 2009

Item proposed by the Administration.

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11. 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 HA 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 last legislative session.

12. 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.

13. 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. The Administration was also requested to review the assessment criteria for introducing new drugs into the HA Drug Formulary and for assistance under the Samaritan Fund.

When the grant for the Samaritan Fund was discussed at the Panel meeting on 10 November 2008, members raised concern about the assessment criteria and the operation of the Drug Formulary and the Samaritan Fund. Members considered it necessary to advance the discussion on the matter at a forthcoming Panel meeting.

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

To be confirmed

The issue was last discussed by the Panel at the meeting on 11 June 2007. The Administration was requested to revert to the Panel on the time frame 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.

15. Operation and manpower arrangements of public mortuaries

To be confirmed

During the last term of the Legislative Council, Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki 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 separately proposed to discuss the manpower arrangements of public mortuaries.

16. Expansion of private services by HA

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Hon Andrew CHENG during the last term of the Legislative Council.

17. 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.

18. Nursing care in residential care homes for the elderly

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon Joseph LEE during the last term of the Legislative Council.