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for Persons with Disabilities and the Elderly
Follow-up to meeting on 29 March 2010

Supplementary Note on Subsidised Residential Care Services
for Persons with Disabilities

At the meeting of the Subcommittee on Residential and Community Care Services for Persons with Disabilities and the Elderly under the Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Welfare Services on 29 March 2010, Members requested the Administration to provide a breakdown of the 1 400 subsidised residential care places for persons with disabilities (PWDs) to be provided in the next five years by service type, district and progress of project development. The relevant information is set out at **Annex** for Members' reference.

2.   Furthermore, Members also requested the Administration to provide information on the planning parameters for residential care homes for PWDs (RCHDs) to facilitate Members' understanding of the criteria for identifying suitable premises/sites for converting into/developing RCHDs. The relevant planning parameters are provided in the ensuing paragraphs.

3.   When developing or converting premises into RCHDs, the Administration needs to ensure that the premises (in terms of space and building structure, etc.) is able to conform to the statutory requirements on fire services installations, e.g. visual fire alarm, fire detection system, automatic sprinkler system and emergency vehicular access, etc. Besides, to meet the fire safety requirement, RCHD premises should not be more than 24 metres above street level. The premises should also be able to meet the statutory requirements on provision of barrier free access, means of escape, ventilation and natural lighting, etc., as stipulated under the Buildings Ordinance / Regulations. Moreover, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) needs to consider whether the premises has sufficient space to provide complementary support services (e.g. day training services, etc.) in addition to bed space.

4.   On site selection, SWD will analyse the service demand in each district and identify suitable sites, having regard to the information in the computerised waiting list system (including the number of applicants, waiting time and

location preference, etc.) as well as the supply of rehabilitation services in the districts concerned.   In addition, SWD needs to consider if the location of the site concerned is accessible by public transport facilities.   The planning parameters and the user clause laid down by the Planning Department and the Lands Department respectively should also be taken into account to ensure that the site is suitable for the development of an RCHD.   After a site is identified, SWD has to conduct local consultation to ensure that there is community support for the RCHD project.

Social Welfare Department
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**Estimated Number of Subsidised Residential Places
for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs)
to be Provided in the Coming Five Years**

(1) **Estimated provision of places of subsidised residential care homes for PWDs from 2010-11 to 2011-12** (Note 1)

(1.1) **Subsidised residential places to be provided in the Integrated Rehabilitation Services Centres in Kwai Chung and Ho Man Tin**

Project	Type of services	Provision of places
Ex-South Kwai Chung Jockey Club Polyclinic	Care and Attention Home for Severely Disabled Persons	50
	Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons	50
	Hostel for Severely Physically Handicapped Persons	25
	Hostel for Moderately Mentally Handicapped Persons	25
	Long Stay Care Home	100
	Supported Hostel (Mentally / Physically Handicapped)	62
Ex-Ma Tau Wai Girls' Home	Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons	80
	Hostel for Severely Physically Handicapped Persons	20
	Hostel for Moderately Mentally Handicapped Persons	60
	Supported Hostel (Mentally / Physically Handicapped)	18
	Total	**490**

Note 1: The numbers of places are estimated on the basis of the information and projects in hand. The Government will continue to step up efforts in identifying new resources and suitable sites for setting up new RCHDs in order to maintain a steady increase in the provision of subsidised residential places for PWDs.

(1.2) Provision of subsidised residential care places in other premises from 2010-11 to 2011-12

Project (Note 2)	Types of services	Provision of places
Projects will be located in Southern, Tseung Kwan O, Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing (including about 210 residential care places for persons with severe disabilities to be provided after the conversion of the former O Pui Shan Boys' Home), Tuen Mun, Yuen Long and Sha Tin districts, etc.	Supported Hostel (Mentally / Physically Handicapped)	70
	Small Group Home	16
	Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons	185
	Hostel for Moderately Mentally Handicapped Persons	88
	Supported Hostel (Ex-Mentally Ill)	40
	Care and Attention Home for Severely Disabled Persons	50
	Total	**449**

Note 2: Some of the projects are in the process of local consultation and application for change of land use, and need to go through LegCo consultation and funding application under the Lotteries Fund at a later stage. Since these projects are still in the planning stage, the time of service commencement and actual number of places may change subject to the progress of project development, actual size and configuration of the premises, etc.

(2) **Estimated provision of places of subsidised residential care homes for PWDs from 2012-13 to 2014-15** (Note 1)

District	Service targets (Note 3)	2012-13 to 2014-15
Kowloon West	Severely physically handicapped persons, severely mentally handicapped persons, moderately mentally handicapped persons and the ex-mentally ill	170
Kowloon East		20
New Territories West		125
New Territories East		30
Hong Kong Island		100
	Total	**445**

Note 3: Given that these projects are still in the initial planning stage, the type of service and number of places to be provided in each project may change subject to the actual size and design of the premises, etc. Hence, we are not able to provide a breakdown of the estimated service places by service type at this stage.