



30 September 2017

Secretariat
Bills Committee on Private Healthcare Facilities Bill
Legislative Council
Attn: Ms Chu

BY FAX & EMAIL

Dear Ms Chu,

Bills Committee on Private Healthcare Facilities Bill
Legco Meeting on 9 October 2017

I refer to your letter (Ref: CB2/BC/8/16) received on 29 September 2017. On behalf of the Haven of Hope Sister Annie Skau Holistic Care Centre, I would like to submit our views on the captioned Bill as below:

Haven of Hope Sister Annie Skau Holistic Care Centre (SASHCC) is currently registered as a Nursing Home under Section 3 of the Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Maternity Homes Registration Ordinance (Cap. 165). Since 2006, SASHCC has been specialized in providing palliative hospice care services to patients of late stage cancers or other chronic diseases based on a Holistic Care model. Up to date, nearly 2,000 patients have been served. Our mission is to support our patients and their families to “Embrace the Last Journey with Love” (用愛擁抱晚晴).

In light of the introduction of the new regulatory regime replacing Cap. 165 currently in force, SASHCC is one of the Scheduled Nursing Homes listed under Schedule 9 of the Private Healthcare Facilities Bill. Concerning the transitional arrangement for these Scheduled Nursing Homes to apply for an exemption under this new legislation, it is proposed to allow the validity period of exemption to be long enough for the homes to prepare for fully meeting the requirements of the new Bill or Cap. 459 while ensuring them to continue to operate and be regulated by Department of Health.



The Centre is actively engaging in an extension project to develop into a chronic care hospital providing quality palliative/ hospice case and infirmary care for the Hong Kong citizens. We would like to request adequate time provision to be allowed for the transitional arrangements. Also, as the service nature of the Centre indicates, the vast majority of our patients have advanced care planning / advanced directives done and opted for DNACPR (Do-Not-Attempt Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation). A more flexible approach in the resuscitation policy and the requirement of 24 hours medical staff on-site should be adopted regarding Clause 69 of the new Bill.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Yours faithfully,

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Medical Superintendent

Haven of Hope Sister Annie Skau

Holistic Care Centre