

**Legislative Council  
Subcommittee on Children's Rights**

**Supplementary information provided arising from the discussion at  
the meeting on 20 March 2018**

The ensuing paragraphs set out the supplementary information we provided arising from the discussion at the Subcommittee meeting on 20 March 2018.

**Training of healthcare staff of the Hong Kong Children's Hospital**

2. From 2011-12 to 2017-18, 128 doctors, 77 nurses and 48 allied health staff have undergone overseas training to cater for the preparation for phased service commissioning of Hong Kong Children's Hospital (HKCH). There have been another 6 000 attendances at local training. Overseas and local training activities will continue in the coming years to enhance the professional standard of healthcare staff.

**Projected service demand**

3. In capacity planning of the HKCH, Hospital Authority (HA) has taken into account a number of factors, including the service demand as a result of projected demographic changes in the paediatric population, service utilisation, as well as the service re-organisation of the paediatric service network upon service commencement of HKCH in the fourth quarter of 2018.

4. Through a hub-and-spoke model, HKCH will work closely with the existing paediatric departments in other public hospitals in HA to form a coordinated and coherent paediatric service network. HKCH will serve as a tertiary referral centre for managing complex, serious and uncommon paediatric cases requiring multi-disciplinary intervention, whereas the regional hospitals will provide emergency, secondary, step-down and community paediatric care in their respective communities. The existing tertiary specialised beds for paediatric oncology, cardiology and nephrology will be translocated to HKCH, and most complicated paediatric surgeries will also be centralised at HKCH.

5. According to the Hong Kong Population Projections 2017-2066 published by Census and Statistics Department, the population of Hong Kong aged 19 or under will maintain at around 1.2 million in the next 10 years. HA will regularly monitor and review its service utilisation and update the service demand projection according to the latest population projection parameters and development plan of the Government.

### **Timeline for migrating to full service**

6. The first phase of HKCH's service commencement, to be launched from the fourth quarter of 2018 to the second quarter of 2019, will begin with specialist outpatient service, followed by the gradual opening of inpatient service. As in other new hospital projects of HA, such arrangement allows reasonable time for testing the service models and clinical work flow before the hospital is in full service, so as to ensure patient safety, quality of service and smoothness in operation.

7. Under the above-mentioned hub-and-spoke model and the agreed reorganisation of the HA paediatric services, the services to be provided in HKCH's first phase of service commissioning include oncology, cardiology and cardiac surgery, nephrology, paediatric surgery, anaesthesiology, paediatric intensive care, neonatal intensive care, critical care transport, radiology, pathology, palliative care and primary cleft and palate surgery.

8. Regarding the clinical services to be commenced in the next phase, the HA has formed relevant Clinical Work Groups to deliberate on the service models of the respective services, including endocrinology & metabolic medicine, gastroenterology & hepatology, rheumatology, immunology, neurology and respirology, etc. The Clinical Work Groups will formulate the referral mechanisms for the various specialties. With manpower and resources support, the relevant services will commence by phases while ensuring patient safety and quality of service.

### **Projected recurrent expenditure**

9. The budget allocation for HKCH, including the additional

financial provision for 2018-19, is being worked out by the HA

### **Hospital Governing Committee**

10. Like other public hospitals, HA has since 1 April 2018 set up a Hospital Governing Committee (HGC) for HKCH under the Hospital Authority Ordinance (Cap. 113) for the purposes of –

- (a) advising HA of the needs to provide hospital services to the public and of the resources required to meet those needs; and
- (b) overseeing the management of the hospital in ways which are conducive to achieving the following objectives:
  - (i) to optimise the utilisation of hospital beds, staff and equipment to ensure the public hospital provides hospital services of the highest possible standard within the resources obtainable;
  - (ii) to improve the public hospital environment for the benefit of patients; and
  - (iii) to attract, motivate and retain qualified staff.

The HGC will hold regular meetings usually on quarterly basis to receive reports from the hospital management and discuss governance work of the hospital.

11. The current membership list of the HGC is at Annex. The appointees possess appropriate experience and expertise, including service to other HGCs, rich experience in management, community engagement and fund-raising, as well as passion in healthcare services.

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**Membership list of the Hospital Governing Committee of  
the Hong Kong Children's Hospital**  
(position as at 1 April 2018)

**Chairman :**

Mr John LEE Luen-wai, BBS, JP

**Members :**

1. Mrs Ann KUNG YEUNG Yun-chi
2. Mrs Nina LAM LEE Yuen-bing, MH
3. Prof Gabriel Matthew LEUNG, GBS, JP
4. Prof LEUNG Ting-fan
5. Mr Patrick MA Ching-hang, BBS, JP
6. Prof Grace TANG Wai-king, SBS, JP
7. Prof Maurice YAP Keng-hung, JP
8. Mr Richard YUEN Ming-fai, GBS, JP

**Ex-officio  
members**

: Hospital Authority Chief Executive or his  
representative

Hospital Chief Executive