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Panel on Health Services

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**Placement of residents of the social service units
affected by the phase two redevelopment of the Prince of Wales Hospital**

The Prince of Wales Hospital ("PWH") is the acute general hospital and the tertiary referral centre for the New Territories East ("NTE") Cluster of the Hospital Authority ("HA"). It also serves as the teaching hospital of the Faculty of Medicine of the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

2. The phase one redevelopment of PWH was completed in 2010. It was announced in the 2014-2015 Budget Speech that planning for the phase two redevelopment of PWH would commence. The Chief Executive announced in the 2016 Policy Address that a dedicated provision of \$200 billion had been set aside for the implementation of a 10-year public hospital development plan which included, among others, the phase two redevelopment of PWH. When members were briefed on the 10-year public hospital development plan at the meeting of the Panel on Health Services ("the Panel") on 18 January 2016, the Administration advised that HA had drawn up the Clinical Services Plan for the NTE Cluster to set out its future service delivery model for tackling the long-term healthcare needs of the community in the Sha Tin, Tai Po and North districts. The phase two redevelopment of PWH would focus on expanding its capacity as well as modernizing its services to become the hub of the NTE Cluster's academic health science network with the provision of state-of-the-art teaching and research facilities.

3. According to the Administration, the preparatory works of the phase two (stage 1) redevelopment of PWH include site investigations, minor studies and surveys, as well as consultancy services for outline sketch design, detailed design, and tender documentation and assessment for the main works. The proposed scope of the main works comprises (a) renovation works at the Day

Treatment Block and Block B of the Staff Quarters for decanting of Blocks A, C, D and E of the Staff Quarters and the Nursing School Lecture Theatre; (b) diversion/relocation/re-provisioning of building services for Blocks B and F of the Staff Quarters, which are currently located in Blocks A, C, D and E of the Staff Quarters; (c) demolition of Blocks A, C, D and E of the Staff Quarters and the Nursing School Lecture Theatre; and (d) construction of an In-patient Extension Block at the site of the existing Blocks A, C, D and E of the Staff Quarters and the Nursing School Lecture Theatre. Upon completion of the phase two (stage 1) redevelopment of PWH, there would be 450 additional beds and 16 additional operating theatres to meet the increasing healthcare needs in the NTE Cluster. Subject to funding approval of the Finance Committee, the preparatory works are planned to commence in the third quarter of 2017 for completion in the first quarter of 2020.

4. According to the Administration, there are currently three social service units located at the to-be-demolished Block E of the Staff Quarters. They are (a) a private residential care home for the elderly operated by Refine Home Company Limited; (b) a self-financing supported hostel providing residential care services for mentally handicapped persons operated by Fu Hong Society; and (c) a self-financing supported hostel providing residential care services for ex-mentally ill persons operated by Mental Health Association of Hong Kong. In response to the concerns raised by Dr Fernando CHEUNG in his letter dated 7 December 2016 on the impact of the capital works project on the operation of the social service units concerned, the Administration has provided the Panel with information on the placement of the affected residents of these units. Members may refer to LC Paper Nos. CB(2)357/16-17(01) and CB(2)446/16-17(01) respectively for Dr Fernando CHEUNG's concern and the Administration's response.

5. The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest progress on the placement of the affected residents of the social service units at the meeting on 17 January 2017. It will separately consult the Panel on the proposed works of the phase two (stage 1) redevelopment of PWH in May 2017.