

**Panel on Health Services**

**List of outstanding items for discussion**

(position as at 14 June 2017)

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<b>1.</b>	<b>Enhancement of medical fee waiver system of Hospital Authority</b>	July 2017

Item proposed by the Administration.

To ensure that no one will be denied adequate medical care due to lack of means, the Hospital Authority ("HA") has established a medical fee waiver system to provide assistance for needy patients. The Government announced in the 2017 Policy Address to extend the medical fee waiver to cover older Old Age Living Allowance recipients with more financial needs (i.e. elderly singletons aged 75 or above with assets not exceeding \$144,000 or elderly couples with assets not exceeding \$218,000). The Administration intends to brief the Panel on the implementation of this initiative and other enhancements to the medical fee waiver system.

<b>2.</b>	<b>Hong Kong Strategy and Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance</b>	July 2017
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Item proposed by the Administration.

The Antimicrobial Resistance ("AMR") problem is one of the emerging health issues across the globe, including Hong Kong. To tackle the threat posed by AMR, the Government set up the High-level Steering Committee on Antimicrobial Resistance ("HLSC") in June 2016 to provide guidance and formulate strategies and actions against AMR under the "One Health" Framework.

Taking into account the close connection among human health, animal health and the environment, HLSC has

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endorsed in principle the "Hong Kong Strategy and Action Plan on AMR" in May 2017 to address the AMR and related issues in Hong Kong on all fronts.

**3. Regulation of electronic cigarettes**

2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2017

At the meeting on 18 May 2015, the Panel was briefed on the legislative proposals to strengthen tobacco control, which included, among others, the policy direction of the legislative proposal to regulate electronic cigarettes. A special meeting was held on 6 July 2015 to receive public views on the proposals. The Administration was requested to revert to the Panel on how it would take forward the proposals.

At the informal meeting between the Chairman of the Panel and the Secretary for Food and Health ("SFH") to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2015-2016 session on 26 October 2015, it was agreed that the item be scheduled for discussion in January 2016.

Hon Alice MAK and Hon KWOK Wai-keung proposed vide their joint letter dated 11 November 2015 (LC Paper No. CB(2)266/15-16(01)) that the Panel should discuss issues relating to the regulation of electronic cigarettes. The Administration's proposed timing for discussion of the subject was revised to the first half of 2016 in December 2015, and to the second half of 2016 in May 2016. The proposed timing for discussion was further revised to the first half of 2017 in October 2016, and to the second half of 2017 in May 2017.

**4. General Outpatient Clinic Public-Private Partnership Programme**

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At the meeting on 16 March 2015, the Panel was briefed on the progress of the General Outpatient Clinic Public-Private Partnership Programme. The Administration was requested to revert to the Panel on

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the findings of the interim review on the Programme to be carried out by HA in mid-2015. In October 2015, the Administration advised that the interim review is currently under way. The Administration's proposed timing for discussion of the subject was revised from the second half of 2017 to the third quarter of 2017 in February 2017.

**5. Voluntary accredited registers scheme for healthcare personnel who are currently not subject to statutory regulation**

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At the meeting on 16 May 2016, the Administration briefed the Panel on the proposed regulatory framework of the voluntary accredited registers scheme for healthcare personnel who are currently not subject to statutory regulation. Members noted that a pilot scheme would be launched before end of 2016 to test the feasibility of the voluntary accredited registers scheme. The Administration was requested to revert to the Panel on the implementation of the pilot scheme in the 2016-2017 legislative session. Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che and Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki suggested that the Panel should receive views from the stakeholders on the pilot scheme.

In October 2016, the Administration advised that it planned to revert to the Panel on the subject in the fourth quarter of 2016 or the first quarter of 2017. The proposed timing for discussion was revised to the first quarter of 2017 in November 2016.

At the meeting on 26 January 2017, in the context of discussing the policy initiatives in respect of health matters, members were advised that with the launch of the pilot scheme in end 2016, the plan of the accreditation agent was to submit the accreditation results for consideration by the Department of Health ("DH") by the third quarter of 2017. The final accreditation outcomes were expected to be announced by end-2017.

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**6. Review of HA**

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At the meeting on 20 July 2015, the Panel was briefed on the Report of the Steering Committee on Review of HA. It was noted that HA planned to implement the recommendations of the Steering Committee within three years. Members agreed that the Administration and HA should report the progress on the implementation of the recommendations to the Panel on a yearly basis.

HA released its action plan for the implementation of the recommendations of the Steering Committee on 22 October 2015. The action plan together with an information paper provided by the Administration on the subject were issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)97/15-16(01) on the same day.

At the meeting on 20 June 2016, the Panel was briefed on the first progress report of HA on the implementation of the recommendations of the Steering Committee.

In October 2016, the Administration advised that it would brief the Panel on the next progress report of HA in the first half of 2017.

In February 2017, the Chairman instructed that issues relating to the provision of specialist outpatient service to elderly patients, which were among the various items referred to the Panel for follow-up by the Public Account Committee as set out in the Appendix to LC Paper No. CB(2)876/16-17(01), be followed up under this item.

**7. Progress for the development of Chinese medicine hospital**

To be confirmed

Item proposed by the Administration.

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The Chief Executive announced in 2017 Policy Address that the Government has decided to finance the construction of a Chinese medicine hospital on a reserved site in Tseung Kwan O, and invite HA to assist in identifying a suitable non-profit-making organization by tender to take forward the project and operate the hospital.

The Administration intends to brief the Panel on the progress for the development of the Chinese medicine hospital.

This subject was originally scheduled for discussion at the meeting on 19 June 2017. At the request of the Administration and with the concurrence of the Chairman, discussion of the subject has been deferred to a future meeting.

**8. Provision of obstetric services in the Tseung Kwan O Hospital** To be confirmed

At the meeting on 13 June 2011, the Administration advised that HA would monitor closely the manpower situation with regard to obstetric and paediatric services and would review in 2012-2013 the appropriate timing for the commissioning of the obstetric and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit services in the Tseung Kwan O Hospital ("TKOH"). Before such services were provided in TKOH, the relevant demand in the Kowloon East region could continue to be catered for by the United Christian Hospital.

At the meeting on 21 January 2013, the Administration advised that HA would continue to make plan to prepare for the opening of such services in TKOH at an opportune time as and when sufficient manpower was available and safety standard could be assured. The Administration would revert to the Panel on the progress.

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Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT proposed vide her letter dated 22 August 2014 (LC Paper No. CB(2)2234/13-14(03)) that the Panel should discuss the subject in the 2014-2015 legislative session. In November 2014, the Administration advised that it would brief the Panel on the subject in the third quarter of 2015. In October 2015, the Administration advised that its latest plan was to brief the Panel on the subject in the fourth quarter of 2015. The proposed timing for discussion was further revised to the first half of 2016 in November 2015, and to the second half of 2016 in May 2016.

**9. Public and private hospital development under the dual-track healthcare system**

(See note)

At the meeting on 18 December 2012, members requested the Administration to revert to the Panel on the blueprint to develop the medical services, including the service capacity of public and private hospitals.

The Panel discussed private hospital development at the meeting on 15 April 2013. As regards public hospital development, the Panel was briefed on the redevelopment and expansion plans of public hospitals at the meeting on 15 July 2013.

At the meeting on 10 October 2013, members considered the suggestion of the Administration to remove the item from the list and were of the view that the Administration should revert to the Panel on its blueprint for the long-term development of public and private hospitals under the dual-track healthcare system.

Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT proposed vide her letter dated 19 August 2014 (LC Paper No. CB(2)2234/13-14(02)) that the Panel should discuss the implementation of the phase two expansion project of the Prince of Wales Hospital ("PWH") in the 2014-2015 legislative session.

At the meeting on 15 October 2015, Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested that the Administration should brief

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the Panel on the planning progress of the development of a new acute general hospital in the Kai Tak Development Area and the redevelopment of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in the 2015-2016 session.

At the meeting on 18 January 2016, SFH briefed the Panel on the public hospital development plan for the coming 10 years as announced by the Chief Executive in his 2016 Policy Address. Members noted that a total provision of \$200 billion has been earmarked for the implementation of the development plan.

At the meeting on 18 October 2016, Hon CHAN Han-pan suggested that the Administration should update the Panel on the progress of the development of a Chinese medicine hospital. Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT and Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki respectively suggested at the same meeting that the Administration should brief the Panel on its plan to enhance the hospital services of the New Territories East Cluster and the timetable of individual projects under the 10-year public hospital development plan in the 2016-2017 session.

*[Note: At the informal meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2016-2017 session on 27 October 2016, the Administration has advised that it would consult the Panel on the funding proposals for the development and/or expansion plans of individual public hospitals as and when appropriate.]*

**10. Prenatal tests provided by HA**

(See note)

Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT proposed in her letter dated 19 August 2014 (LC Paper No. CB(2)2234/13-14(01)) discussion on introduction of non-invasive prenatal test for Down's syndrome in public hospitals. The Chairman instructed that the subject of prenatal screening for Down's syndrome under HA be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.

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At the meeting on 19 January 2015, in the context of discussing the policy initiatives in respect of health matters, members were advised that the Administration and HA were exploring the introduction of non-invasive prenatal test for Down's syndrome in the future Hong Kong Children's Hospital.

At the meeting on 18 October 2016, Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT suggested that the provision of low-risk prenatal tests should be discussed by the Panel in the 2016-2017 session. Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested at the same meeting that the Panel should discuss the provision of antenatal checkups for pregnant women in the New Territories West Cluster in the session.

*[Note: At the informal meeting between the Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2015-2016 session on 26 October 2015, it was agreed that the subject "Prenatal screening for Down's syndrome under HA" would be discussed in the context of "Women's health"(i.e. item 16 below).]*

**11. Healthcare and support services for patients with chronic diseases**

To be confirmed

Hon CHAN Yuen-han and Hon Alice MAK proposed vide their joint letter dated 1 December 2014 (LC Paper No. CB(2)401/14-15(01)) that the Panel should discuss the provision of healthcare and support services for patients with chronic diseases. Members agreed at the meeting on 15 December 2014 that the subject be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.

At the informal meeting between the Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2015-2016 session on 26 October 2015, it was noted that the Joint Subcommittee on Long-term Care Policy set up under the Panel and the Panel on Welfare Services in the Fifth Legislative Council had studied the relevant issues. The Joint Subcommittee had completed



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its work, and made a number of recommendations for the Administration's consideration. A motion to take note of the report of the Joint Subcommittee was moved by its Chairman at the Council meeting of 3 December 2014. The Administration has provided a progress report on the motion in May 2015.

**12. Handling of public requests for emergency medical needs within the vicinity of public hospitals**

To be confirmed

Hon Alice MAK proposed vide her letter dated 10 August 2015 (LC Paper No. CB(2)2004/14-15(01)) that the Panel should discuss issues relating to the handling of emergency medical requests by public hospitals arising from a North Lantau Hospital incident.

The Chairman instructed that the subject of handling of public requests for emergency medical needs within vicinity of public hospitals be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion. In October 2015, the Administration advised that it would brief the Panel on the subject in the fourth quarter of 2015. The proposed timing for discussion was further revised to the first half of 2016 in November 2015, and to the second half of 2016 in May 2016.

**13. Procedure in organ transplant**

To be confirmed

Hon CHAN Han-pan proposed vide his letter dated 28 August 2015 (LC Paper No. CB(2)2062/14-15(01)) that the Panel should discuss issues relating to an organ donation and transplantation incident in PWH whereby it was found that the donor had renal cell carcinoma after the carrying out of the heart and lungs transplantations. The Chairman instructed that the subject of procedure in organ transplant be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.

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Dr Hon Pierre CHAN proposed vide his letter dated 2 May 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(2)1323/16-17(01)) requesting the Panel to discuss at the earliest possible time issues relating to organ donation and transplant.

**14. Monitoring of the unauthorized sale of pharmaceutical products** To be confirmed

Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki proposed vide his letter dated 9 October 2015 (LC Paper No. CB(2)2229/14-15(01)) that the Panel should discuss issues relating to the monitoring of the unauthorized sale of pharmaceutical products and invited views from deputations on the subject. The Chairman instructed that the subject be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.

**15. Regulation and development of beauty services** To be confirmed

The subject was last discussed at the joint meeting of the Panel and the Panel on Commerce and Industry held on 23 June 2015. At the meetings on 15 October 2015 and 18 October 2016, Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested that the Panel should follow up on issues relating to the regulation of beauty services in the sessions concerned.

Issues relating to the use control of medical devices commonly used in beauty procedures and the regulation of day procedure centres have respectively been discussed by the Panel under the subjects "Proposed regulatory framework for medical devices" and "Legislative proposal for regulation of private healthcare facilities" on 16 January and 28 February 2017 respectively.

On 21 and 28 February 2017, the Panel on Commerce and Industry and the Panel respectively agreed to appoint a Joint Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Regulation of Devices and Development of the Beauty

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Industry under the two Panels. Members noted that the Joint Subcommittee would be placed on the waiting list until a vacant slot arose to accommodate its activation. In the light of the above, members agreed that the two Panels should hold a joint meeting in the interim to follow up the relevant issues.

**16. Women's health**

To be confirmed

Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT proposed at the meeting on 15 October 2015 and vide her letter dated 20 October 2015 (LC Paper No. CB(2)117/15-16(01)) that the subject on women's health, including the prevention of breast and cervical cancers and provision of cervical cancer vaccination for the female population, should be discussed by the Panel in the 2015-2016 session.

At the meeting on 18 October 2016, Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT suggested that the provision of breast cancer screening should be discussed by the Panel in the 2016-2017 session.

**17. Public health measures for the lead in drinking water incidents**

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 15 October 2015, Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested that the Administration should revert to the Panel at the earliest opportunity in the 2015-2016 session on the public health measures for the lead in drinking water incidents, in particular measures to safeguard the quality of drinking water from the health perspective, analysis of blood lead testing results and health impacts of lead consumption on affected persons not belonged to the three more easily affected groups.

At the informal meeting between the Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2015-2016 session on 26 October 2015, it was agreed

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that the item be scheduled for discussion in the second quarter of 2016.

At the meeting on 18 October 2016, Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki considered that the Administration should revert to the Panel on the subject in the 2016-2017 session.

**18. Healthcare referral mechanism between DH and HA** To be confirmed

Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki proposed vide his letter dated 16 October 2015 (LC Paper No. CB(2)71/15-16(01)) that the Panel should discuss issues relating to the healthcare referral mechanism between DH and HA. He was particularly concerned about the referral arrangement for patients suffering from Psoriasis under the treatment of the dermatological clinics of DH. The Chairman instructed that the subject be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.

**19. Implementation of the Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme** To be confirmed

At the meeting on 16 November 2015, in the context of discussing the Administration's proposed supplementary provision to meet the estimated voucher expenditure of the Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme in 2015-2016, members agreed that the Administration should revert to the Panel on the implementation of the Scheme, including the pilot scheme launched at the University of Hong Kong – Shenzhen Hospital in October 2015, at a future meeting.

At the meeting on 20 June 2016, in the context of discussing the "Review of Elderly Health Assessment Pilot Programme", members were advised that a comprehensive review of the Scheme was in progress. The strategic directions of the elderly health assessment service provided by DH would be reviewed taking into account the findings of the study.

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At the meeting on 26 January 2017, in the context of discussing the policy initiatives in respect of health matters, members were advised that additional resources would be allocated to DH for lowering the eligibility age for the Scheme from 70 to 65 within 2017.

**20. HA's private patient services**

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 21 December 2015, HA advised that the priority areas identified by the Private Service Review Working Group for improving the administration of private patient services and the processing of related revenue in the two teaching hospitals would be considered by the Teaching Hospital Committee. The Administration was requested to revert to the Panel on the way forward for implementing the recommendations of the Working Group. In July 2016, the Administration provided a written response (LC Paper No. CB(2)1893/15-16) on the matter.

At the meeting on 18 October 2016, Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki considered that the Panel should further discuss the subject in the 2016-2017 session.

**21. Review of the implementation of the smoking ban at the bus interchanges at the eight tunnel portal areas**

To be confirmed

The item was referred to the Panel for follow-up by the Subcommittee on Smoking (Public Health) Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 2) Order 2015.

During the scrutiny of the Amendment Order, the Administration has advised that it would review the smoking ban at the eight bus interchanges concerned after 12 months of implementation and consider the way forward for further expanding the non-smoking areas to other facilities or areas. The Subcommittee agreed to refer the outcome of the review to the Panel for follow-up.

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<b>22.</b>	<b>Review of the Human Reproductive Technology Ordinance (Cap. 561)</b>	To be confirmed
	<p>The item was referred to the Panel for follow-up by the Bills Committee on Human Reproductive Technology (Amendment) Bill 2015.</p> <p>During the scrutiny of the Bill, the Administration has advised that it would work with the Council on Human Reproductive Technology ("CHRT") to look into the need to amend the Human Reproductive Technology Ordinance comprehensively having regard to the stakeholders' feedback and the operating experience of CHRT. The Administration undertook to keep the Panel informed of the progress.</p>	
<b>23.</b>	<b>Provision of alternative therapy</b>	To be confirmed
	<p>At the meeting on 16 May 2016, members considered the proposal of Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki to discuss issues relating to the provision of alternative therapy (LC Paper No. CB(2) 1479/15-16(01)) and agreed that the subject should be discussed at a future meeting of the Panel.</p>	
<b>24.</b>	<b>Regulation of Chinese herbal medicines</b>	To be confirmed
	<p>At the meeting on 16 December 2013, the Panel was briefed on the Administration's work in regulating Chinese herbal medicines and testing for pesticide residues in Chinese herbal medicines. Separately, issues relating to the reference standards, safety and quality of the commonly used Chinese herbal medicines were discussed by the Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Development of Chinese Medicine appointed by the Panel in the Fifth Legislative Council. At the meeting on 18 October 2016, Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed that the Panel should discuss the safety</p>	

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standard and surveillance of pesticide residues and heavy metal in Chinese herbal medicines in the 2016-2017 session.

At the request of Dr Hon Helena WONG, the Administration provided an information paper on regulation of pesticide residues and heavy metals in Chinese herbal medicines when it briefed the Panel on the legislative proposal for conferring power on the Director of Health to issue recall order under the Chinese Medicine Ordinance (Cap. 549) at its meeting on 28 February 2017. At the meeting, members agreed that the Panel should further discuss the safety standard and surveillance of pesticide residues and heavy metal in Chinese herbal medicines at a future meeting.

Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed vide her letter dated 10 March 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(2)963/16-17(01)) that the Panel should discuss in the 2016-2017 session the regulation of Chinese herbal medicines (in particular planting, import, distribution, retail and testing of Chinese herbal medicines), and the policy on the procurement of Chinese herbal medicines by Chinese Medicine Centres for Training and Research under HA. The Administration has provided a written response (LC Paper No. CB(2)1240/16-17(01)) to the issues raised in the aforesaid letter.

On 25 April 2017, the Panel agreed to appoint a Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Development of Chinese Medicine to, among others, follow up issues relating to registration of Chinese medicines. Members noted that the Subcommittee would be placed on the waiting list until a vacant slot arose to accommodate its activation.

**25. Regulation of health food products**

To be confirmed

Hon CHAN Han-pan and Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed at the meeting on 18 October 2016 that the

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Panel should discuss the regulation of health food products in the 2016-2017 session.

At the informal meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2016-2017 session on 27 October 2016, SFH has advised that the Food and Health Bureau was studying whether an independent legislation should be introduced for regulating health food products. In the course, consideration would be given to the priority of various other tasks under its purview.

Hon CHAN Han-pan proposed vide his letter dated 8 March 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(2)953/16-17(01)) that the Panel should discuss the registration and monitoring of health food products in the 2016-2017 session. The Administration has provided a written response (LC Paper No. CB(2)1250/16-17(01)) to the issues raised in the aforesaid letter.

- 26. Provision of one-stop services for victims of sexual violence in public hospitals** To be confirmed

At the meeting on 18 October 2016, Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested that the Panel should discuss the provision of one-stop services for victims of sexual violence in public hospitals in the 2016-2017 session.

- 27. Measures for the prevention and control of Zika virus infection** To be confirmed

The subject was last discussed at the meeting of the Panel held on 15 February 2016. At the meeting on 18 October 2016, Hon Tanya CHAN suggested that the Administration should update the Panel on measures for the prevention and control of Zika virus infection at an opportune time in the 2016-2017 session.



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<b>28.</b>	<b>Nursing manpower</b>	(See note)
	<p>At the meeting on 18 October 2016, Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT suggested that the Panel should discuss nursing manpower, including the establishment of nursing staff in public hospitals, in the 2016-2017 session.</p> <p><i>[Note: As advised by the Administration in June 2017, the subject will be covered in the discussion of the item on "Strategic review on healthcare manpower planning and professional development" at the Panel meeting on 19 June 2017.]</i></p>	
<b>29.</b>	<b>Provision of public dental care services</b>	To be confirmed
	<p>At the meeting on 18 October 2016, Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT suggested the discussion of the provision of public dental care services in the 2016-2017 session.</p>	
	<p>Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki proposed vide his letter dated 13 March 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(2)976/16-17(01)) that the Panel should discuss at the earliest possible time the dental care services for persons with intellectual disability. Separately, the subject of "dental care for the elderly and people with disabilities" was discussed by the Subcommittee on Long-term Care Policy set up under the Panel and the Panel on Welfare Services in the Sixth Legislative Council at its meeting on 19 April 2017.</p>	
	<p>Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki further proposed vide his letter dated 2 May 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(2)1324/16-17(01)) requesting the Panel to discuss at the earliest possible time issues relating to provision of dental care services.</p>	

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<b>30.</b>	<b>Organ donation</b>	To be confirmed
	<p>The subject was last discussed at the meeting of the Panel held on 18 April 2016. At the meeting on 18 October 2016, Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT suggested that the Panel should further discuss organ donation in the 2016-2017 session.</p> <p>At the informal meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2016-2017 session on 27 October 2016, the Administration has advised that it is planning a survey to assess more in-depth the public's understanding and acceptance of organ donation and different organ donation mechanism.</p> <p>Dr Hon Pierre CHAN proposed vide his letter dated 2 May 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(2)1323/16-17(01)) requesting the Panel to discuss at the earliest possible time issues relating to organ donation and transplant.</p>	
<b>31.</b>	<b>Clinical governance of the obstetric surgeries of HA</b>	To be confirmed
	<p>Hon CHAN Han-pan suggested vide his letter dated 23 December 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(2)506/16-17(01)) that the Panel should hold an urgent discussion on the maternal death cases in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.</p> <p>The Chairman instructed that the subject "Clinical governance of the obstetric surgeries of HA" be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.</p>	
<b>32.</b>	<b>Prevention of crime in psychiatric wards of the HA hospitals</b>	To be confirmed
	<p>Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen suggested vide her letter dated 16 January 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(2)623/16-</p>	

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17(01)) that the Panel should discuss issues relating to the sexual assault case of the psychiatric wards of the Kowloon Hospital. Members agreed at the meeting on 16 January 2017 that the subject "Prevention of crime in psychiatric wards of the HA hospitals" be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.

Dr Hon Pierre CHAN further suggested vide his letter dated 14 February 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(2)806/16-17(01)) that the Panel should discuss the security measures for public hospital wards in the light of the sexual assault cases of the psychiatric wards of the HA hospitals.

- 33. Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategy for Hong Kong (2017-2021) formulated by the Hong Kong Advisory Council on AIDS** To be confirmed

Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki suggested vide his letter dated 16 January 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(2)644/16-17(01)) that the Panel should discuss the recommended HIV/AIDS strategy for Hong Kong (2017-2021) formulated by the Hong Kong Advisory Council on AIDS. The Chairman instructed that the subject be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.

Hon CHAN Chi-chuen proposed vide his letter dated 24 May 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(2)1500/16-17(01)) that the Panel should discuss the subject matter at the earliest possible time.

- 34. Workflow and infection control measures of operating theatres in cataract centres and day care centres of HA** To be confirmed

Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen proposed vide her letter dated 9 March 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(2)964/16-17(01)) that the Panel should discuss at the earliest

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possible time the workflow and infection control measures of operating theatres in cataract centres and day care centres of HA. The Chairman instructed that the subject be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion. The Administration has provided a written response (LC Paper No. CB(2)1023/16-17(01)) to the issues raised in the aforesaid letter.

- 35. Feasibility study on the introduction of ultra-expensive drugs into the safety net of the Samaritan Fund or other funds** To be confirmed

At the meeting on 11 April 2017, the Panel was briefed on a proposed Community Care Fund ("CCF") Programme to subsidize eligible patients to purchase ultra-expensive drugs (including drugs for treatment of uncommon disorders such as Paroxysmal Nocturnal Haemoglobinuria). Members were advised that the Administration and HA would review the arrangements for the proposed CCF Programme after its implementation taking into account the operational experience and would revert to the Panel on the outcome of the review.

- 36. Implementation of the recommendations of the review on mental health** To be confirmed

At the meetings on 25 April and 22 May 2017, the Panel was briefed on the Mental Health Review Report issued by the Administration on 18 April 2017. Members were advised that the Administration would revert to the Panel on the concrete proposals for the implementation of the recommendations put forward in the Report for the enhancement of the overall mental health services in Hong Kong.

- 37. Substitute decision-making and advance directives in relation to medical treatment** To be confirmed

At the meeting on 8 December 2008, the Panel was briefed on the recommendations made by the Law

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Reform Commission ("LRC") on advance directives in its report entitled "Substitute Decision-making and Advance Directives in Relation to Medical Treatment" published in August 2006. Members were advised that taking into account that the concept of advance directives was not one with which the community was generally familiar, the Administration considered that it would be premature to attempt to formulate a statutory framework and to embark on any legislation process for advance directives at this stage. It would however consult and solicit inputs of the relevant professions and organizations on the information about advance directives to be provided to the public in the first quarter of 2009, with a view to enabling an informed choice by an individual who wished to make an advance directive.

The Administration has advised that having regard to the outcome of the consultation, it considered it more advisable to implement advance directives by way of legislation where there was a greater degree of awareness and consensus over the use of advance directives and that the community was ready for it. The Review Committee on Mental Health, which was set up in May 2013, would consider, among others, whether and how necessary changes should be introduced to the Mental Health Ordinance (Cap. 136) including LRC's recommendations in relation to the definition of "mentally incapacitated persons". In May 2015, the Administration commissioned the Chinese University of Hong Kong ("CUHK") to conduct a three-year research on quality of healthcare for the ageing. As far as medical directive is concerned, CUHK will study whether the definition of "mentally incapacitated persons" under the Mental Health Ordinance should be amended. The Administration will decide on the way forward after the completion of CUHK's research.