

Panel on Health Services**List of follow-up actions**

(Position as at 14 November 2018)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Briefing by the Secretary for Food and Health on the Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address	26 January 2017	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on:</p> <p>(a) the increase in public health expenditure in the light of a growing number of elders aged 65 or above under an ageing population; and</p> <p>(b) programmes to promote preventive care for middle-aged adults in primary care setting and the expenditure involved.</p>	The Administration will provide a response in due course.
2. Development of primary healthcare services	12 February 2018	<p>The Administration/Hospital Authority ("HA") was requested to:</p> <p>(a) provide information on the respective funding provision for, as well as establishment and service throughputs of the Tin Shui Wai, North Lantau and Kwun Tong Community Health Centres in each year since their commencement of services in 2012, 2013 and 2015 respectively;</p>	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)243/18-19(01) on 13 November 2018.

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		<p>(b) advise how the Administration would gauge the views of and engage the district stakeholders concerned, in particular the non-governmental organizations, in the course of taking forward the District Health Centre Pilot Project in Kwai Tsing District; and</p> <p>(c) provide information on the number of complaints received under the Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme since the conversion of the Scheme into a recurrent support programme in 2014, with a breakdown by the number of substantiated cases and the claims involved, and the actions taken by the Administration in respect of these cases.</p>	
<p>3. The legislative proposal for introducing tax deduction under the Voluntary Health Insurance Scheme</p>	<p>19 March 2018</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to:</p> <p>(a) advise, in table form, a breakdown by expenditure items of the amount originally planned to be used and the amount that had been used so far under the \$50 billion earmarked in the 2008-2009 Budget for healthcare reform; and</p> <p>(b) advise the proportions of public and private inpatient services as at present</p>	<p>The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)195/18-19(01) on 6 November 2018.</p>

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		and in 2040 with the implementation of the Voluntary Health Insurance Scheme.	
4. Mental health of children and adolescents ¹	23 April 2018 (Joint meeting with the Panel on Education and Panel on Welfare Services)	<p>The Administration/HA was requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) advise the annual expenditure for and the respective numbers of psychiatric doctors, psychiatric nurses, clinical psychologists, speech therapists, occupational therapists and medical social workers involved in the provision of child and adolescent psychiatric service at HA in the past three years; (b) advise the average waiting time for the services provided by the Department of Health ("DH") and HA for assessing the developmental conditions of children, including attention deficit/ hyperactivity disorder and autism spectrum disorder; (c) advise the respective numbers of Early Education and Training Centres, Special Child Care Centres and Integrated Programme in Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centres in Hong Kong; 	The Administration will provide a response in due course.

¹ The item has been separately included in the respective lists of follow-up actions of the Panel on Education and Panel on Welfare Services.

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		<p>(d) advise the number of cases whereby the parents concerned did not give consent for passing the assessment or progress information of their pre-school children, who had undergone assessment under the Child Assessment Centres of DH or were under the subvented rehabilitation services or On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services of the Social Welfare Department and would proceed to primary schooling, to the Education Bureau for onward transmission to the recipient public sector primary schools;</p> <p>(e) advise, with the support of relevant statistics, whether the promulgation of guidelines on school-based homework policy in October 2015 had helped alleviate the pressure from homework on students and improved their mental well-being; and</p> <p>(f) in respect of the 34 and 10 children who were found to have borderline raised blood lead levels during the follow-up work on the 2016 lead in drinking water incidents and were respectively assessed by DH as having mild developmental problems and signs of developmental delay (as at</p>	

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		end-March 2017), advise the actions taken by the Administration to facilitate appropriate follow-up and the latest development status of these children.	
5. Proposed extension of Kowloon Psychiatric Observation Unit	24 April 2018	The Administration/HA was requested to advise the respective numbers of doctors, psychiatric nurses and allied health staff (with a breakdown by the grades involved), as well as the respective ratios of these healthcare professionals to patients, to support the operation of the Kowloon Psychiatric Observation Unit before and after the new "gazetted" ward commenced operation.	The Administration will provide a response in due course.
6. Role and operation of Chinese Medicine Centres for Training and Research	30 April 2018	<p>The Administration/HA was requested to:</p> <p>(a) advise the respective average costs per attendance of the Chinese medicine general consultation service provided by the Chinese Medicine Centres for Training and Research ("CMCTRs") and the general outpatient services provided by HA;</p> <p>(b) in respect of the \$112 million earmarked by the Government in the 2018-2019 Estimates for, among others, the operation of CMCTRs, (i) advise the respective percentages of the provision</p>	The Administration will provide a response in due course.

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		<p>as a share of the recurrent subvention to HA and public health expenditure in 2018-2019; and (ii) provide a breakdown of the provision by the expenditure items, including the amount of subsidy provided to each CMCTR directly;</p> <p>(c) advise whether the annual subsidy provided to each CMCTR directly had fully covered the annual salary costs for the 12 training places for Chinese medicine practitioner ("CMP") trainees required to be provided by each CMCTR for graduates of local undergraduate programmes in Chinese medicine;</p> <p>(d) advise the mechanism being put in place by HA to monitor the salary levels and annual pay adjustments for CMPs employed by the 18 CMCTRs; and</p> <p>(e) advise, in the form of table(s), the entry requirements, monthly salary range and the range of actual years of experience of each rank of the CMPs employed by the 18 CMCTRs and that of the medical staff employed by HA.</p>	

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7. Update on Samaritan Fund and Community Care Fund Medical Assistance Programmes	19 June 2018	<p>The Administration/HA was requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) advise, with the aid of a flowchart, the processes in respect of regular reviews of and new drug listing on the HA Drug Formulary and the time required of for each process; (b) advise whether, and if so, when the self-financed drug Trastuzumab emtansine (also known as "T-DM1") would be included in the coverage of the safety net for treatment of HER2-positive advanced breast cancer; and (c) advise the respective estimated amount of additional expenditure involved for the scenarios whereby HA would subsidize 80%, 90% or 100% of patients' out-of-pocket expenses to purchase those self-financed drugs currently covered by the Samaritan Fund and the Community Care Fund Medical Assistance Programmes. 	The Administration will provide a response in due course.
8. District Health Centre Pilot Project in Kwai Tsing District	16 July 2018	<p>The Administration was requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) provide, when available, for members' reference a copy of the tender document 	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)63/18-19(01) on 15 October 2018.

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		<p>in respect of the provision of services to operate the Kwai Tsing District Health Centre; and</p> <p>(b) advise the types of service to be provided by the Kwai Tsing District Health Centre which the Administration would provide subsidy for the patients concerned, and the respective levels of subsidies so offered.</p>	
9. Briefing by the Secretary for Food and Health on the Chief Executive's 2018 Policy Address	15 October 2018	The Administration was requested to provide a breakdown by expenditure items (including, among others, the subsidized consultation and treatment services) of the \$100 million allocated to subsidize the operation of the Kwai Tsing District Health Centre for a year.	The Administration will provide a response in due course.