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Dear Hon Chan,

**Hong Kong Children's Hospital**

Thank you for your letter dated 13 November 2018 to the Secretary for Food and Health. Having consulted the Hospital Authority (HA), we provide the information below in response to your enquiries.

**Manpower Arrangement**

Regarding medical manpower, the Hong Kong Children's Hospital (HKCH) has a total of 121 doctor posts, which consist of 46 translocation posts from other hospitals and 75 approved posts for advanced recruitment. The breakdown by specialty and rank is as follows:

	Consultant	Associate Consultant	Resident	Total
Paediatrics	11	30	38	79
Anaesthesiology	2	4	6	12
Radiology	1	4	3	8
Pathology	2	2	0	4

	Consultant	Associate Consultant	Resident	Total
Surgery	4	7	7	18
Total	20	47	54	121

The Hong Kong College of Paediatrics (the College) has provisionally accredited five HKCH units (Cardiology, Nephrology, Haematology/Oncology, Paediatric Intensive Care Unit and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) as training units under the General Paediatrics Specialist Training Programme for both basic and higher trainees. Relevant documents about the training requirements should be obtained from the College.

HKCH has also applied with the HA Head Office for allocation of intern doctors. The application is now being processed.

There are currently four senior doctors at HKCH who were employed under the Special Retired and Rehire Scheme. As HKCH will provide territory-wide tertiary service, the high complexity calls for experienced doctors to facilitate the planning of clinical service, which includes service arrangements, workflows and operational guidelines; while some doctors now continue to provide clinical service in their original units and will be posted back to HKCH in due course.

### **Service Commencement**

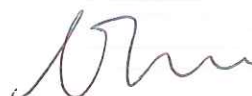
HKCH will commence services by phases, starting with the specialist outpatient clinic for oncology, nephrology and inborn errors of metabolism from 18 December 2018. Pathology, Radiology, Pharmacy and Anaesthesiology will also begin operation in parallel to provide necessary support to the outpatients. The major inpatient services will be gradually introduced from 2019. To ensure patient safety and service quality, HKCH will carefully plan the detailed timeline in consideration of factors such as manpower supply, planning progress of service arrangements and other support, as well as workload of other hospitals during the winter surge period.

Paediatric nephrology service will be translocated to HKCH in 2019, including patient cases, healthcare staff and medical equipment. In the beginning, renal transplant will continue to be conducted in the Princess

Margaret Hospital where HKCH nephrology team will provide pre-operative and post-operative assessment and care to the transplant patients. When the patients' condition become stable after the operation, they will be transferred to the HKCH ward, and return to HKCH for post-discharge follow-up. Post-operative radioisotopes scan will be provided by the Princess Margaret Hospital and Queen Elizabeth Hospital. In the long run, all renal transplant surgeries will be performed in HKCH. During this transitional period, measures will be implemented to ensure patient safety and sufficient manpower to provide the relevant services.

HKCH has also recruited doctors to provide other paediatric services such as Neurology and Endocrinology to support its outpatients and inpatients.

Yours sincerely,



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