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Dear Ms Lam,

Panel on Health Services Follow-up to the meeting on 19 November 2018

Hong Kong Children's Hospital

I refer to the letter dated 19 November 2018 from Hon SHIU Ka-chun. Having consulted the Hospital Authority (HA), we provide information below in response to the enquiries made by Hon SHIU.

2. The functions of a Hospital Governing Committee (HGC) are to oversee the management of the hospital in ways which are conducive to optimising the utilisation of resources, improving hospital environment and attracting, motivating and retaining qualified staff, and to advise HA on resource-related matters.

3. The HGC of the Hong Kong Children's Hospital (HKCH) was set up under the Hospital Authority Ordinance (Cap. 113) with effect from 1 April 2018. Currently, all the seats of the HGC have been filled which comprise a Chairman and 10 members, all serving in their personal capacity. In addition, the HA Chief Executive or his representative and the Hospital Chief Executive serve as ex-officio members in the HGC.

4. Appointment of the above-mentioned HGC members was approved by the HA Board. They possess appropriate experience and expertise, including service to other HGCs, rich experience in management, community engagement and fundraising, passion in healthcare services, etc. Among the HGC members, three of them were nominated by the University of Hong Kong's Faculty of Medicine, the Chinese University of Hong Kong's Faculty of Medicine, and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University's Faculty of Health and Social Sciences respectively, and one member was nominated by the Chairman of the Kowloon City District Council.

5. Besides, one of the members is the parent of a child patient. This member has been active in providing precious feedback on the service of public hospitals from a user's point of view, and offering support to paediatric service and development, including renovation of paediatric wards and academic programmes.

6. The HKCH will establish appropriate platforms to maintain communication with relevant patient groups and non-government organisations to collect their feedback and suggestions with a view to achieving continuous service improvement so that it can better meet the needs of child patients and their families.

Yours sincerely,

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