

Panel on Health Services

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 11 January 2019)

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1. Re-organization of the Department of Health	February 2019

Item proposed by the Administration.

With the changing health needs of the community, the Department of Health ("DH") has been reviewing its organization structure and functions to keep pace with the changes and challenges. The Administration proposes to strengthen the manpower support at directorate level in DH to take forward the new public health initiatives and expanded services by creation of additional posts, and to re-align the duties and division of responsibility amongst various offices.

The Administration proposes to regularize two supernumerary directorate posts, create seven new directorate posts (six permanent and one supernumerary for five years) to be offset by deletion of two directorate posts, and redeploy one directorate post in DH. Besides, one directorate post is proposed to be created in the Health Branch of the Food and Health Bureau, to be offset by deletion of one directorate post in DH. The above additional manpower support would help enhance the execution of various regulatory functions, in particular regulation of private healthcare facilities; and take forward the non-communicable disease prevention and strategy, information technology plan, special dental care services and associated increase in financial management responsibilities in DH.

With the creation of additional directorate posts in DH, the Administration also proposes to revise the organization structure of DH by strategically putting all the regulatory services under the newly created Controller, Regulatory Affairs (D4) post, such that

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Deputy Director of Health (D3) will focus on overseeing the non-regulatory services. The existing Controller, Centre for Health Protection (D4) post will continue to take charge of the Centre for Health Protection which will also be restructured to fulfill its enhanced role in health protection.

2. Four hospital projects under 10-year Hospital Development Plan

March 2019

Item proposed by the Administration.

The Administration intends to brief the Panel on four hospital projects under the 10-year Hospital Development Plan, namely Redevelopment of Kwai Chung Hospital, phases 2 & 3, Expansion of Lai King Building in Princess Margaret Hospital – preparatory works, Expansion of North District Hospital – preparatory works and Redevelopment of Prince of Wales Hospital, phase 2 (stage 1) – foundation works.

3. Reprovisioning of Victoria Public Mortuary

1st quarter of
2019

Item proposed by the Administration.

There are currently three public mortuaries in full operation by DH in Hong Kong, namely Victoria Public Mortuary ("VPM"), Fu Shan Public Mortuary and Kwai Chung Public Mortuary. VPM which started operation in 1972 have limited body storage capacity and outworn architectural designs.

The Administration proposes to construct a new public mortuary building for the reprovisioning of the existing VPM in Kennedy Town. The project scope also comprises the improvement and fitting works inside an existing underground cavern for the provisioning of a departmental personal protective equipment store. The proposed construction is necessary to meet the

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increasing needs for storage of dead bodies in the territory and to enhance the quality of public mortuary service to the public.

The Administration's proposed timing for discussion of the subject was revised from the fourth quarter of 2018 to the first quarter of 2019 in February 2018.

4. Enhancement of mental health services

1st quarter of
2019

At the meeting on 25 April 2017, the Panel was briefed on the Mental Health Review Report issued by the Administration on 18 April 2017. The Panel held a special meeting on 22 May 2017 to receive views from members of the public on the review. 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.

At the policy briefing cum meeting on 16 October 2017, members were advised that the advisory committee tasked to, among others, follow up on the implementation of recommendations in the Report would be set up in the fourth quarter of 2017.

At the informal meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and the Secretary for Food and Health ("SFH") to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2017-2018 session on 30 October 2017, the Administration advised that it intended to brief the Panel on the establishment of the advisory committee and the regularization of Dementia Community Support Scheme in January 2018. Subsequently, at the request of the Administration and with the concurrence of the Chairman, discussion of the subject has been deferred to a future meeting.

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At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki suggested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the work progress of the Advisory Committee on Mental Health since its establishment in November 2017. At the same meeting, Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG suggested that the needs of persons suffering from dementia should be discussed by the Panel.

At the policy briefing cum meeting on 15 October 2018, members were advised that the Administration would commission universities to conduct territory-wide mental health prevalence surveys covering children, adolescents and elders to gather information on the mental health status of the Hong Kong population for better planning of mental health services.

At the informal meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2018-2019 session on 22 October 2018, the Administration undertook to brief members on the child and adolescent psychiatric services provided by the Hospital Authority ("HA") in the context of discussing the subject.

5. Implementation of the Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme

1st quarter of
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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

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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.

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.

At the informal meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2018-2019 session on 22 October 2018, the Administration undertook to revert to the Panel on the findings of the review of the Scheme once available.

6. Sharing restrictions under the Electronic Health Record Sharing System ("eHRSS")

2nd quarter of
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Item proposed by the Administration in the 2017-2018 legislative session.

As one of the tasks of Stage Two Development of eHRSS, the Administration plans to enhance the patient's choice over the scope of data sharing through developing some form of sharing restriction features.

7. Substitute decision-making and advance directives in relation to medical treatment

2nd quarter of
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At the meeting on 8 December 2008, the Panel was briefed on the recommendations made by the Law Reform Commission 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

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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. 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 (Cap. 136) should be amended. The Administration will decide on the way forward after the completion of CUHK's research.

At the policy briefing cum meeting on 15 October 2018, members were advised that the Administration would consult the public in 2019 on arrangements of advance directives and the relevant end-of-life care.

8. Obstetric services in public hospitals

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Pursuant to the discussion at the informal meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2018-2019 session on 22 October 2018, the Chairman

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has suggested that the Panel should be briefed on the subject, covering, among others, issues relating to "Provision of obstetric services in the Tseung Kwan O Hospital" (item 16 below), "Prenatal tests provided by HA" (item 18 below), "Clinical governance of the obstetric surgeries of HA" (item 30 below), and "Provision of treatment for termination of pregnancy" (item 36 below).

9. Review of dental care services

2nd quarter of
2019

Pursuant to the discussion at the informal meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2018-2019 session on 22 October 2018, the Chairman has suggested that issues relating to "Provision of dental services for adult patients with intellectual disability and with financial needs" (item 34 below), the project on dental services for persons with intellectual disability namely "Healthy Teeth Collaboration" managed by DH, and "Review of oral health goals" (item 35 below) should be discussed in the context of discussing the subject.

10. Accident and emergency service provided by HA

2nd quarter of
2019

At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Hon CHAN Han-pan suggested that the Panel should discuss the subject in the 2018-2019 session.

Pursuant to the outcomes of discussion at the informal meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2018-2019 session on 22 October 2018, the Chairman has suggested and the Administration has agreed that the Panel should be briefed on the subject, covering, among others, issues relating to "Handling of public requests for emergency medical needs within the vicinity of public hospitals" (item 20 below).

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11.	Planning for the second 10-year Hospital Development Plan	2 nd quarter of 2019
	<p>At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the subject in the 2018-2019 session.</p>	
	<p>At the policy briefing cum meeting on 15 October 2018, members were advised that HA had been invited to plan for the second 10-year Hospital Development Plan, which would tentatively cover 19 projects at an estimated cost of \$270 billion to provide, among others, over 9 000 additional beds to meet the projected service demand up to 2036.</p>	
12.	Legislative proposal for regulation of advanced therapy products	1 st half of 2019
	<p>Item proposed by the Administration.</p>	
	<p>The Administration has advised the Panel via its letter dated 10 April 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(2)1198/17-18(01)) the launch of the public consultation on the regulation of advanced therapy products which was commenced on 3 April until 2 June 2018. At the policy briefing cum meeting on 15 October 2018, members were advised that the Administration would introduce a legislative proposal to regulate these products. The Administration informed the Panel via its letter dated 9 November 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(2)215/18-19(01)) that the consultation report had been issued, and the Panel would be consulted on the legislative proposal in the first half of 2019.</p>	
13.	Review of Chinese Medicine Ordinance (Cap. 549)	3 rd quarter of 2019
	<p>The item was referred to the Panel for follow-up by the Bills Committee on Chinese Medicine (Amendment) Bill 2017.</p>	

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In the course of scrutinizing the Bill, the Administration has, in response to members' request, advised that it would examine the need to comprehensively review the Chinese Medicine Ordinance after having discussed with the Chinese medicine industry to understand the stakeholders' views on the current provisions of the Ordinance. The Administration undertook to keep the Panel informed of the way forward in this regard.

At the informal meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2018-2019 session on 22 October 2018, the Administration has advised that it planned to brief the Panel, among others, on the proposed amendments to the definition of proprietary Chinese medicine under the Ordinance.

Dr KWOK Ka-ki proposed vide his letter dated 13 December 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(2)455/18-19(01)) that the Panel should discuss issues relating to the definition of proprietary Chinese medicines under the Chinese Medicine Ordinance and the registration of these products.

14. Regulation of health food products

3rd quarter of
2019

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

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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.

At the meeting on 12 October 2017, Dr Hon Helena WONG considered that the Panel should discuss the subject at the earliest possible time in the 2017-2018 session. At the same meeting, Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan suggested that the subject could be discussed in conjunction with the regulation of Chinese medicines (item 15 below).

Hon CHAN Han-pan proposed via his letter dated 13 October 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(2)51/17-18(01)) that the Panel should discuss the subject at the earliest possible time.

At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested that the Panel should discuss the subject in the 2018-2019 session.

Pursuant to the discussion at the informal meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2018-2019 session on 22 October 2018, the Chairman has suggested that the Panel should discuss the subject in the third quarter of 2019.

Dr KWOK Ka-ki proposed vide his letter dated 13 December 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(2)455/18-19(01)) that the Panel should discuss, among others, issues relating to the definition of proprietary Chinese medicines under the Chinese Medicine Ordinance.

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15. Regulation of Chinese medicines

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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 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.

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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.

At the meeting on 12 October 2017, Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested that the Panel should discuss the regulation of Chinese herbal medicines at the earliest possible time in the 2017-2018 session. At the same meeting, Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan considered that the Administration should brief the Panel on the progress of the establishment of the permanent Government Chinese Medicines Testing Institute. She further suggested that the subject could be discussed in conjunction with the regulation of health food products (item 14 above).

At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested that the Panel should discuss the subject in the 2018-2019 session.

16. Provision of obstetric services in the Tseung Kwan O Hospital ("TKOH")

(See note)

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 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

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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.

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.

[Note: Pursuant to the outcomes of discussion at the informal meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2018-2019 session on 22 October 2018, the Chairman has suggested that the subject would be discussed in the context of "Obstetric services in public hospitals"(item 8 above).]

17. 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.

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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.

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 December 2016, Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT and Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki respectively suggested 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.]

18. 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: Pursuant to the outcomes of discussion at the informal meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2018-2019 session on 22 October 2018, the Chairman has suggested and the Administration has agreed that the subject would be discussed in the context of "Obstetric services in public hospitals"(item 8 above).]

19. 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

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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 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.

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

(See note)

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.

[Note: Pursuant to the outcomes of discussion at the informal meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2018-2019 session on 22 October 2018, the Chairman has suggested and the Administration has agreed that the subject would be discussed in the context of "Accident and emergency service provided by HA"(item 10 above).]

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21.	Procedure in organ transplant	To be confirmed
	<p>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 the Prince of Wales Hospital 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.</p> <p>Dr Hon Pierre CHAN proposed vide his letter dated 2 May 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(2)1323/16-17(01)) that the Panel should discuss at the earliest possible time issues relating to organ donation and transplant.</p>	
22.	Monitoring of the unauthorized sale of pharmaceutical products	To be confirmed
	<p>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.</p>	
23.	Regulation and development of beauty services	To be confirmed
	<p>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.</p>	

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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 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.

At the meeting on 12 October 2017, Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan and Hon SHIU Ka-fai proposed that the Panel should discuss the subject at the earliest possible time in the 2017-2018 session.

The Joint Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Regulation of Devices and Development of the Beauty Industry held the first meeting on 14 December 2018. It will report to the Panel and the Panel on Commerce and Industry its deliberations and recommendations after the completion of work of the 12-month period.

24. 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

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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.

At the meeting on 12 October 2017, Dr Hon Helena WONG and Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT proposed that the Panel should discuss the subject at the earliest possible time in the 2017-2018 session.

At the policy briefing cum meeting on 16 October 2017, members were advised that the Community Care Fund would implement a three-year pilot scheme to provide subsidized cervical cancer screening and preventive education for eligible low-income women.

Hon CHAN Han-pan suggested vide his letter dated 4 June 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(2)1536/17-18(01)) that the Panel should discuss at the earliest possible time the supply of Human Papillomavirus vaccines.

At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan and Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG suggested that the Panel should discuss the provision of breast cancer screening at the earliest possible time in the 2018-2019 session.

At the policy briefing cum meeting on 15 October 2018, members were advised that free HPV vaccination would be introduced to school girls of particular age groups starting from the 2019-2020 school year. Separately, a government-commissioned study to identify risk factors associated with breast cancer for local women was expected to be completed in the latter half of 2019.

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25.	Public health measures for the lead in drinking water incidents	To be confirmed
	<p>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.</p> <p>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 item be scheduled for discussion in the second quarter of 2016.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>At the meeting on 12 October 2017, Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested that the Panel should discuss the subject at the earliest possible time in the 2017-2018 session.</p>	
26.	HA's private patient services	To be confirmed
	<p>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.</p>	

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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.

- 27. Review of the Human Reproductive Technology Ordinance (Cap. 561)** To be confirmed

The item was referred to the Panel for follow-up by the Bills Committee on Human Reproductive Technology (Amendment) Bill 2015.

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.

- 28. Provision of alternative therapy** To be confirmed

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.

- 29. 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.

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At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG suggested that the Panel should discuss the subject at the earliest possible time in the 2018-2019 session.

30. Clinical governance of the obstetric surgeries of HA (See note)

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.

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.

[Note: Pursuant to the outcomes of discussion at the informal meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2018-2019 session on 22 October 2018, the Chairman has suggested and the Administration has agreed that the subject would be discussed in the context of "Obstetric services in public hospitals"(item 8 above).]

31. Prevention of crime in psychiatric wards of the HA hospitals To be confirmed

Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen suggested vide her letter dated 16 January 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(2)623/16-17(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.

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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.

- 32. 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 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.

- 33. Implementation of the recommendations of the strategic review on healthcare manpower planning and professional development** To be confirmed

At the meeting on 19 June 2017, the Panel was briefed on the report on the strategic review on healthcare manpower planning and professional development issued by the Administration on 14 June 2017. The Panel held a special meeting on 4 July 2017 to receive views from members of the public on the strategic review. Members were advised that the Administration would revert to the Panel on the implementation progress of the various recommendations on healthcare manpower planning and professional development and regulation put forward in the report.

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At the meeting on 12 October 2017, Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT suggested that the Panel should discuss the subject at the earliest possible time in the 2017-2018 session.

At the meeting on 15 January 2018, the Administration updated the Panel on the subject in the context of discussing "Review of HA".

Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki proposed vide his letter dated 14 May 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(2)1395/17-18(01)) that the Panel should discuss at the earliest possible time the healthcare manpower situation in HA.

At the policy briefing cum meeting on 15 October 2018, members were advised that the number of University Grants Committee ("UGC")-funded degree places for various healthcare disciplines would be increased in the 2019-2020 to 2021-2022 UGC triennium. Separately, the Administration had invited the regulatory bodies to submit proposals on the regulation and development of healthcare professions. In addition, it had commenced a new round of manpower projection exercise to update the demand and supply of healthcare manpower.

34. Provision of dental services for adult patients with intellectual disability and with financial needs

(See note)

At the meeting on 17 July 2017, in the context of discussing the provision of public dental services, members were advised that the Administration was currently evaluating the operation of the Pilot Project on Dental Service for Patients with Intellectual Disability, and also working out the arrangements for expanding the aforesaid dental service including implementation of relevant training programmes. The Administration advised at the meeting that it would brief the Panel on the way forward in the 2017-2018 legislative session.

At the meeting on 12 October 2017, Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG considered that the Panel should discuss the

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subject at the earliest possible time in the 2017-2018 session.

[Note: Pursuant to the outcomes of discussion at the informal meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2018-2019 session on 22 October 2018, it is suggested that the subject would be discussed in the context of "Review of dental care services" (item 9 above).]

35. Review of oral health goals

(See note)

At the meeting on 17 July 2017, in the context of discussing the provision of public dental services, members were advised that DH planned to set up an expert group to review and formulate appropriate oral health goals for the population of Hong Kong. The Administration was requested to revert to the Panel on the outcome of the review.

[Note: Pursuant to the outcomes of discussion at the informal meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2018-2019 session on 22 October 2018, it is suggested that the subject would be discussed in the context of "Review of dental care services" (item 9 above).]

36. Provision of treatment for termination of pregnancy

(See note)

At the meeting on 12 October 2017, Hon SHIU Ka-chun suggested that the Administration should brief members on the provision of treatment for termination of pregnancy by public and private hospitals.

[Note: Pursuant to the outcomes of discussion at the informal meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's

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work plan for the 2018-2019 session on 22 October 2018, the Chairman has suggested that the subject would be discussed in the context of "Obstetric services in public hospitals"(item 8 above).]

37. Development of primary healthcare and the District Health Centre Pilot Project in Kwai Tsing District

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 12 February 2018, the Panel was briefed on the development of primary healthcare services in the public sector as well as the latest progress in the setting up of the pilot District Health Centre ("DHC") in Kwai Tsing District as announced in the Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address. The Administration was requested to revert to the Panel on the implementation plan for the pilot project, including, among others, the land, manpower and financial requirements.

At the special meeting on 26 March 2018 to receive views from members of the public on the pilot project, members were advised that the Administration would draw up the detailed plan for the pilot DHC, with an aim to commission service by the third quarter in 2019.

At the meeting on 16 July 2018, the Panel was briefed on the proposals for the pilot DHC. The Administration was requested to revert to the Panel on the concrete details concerning the setting up of the Centre, such as the financial manpower requirements, service scope and locations of the access points.

At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested that the Panel should invite stakeholders' views on how to further enhance the development of primary healthcare as well as the role of the pilot DHC in this regard after its commencement of operation.

At the policy briefing cum meeting on 15 October 2018, members were advised that the Administration would allocate around \$100 million a year to subsidize the

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operation of the pilot DHC, and would reserve premises within Government properties for setting up DHCs in various districts. In the meantime, suitable locations had been identified in Kwun Tong and the Eastern District.

38. Regulation of use control of medical devices

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 16 July 2018, the Panel was briefed on the latest development on the legislative proposal on regulation of medical devices, which was aimed to be introduced into the Legislative Council in the 2018-2019 legislative session. Members were advised that having regard to the stakeholders' views, the use control of medical devices had been dropped from the legislative proposal. The Administration would revert to the Panel on the regulation of use control of medical devices as and when appropriate.

39. Service provision in North Lantau Hospital

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki suggested that the Panel should discuss the subject at the earliest possible time in the 2018-2019 session.

40. Provision of atrial fibrillation screening

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Hon KWONG Chun-yu suggested that the provision of atrial fibrillation screening to facilitate early identification of potential stroke cases should be discussed by the Panel in the 2018-2019 session.

Hon KWONG Chun-yu proposed via his letter dated 13 November 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(2)257/18-19(01)) that the Panel should hold a meeting to receive views from members of the public on measures for stroke prevention, including the provision of atrial fibrillation screening.

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41. Specialist services provided by HA	To be confirmed
<p>At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Hon CHAN Han-pan suggested that the Panel should discuss the subject in the 2018-2019 session.</p>	
42. Cancer treatment	To be confirmed
<p>At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Hon CHAN Han-pan suggested that the Panel should discuss the subject, in particular the use of immunotherapy, in the 2018-2019 session.</p>	
<p>At the policy briefing cum meeting on 15 October 2018, members were advised that the Cancer Coordinating Committee chaired by SFH planned to map out in 2019 strategies related to cancer prevention and care services for the period between 2020 and 2025.</p>	
43. Legislative proposal in relation to electronic cigarettes and other new smoking products	To be confirmed
<p>At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Hon CHAN chi-chuen suggested that the Administration should brief the Panel on its latest legislative proposal announced in the Chief Executive's 2018 Policy Address to ban the import, manufacture, sale, distribution and advertisement of electronic cigarettes and other new smoking products before introducing the relevant bill into the Legislative Council in the 2018-2019 session, and invited views from deputations on the subject.</p>	
44. Pilot Accredited Registers Scheme for Healthcare Professions	To be confirmed
<p>At the meeting on 16 July 2018, the Panel was briefed on the implementation progress of the Pilot Accredited Registers Scheme for Healthcare Professions. Members were advised that the speech therapist profession had</p>	

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been granted accreditation. The accreditation process of audiologist and dietitian professions was expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2018, whereas the accreditation process of educational psychologist and clinical psychologist professions was expected to commence in the third and fourth quarters of 2018 respectively.

At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Dr Hon Helena WONG and Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG suggested that the Administration should update the Panel on the latest implementation progress of the Pilot Scheme in the 2018-2019 session. At the same meeting, Hon SHIU Ka-chun suggested that the Administration should brief the Panel on its plan to, in the light of the evaluation findings of the Pilot Scheme, study how to formulate a statutory registration regime for relevant accredited professions as announced in the Chief Executive's 2018 Policy Address.

The Panel held a special meeting to receive views from members of the public on the subject on 10 December 2018. The Administration advised at the meeting that the Accreditation Agent announced the accreditation results for the speech therapist and audiologist professions in April and November 2018 respectively, and expected to announce the accreditation results for dietitian and educational psychologist professions in phases by the first quarter of 2019. Separately, the accreditation process for the clinical psychologist profession has commenced. Upon completion of the accreditation, the Accreditation Agent will review the effectiveness of the Pilot Scheme and report to the Administration with recommended measures for improvement. The Administration would study how to formulate a statutory registration regime for relevant accredited professions based on the Pilot Scheme.

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45. Implementation of medical-social collaboration	To be confirmed
<p>At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Hon SHIU Ka-chun suggested that the Panel should discuss the subject in the 2018-2019 session.</p>	
46. Review of Voluntary Health Insurance Scheme and study on High Risk Pool proposal	To be confirmed
<p>The item was referred to the Panel for follow-up by the Bills Committee on Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No. 4) Bill 2018.</p>	
<p>In the course of scrutinizing the Bill, the Administration has undertaken to revert, as and when appropriate, to the Panel on its review of the effectiveness of Voluntary Health Insurance Scheme after its implementation and the progress in re-examining the High Risk Pool proposal.</p>	
47. Good Samaritan law for first aid given in bona fide medical emergency	To be confirmed
<p>At the meeting on 19 November 2018, Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki suggested that the Panel should discuss the subject at the earliest possible time in the 2018-2019 session.</p>	

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48.	Samaritan Fund and Community Care Fund ("CCF") Medical Assistance Programmes	To be confirmed
	<p>At the meeting on 19 November 2018, in the context of discussing the review findings of the means test of Samaritan Fund and CCF Medical Assistance Programmes, members were advised that the Administration would revert, as and when appropriate, to the Panel on improvement to the mechanisms for inclusion of drugs in and processing the applications under the safety net.</p> <p>The Panel held a special meeting on 11 December 2018 to receive views from members of the public on the above review findings. At the meeting, the Administration undertook to revert to the Panel the progress of the implementation of the proposed enhancement measures after 12 months of implementation.</p>	
49.	Management and testing of pharmaceutical products	To be confirmed
	<p>Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed via her letter dated 29 November 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(2)373/18-19(01)) that the Panel should discuss the management and testing of pharmaceutical products. The Chairman instructed that the subject be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.</p>	
50.	Safeguarding of the rights of patients with rare diseases through legislation	To be confirmed
	<p>Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG proposed via his letter dated 29 November 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(2)374/18-19(01)) that the Panel should discuss the safeguarding of the rights of patients with rare diseases through legislation. The Chairman instructed that the subject be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.</p>	

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The Rare Diseases Bill to be introduced by Dr Fernando CHEUNG (LC Paper No. CB(2)569/18-19 (01)), which he proposed to be discussed by the Panel at the March regular meeting, was issued to members on 11 January 2019. The Administration has been requested to provide a written response to the Bill.

51. Drug Formulary of HA

To be confirmed

The Public Complaints Office of the Legislative Council Secretariat referred the item to the Panel vide a referral memorandum (LC Paper No. CB(2)605/18-19(01)) (Restricted to members only), requesting the Panel to follow-up with the Administration and HA on the policy issues relating to inclusion of drugs for treatment of serious mental disorder in the HA's Drug Formulary. The Chairman instructed that the subject be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.