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To whom it may concern,

The City Mental Health Alliance Hong Kong (CMHA HK) is a member-led organisation founded by businesses to create a culture of good mental health for workers in the city of Hong Kong and increase mental health understanding. The Alliance is made up of multi-national companies from across the legal, financial and professional services industry. Further information about our organisation can be found at: www.cmhahk.org.

We have recently become aware of the proposed changes to the registration scheme for psychologists in Hong Kong. We wish to express our concern regarding these changes and I attach a letter in this respect.

I would be pleased to discuss the matter further and welcome the opportunity to participate in further discussions.

With best wishes, Zoe

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Attachments:

Letter from CMHA HK to Panel on Health Services 181030.pdf



30th October 2018

TO: Members of the Panel on Health Services, Legislative Council of Hong Kong

CC:

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RE: Accredited Registers Scheme for Clinical Psychologists

The City Mental Health Alliance – Hong Kong (CMHA HK) is a collaborative venture founded by city businesses. Championed by senior leaders, the Alliance is business led and expert guided and aims to create a culture of good mental health for workers in the city of Hong Kong, share best practice and increase mental health understanding. The Alliance is made up of multi-national companies from across the legal, financial and professional services industry.

We are writing to raise our concern about the proposed Accredited Registers Scheme for Clinical Psychologists within Hong Kong. We have only become aware of this scheme in recent weeks. We understand the laudable efforts to ensure rigour to the profession. However, we understand that this scheme may prevent internationally trained psychologists from practicing within Hong Kong until further registration and requirements can be fulfilled. We are concerned that this would result in loss of access to Clinical Psychologists for the international community of Hong Kong and add additional duress to the mental health services within Hong Kong.

We would be grateful for your re-consideration of this matter.

Yours Faithfully,

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