

**Panel on Health Services**

**List of outstanding items for discussion**  
(position as at 7 November 2019)

	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Proposed timing for discussion</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Enhancement of the public facilities of the Department of Health ("DH")</b>	December 2019

Item proposed by the Administration.

The Administration proposes enhancing and integrating laboratory facilities of the Public Health Laboratory Centre ("PHLC") in Sham Shui Po. The proposed scope of work comprises of (a) altering part of PHLC for (i) enhancement of microbiology laboratories with supporting facilities; (ii) relocation of the Chemical Pathology and Haematology Division of DH from Lek Yuen Health Centre in Shatin; and (iii) construction of a Pathology Store; and (b) reviewing and upgrading the existing ventilation and air-conditioning plant of PHLC.

In addition, the Administration proposes constructing a new public mortuary building for the reprovisioning of the existing Victoria Public Mortuary ("VPM") in Kennedy Town. Started operation in 1972, the existing VPM has limited body storage capacity and outworn architectural designs. The project scope also comprises improvement and fitting works inside an existing underground cavern adjacent to the proposed new VPM for the provisioning of a departmental personal protective equipment store. The project would meet the increasing service demand, enhance the quality of public mortuary service to the public and better safeguard infection control.

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**2. Healthcare manpower planning 2020**

December 2019

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.

At the meeting on 12 October 2017, 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.

At the special meeting on 21 October 2019, the Chairman and Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed a

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discussion of the subject. The Chairman suggested that representatives from The University of Hong Kong ("HKU"), which was commissioned to conduct the new round of healthcare manpower projection exercise, should be invited to attend a future meeting of the Panel to listen to members' views on the methodology and assumptions being adopted in the projection so as to ensure that the projection results would accurately reflect the manpower situation in the professions. At the meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2019-2020 session on 29 October 2019, the Administration advised that HKU had taken note of the Chairman's suggestion.

At the policy briefing on 21 October 2019, members were advised that the results of the new round of manpower projection exercise were expected to be available in 2020. Separately, the Nursing Council of Hong Kong planned to launch in early 2020 a voluntary registration scheme for the development of nursing specialties (item 9 below), in order to pave way for the setting up of a statutory registration regime.

**3. Enhancement of mental health services**

January 2020

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

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implementation of recommendations in the Report would be set up in the fourth quarter of 2017.

At the 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.

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 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.

The Administration's proposed timing for discussion of the subject was revised from the first quarter of 2019 to the second quarter of 2019 in March 2019, and further

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revised to the fourth quarter of 2019 in May 2019 and to January 2020 in November 2019.

**4. Development of primary healthcare and setting up of DHC Express**

1<sup>st</sup> quarter of  
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(See note)

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.

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 same meeting, Hon SHIU Ka-chun suggested that the Panel should discuss the implementation of medical-social collaboration in the 2018-2019 session.

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 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.

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At the special meeting on 21 October 2019, the Chairman and Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed a discussion of the development of primary healthcare.

At the policy briefing on 21 October 2019, members were advised that the first DHC in Kwai Tsing District had commenced operation in September 2019. In the current-term government, the Administration expected to set up DHCs in six more districts and planned to fund non-governmental organizations to set up smaller interim DHC Express in the remaining 11 districts where full-fledged DHCs would yet to be set up.

*[Note: The Administration has suggested incorporating the discussion of "Implementation of medical-social collaboration" (item 31 below) under this item.]*

**5. Review of dental care services and relevant manpower plan**

1<sup>st</sup> quarter of  
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Discussion of the subject "Review of dental care services", which covered items (i) to (iii) below, was originally scheduled for the regular meeting of the Panel on 17 June 2019 which was subsequently cancelled. The paper provided by the Administration for the above meeting has been issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1632/18-19(03).

At the meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2019-2020 session on 29 October 2019, the Administration advised that it planned to brief members on the review of dental care services and relevant manpower plan in the first quarter of 2020.

*(i) Review of dental care services*

Pursuant to the discussion at the 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

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Chairman has suggested that issues relating to "Provision of dental services for adult patients with intellectual disability and with financial needs" (item 5(ii) 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 5(iii) below) should be discussed in the context of discussing the subject.

At the special meeting on 21 October 2019, Hon Elizabeth QUAT suggested that the Panel should discuss the provision of public dental care services.

*(ii) Provision of dental services for adult patients with intellectual disability and with financial needs*

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

*(iii) Review of oral health goals*

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.

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<b>6.</b>	<b>Genomic medicine</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020
	Item proposed by the Administration.	
	<p>At the policy briefing cum meeting on 15 October 2018, members were advised that the Government would provide funding to introduce a large-scale Hong Kong Genome Project ("HKGP"). The Panel was briefed on the details of the project at its meeting on 21 January 2019.</p>	
	<p>At the policy briefing on 21 October 2019, members were advised that the Steering Committee on Genomic Medicine established to study the strategies for developing genomic medicine in Hong Kong planned to submit its report ("the Report") to the Government in end-2019. In addition, the Hong Kong Genome Institute would be set up in 2020 to take forward HKGP. Members will be briefed on the Report and the latest update of HKGP.</p>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Four projects under the first 10-year Hospital Development Plan</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020
	Item proposed by the Administration.	
	<p>The Administration intends to brief the Panel on the following four projects under the first 10-year Hospital Development Plan: Redevelopment of Grantham Hospital, phase 1 - demolition, site formation and foundation works; Expansion of United Christian Hospital - main works (superstructure and refurbishment works); Hospital Authority Supporting Services Centre; and Community Health Centre cum social welfare facilities at Pak Wo Road, North District.</p>	



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<b>8.</b>	<b>Update on Samaritan Fund and Community Care Fund ("CCF") Medical Assistance Programmes</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2020

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.

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.

At the meeting on 20 May 2019, Hon KWONG Chun-yu suggested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the implementation progress of the First Phase Programme of Medical Assistance Programmes under CCF.

<b>9.</b>	<b>Voluntary registration scheme for the development of nursing specialties</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2020
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Item proposed by the Administration.

At the policy briefing on 21 October 2019, members were advised that the Nursing Council of Hong Kong planned to launch a voluntary registration scheme for the development of nursing specialties in early 2020, in order to pave way for the eventual setting up of a statutory registration regime.

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**10. Accident and emergency service provided by HA**

To be confirmed  
(See note)

Discussion of the subject, which covered the following items, was originally scheduled for the regular meeting of the Panel on 17 June 2019 which was subsequently cancelled. The relevant paper provided by the Administration for the above meeting has been issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1632/18-19(05).

*(i) Accident and emergency service provided by HA*

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 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 10(ii) below).

*(ii) Handling of public requests for emergency medical needs within the vicinity of public hospitals*

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

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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: The Administration has suggested combining the discussion of this item with "Responses taken by HA in relation to mass gathering and confrontation incidents in the community" (item 13 below).]*

**11. Follow-up actions on emerging cases of human infection of rat Hepatitis E virus and the territory-wide rodent control work**

(See note)

Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan and Hon Elizabeth QUAT proposed vide their joint letter dated 15 May 2019 that the Panel should discuss the subject. The Administration has provided a written response (LC Paper No. CB(2)1791/18-19(01)) to the issues raised in the above letter. At the meeting on 20 May 2019, members agreed that subject to the view of the Chairman of the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene ("FSEH Panel"), the two Panels should hold a joint meeting to discuss the subject.

The joint meeting originally scheduled for 17 June 2019 was subsequently cancelled. The relevant paper provided by the Administration for the above joint meeting has been issued to members of the two Panels vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1631/18-19(01).

*[Note: The Administration has suggested deleting the item as it would continue the ongoing territory-wide rodent control work and closely monitor the situation.]*

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<b>12. Update on Chinese medicine development and amendments to the Chinese Medicine Ordinance (Cap. 549)</b>	To be followed up by the Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Development of Chinese Medicine pending to its activation of work
<p>The Administration proposed in May 2019 to brief the Panel on the subject, which covered the following items, in the third quarter of 2019. According to the Administration, its original plan was to brief members on the subject at the July 2019 regular meeting of the Panel which was subsequently cancelled.</p>	
<p>At the meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2019-2020 session on 29 October 2019, it was agreed that the subject would be followed up by the Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Development of Chinese Medicine appointed by the Panel, which was expected to commence its work in December 2019.</p>	
<p><i>(i) Review of the Chinese Medicine Ordinance</i></p>	
<p>The item was referred to the Panel for follow-up by the Bills Committee on Chinese Medicine (Amendment) Bill 2017.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>At the 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</p>	

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the proposed amendments to the definition of proprietary Chinese medicine under the Ordinance.

Dr Hon 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.

*(ii) Regulation of Chinese medicines*

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 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.

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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.

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 ("GCMTI"). She further suggested that the subject could be discussed in conjunction with the regulation of health food products (item 12(iii) below).

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

At the policy briefing on 21 October 2019, members were advised that the Chinese Medicine Hospital was expected to commence its operation in phases by end of 2024 the earliest, and the permanent GCMTI would be established next to the Hospital for expected commissioning in 2024 the earliest. Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed at the special meeting held on the same day that the Panel should hold a discussion of the subject.

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*(iii) Regulation of health food products*

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 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.

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 12(ii) above).

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.

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Pursuant to the discussion at the 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.

At the special meeting on 21 October 2019, Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed a discussion of the subject.

- 13. Responses taken by HA in relation to mass gathering and confrontation incidents in the community** To be confirmed  
(See note)

Hon Charles Peter MOK raised concern over issues on the accessing of HA patients' personal information by the law enforcement agencies vide his two letters dated 17 June 2019, which were respectively addressed to the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data and the Chief Executive of HA and copied to Chairman of the Panel (LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1689/18-19(01) and (02)).

Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki proposed vide his letter dated 19 June 2019 that the Panel should discuss the subject as early as possible. Given the cancellation of the July regular meeting of the Panel, the Chairman instructed that the subject be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.

*[Note: The Administration has suggested combining the discussion of this item with "Accident and emergency service provided by HA" (item 10 above).]*

- 14. 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



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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.

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, 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 hospital development plan in the 2016-2017 session.

Since the announcement of the first 10-year hospital development plan in January 2016, the Panel has been consulted on individual hospital projects under the plan at its meetings on 15 February 2016, 21 March 2016, 25 April 2017, 15 May 2017, 19 March 2018 and 18 March 2019.

At the policy briefing cum meeting on 15 October 2018, members were advised that the Administration had invited HA to plan for the second 10-year hospital development plan at estimated cost of \$270 billion. The

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Panel was briefed on the Administration's initial thinking and status of the projects under the plan at the meeting on 15 April 2019.

*[Note: At the 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.*

*In November 2019, the Administration has suggested deleting this item. It advised that with the rolling out of the first and second 10-year Hospital Development Plans, ample opportunities already exist for the Panel to discuss planned expansion of hospital beds in the public sector. The Administration will brief the Panel when there are new proposals regarding private hospital development.]*

**15. Healthcare and support services for patients with chronic diseases**

(See note)

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 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 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

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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.

*[Note: The Administration has suggested deleting the item as the issue had been followed up by the Joint Subcommittee on Long-term Care Policy formed in the Fifth Legislative Council.]*

**16. Procedure in organ transplant**

To be confirmed

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.

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.

**17. Regulation of pharmaceutical products**

To be confirmed

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.

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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. In response to the request made by Dr Hon Helena WONG in the letter, the Administration has provided for members' reference an information paper on the regulation and testing of pharmaceutical products (LC Paper No. CB(2)502/18-19(01)).

At the special meeting on 21 October 2019, Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested that the Panel should discuss the emergence of suspected counterfeit vaccines in the market.

**18. Women's health**

To be confirmed

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 population, should be discussed by the Panel in the 2015-2016 session.

At the meeting on 18 October 2016, 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 Hon Elizabeth QUAT proposed that the Panel should discuss the subject at the earliest possible time in the 2017-2018 session.

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At the policy briefing cum meeting on 16 October 2017, members were advised that CCF 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 ("HPV") 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.

At the special meeting on 21 October 2019, Hon Elizabeth QUAT suggested that the Panel should discuss the subject, in particular the provision of breast cancer screening.

At the meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2019-2020 session on 29 October 2019, it was agreed that the Administration would brief the Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Support for Cancer Patients on, among others, the findings of the commissioned study on risk factors associated with breast cancer for local women which was expected to be completed in the latter half of 2019.

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<b>19. Public health measures for the lead in drinking water incidents</b>	(See note)
<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 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>	
<p><i>[Note: The Administration has suggested deleting this item as the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into Excess Lead Found in Drinking Water was published and submitted to the Legislative Council in May 2016.]</i></p>	
<b>20. HA's private patient services</b>	(See note)
<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</p>	

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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.

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.

*[Note: The Administration has suggested deleting this item as it had provided a response in 2016 and the concern no longer appears to be topical.]*

**21. 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.

**22. Provision of alternative therapy** (See note)

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.

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*[Note: The Administration has suggested deleting this item as the concern no longer appears to be topical.]*

**23. Provision of one-stop services for victims of sexual violence in public hospitals**

To be confirmed  
(See note)

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.

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.

*[Note: The Administration has suggested merging the discussion of this item with "Prevention of crime in psychiatric wards of the HA hospitals" (item 24 below).]*

**24. Prevention of crime in psychiatric wards of the HA hospitals**

To be confirmed  
(See note)

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.

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.



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*[Note: The Administration has suggested merging the discussion of this item with "Provision of one-stop services for victims of sexual violence in public hospitals" (item 23 above).]*

**25. Workflow and infection control measures of operating theatres in cataract centres and day care centres of HA**

(See note)

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.

*[Note: The Administration has suggested deleting this item since the Administration had provided a written response in March 2017.]*

**26. Regulation of use control of medical devices**

(See note)

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, at that point of time, 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.

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At the special meeting on 21 October 2019, Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed a discussion of the subject.

The Administration advised in November 2019 that it would introduce the legislative proposal on regulation of medical devices in the next term of the Legislative Council.

*[Note: The Administration has suggested deleting this item as it had informed the Panel on 16 July 2018 that the current legislative proposal would not include use control of medical devices. The Administration would consult members when introducing the legislative proposal on regulation of medical devices in the next term of the Legislative Council.]*

**27. Service provision in North Lantau Hospital**

(See note)

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.

*[Note: The Administration has suggested deleting this item as the expansion of the North Lantau Hospital is already planned and announced as part of the second 10-year Hospital Development Plan. The subject can be discussed in the context of the Panel's discussion on the 10-year Hospital Development Plan.]*

**28. 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.

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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.

**29. Specialist services provided by HA**

To be confirmed

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

**30. Pilot Accredited Registers Scheme for Healthcare Professions**

To be confirmed

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 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.

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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.

**31. Implementation of medical-social collaboration**

To be confirmed  
(See note)

At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Hon SHIU Ka-chun suggested that the Panel should discuss the subject in the 2018-2019 session.

*[Note: The Administration has suggested incorporating the discussion of this item under "Development of primary healthcare and setting up of DHC Express" (item 4 above).]*

**32. Review of Voluntary Health Insurance Scheme and study on High Risk Pool proposal**

To be confirmed

The item was referred to the Panel for follow-up by the Bills Committee on Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No. 4) Bill 2018.

In the course of scrutinizing the Bill, the Administration has undertaken to revert, as and when appropriate, to

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<p>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>	
<p><b>33. Good Samaritan law for first aid given in bona fide medical emergency</b></p>	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>	
<p><b>34. Drug Formulary of HA</b></p>	To be confirmed
<p>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.</p>	
<p><b>35. Implementation of the regulatory regime under the Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance (Cap. 633)</b></p>	To be confirmed
<p>The item was referred to the Panel for follow-up by Subcommittee on Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance (Specification of Date for Section 135(1)(a)) Notice and Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance (Specification of Date for Section 136(1)(a)) Notice.</p>	
<p>In the course of scrutinizing the two Notices, the Administration has, in response to members' request, undertaken to brief the Panel on a yearly basis on the</p>	

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progress made towards the full implementation of the new regulatory regime under the Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance.

At the policy briefing on 21 October 2019, members were advised that the application period for licences for private hospitals started on 2 July 2019, and that for day procedure centres would commence on 2 January 2020. For clinics, applications for licences and requests for letters of exemption would commence in 2021 the earliest.

**36. Progress report on the use of the additional funding earmarked in the 2019-2020 Budget for HA's work concerning its manpower, drug treatments and medical equipment**

To be confirmed  
(See note)

At the special meeting on 19 March 2019 to receive views from deputations on the corporate governance and manpower situation of HA, the Administration was requested to revert to the Panel on the progress on implementation of various measures by HA in the following areas with the additional funding earmarked in the 2019-2020 Budget: (a) the use of the \$721 million for boosting staff morale and retaining talents; (b) the use of the \$400 million for expanding the scope of HA's Drug Formulary; and (c) the use of the \$5 billion for expediting the upgrading and acquisition of medical equipment.

Having consulted HA, the Administration has provided in July 2019 the action plan of HA for using the above funding (LC Paper No. CB(2)1788/18-19(01)).

*[Note: The Administration has suggested combining the discussion of this item with "Corporate governance and manpower situation of HA"(item 37 below). The Administration has provided an update in July 2019.]*

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<b>37.</b>	<b>Corporate governance and manpower situation of HA</b>	To be confirmed (See note)

The Panel received views from deputations on the subject at its special meeting on 19 March 2019. Subsequently, Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan requested vide her letter dated 1 April 2019 (LC Paper No. CB(2)1164/18-19(01)) that the Panel should hold a follow up discussion in this regard. The Chairman instructed that the subject be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.

The Chairman suggested vide his letter dated 28 June 2019 (LC Paper No. CB(2)1784/18-19(01)), which was addressed to SFH and copied to the Panel, that the Panel should follow up the human resources management and workplace bullying problem of HA and receive views from deputations on the matter. The Chairman suggested again vide his another letter dated 9 October 2019 to SFH (LC Paper No. CB(2)1963/18-19(01)) that the Panel should discuss the subject.

At the special meeting on 21 October 2019, Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed a discussion of the subject.

At the meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2019-2020 session on 29 October 2019, it was agreed that the Administration should brief the Panel on the subject in the 2019-2020 session.

*[Note: The Administration has suggested combining the discussion of this item with "Progress report on the use of the additional funding earmarked in the 2019-2020 Budget for HA's work concerning its manpower, drug treatments and medical equipment" (item 36 above).]*

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<b>38.</b>	<b>Health impacts of the chemicals deployed by the Police to disperse crowds</b>	To be confirmed
	<p>Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki proposed vide his letter dated 21 October 2019 (LC Paper No. CB(2)35/19-20(01)), which was tabled at the special meeting of the Panel held on the same day, that the Panel should hold a joint meeting with the FSEH Panel to discuss the health effects of the chemicals deployed by the Police in dispersal operations. At the meeting, Mr CHAN Chi-chuen, Dr Helena WONG and Mr KWONG Chun-yu echoed the view of Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.</p> <p>Subsequent to the meeting, the Chairman has directed that the Administration be requested to provide a written response to the issues raised in the letter to facilitate the Panel's consideration of how the matter should be followed up. The Administration's response has been issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)148/19-20(02) on 7 November 2019.</p>	
<b>39.</b>	<b>Maintenance of professionalism in service delivery by healthcare professionals in public hospitals</b>	To be confirmed
	<p>At the special meeting on 21 October 2019, Hon Starry LEE, Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG, Hon CHAN Han-pan and Hon Elizabeth QUAT suggested that the Administration and the Hospital Authority should brief the Panel on measures in place to ensure the healthcare professionals' professionalism in the delivery of services in public hospitals in the light of their participation in mass gathering activities taken place in hospital premises.</p> <p>At the meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and SFH to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2019-2020 session on 29 October 2019, the Administration was requested to provide a written response to members' concerns in this regard to facilitate the Panel's consideration of how the matter</p>	



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should be followed up. The Administration's response has been issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)148/19-20(01) on 7 November 2019.

**40. Prevention of Osteoporosis**

To be confirmed

At the special meeting on 21 October 2019, Hon Elizabeth QUAT proposed a discussion of the subject.

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