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To : Clerk to Panel on Health Services
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Cancer Patients
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Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Support for Cancer Patients

Referral to the Panel on Health Services

The Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Support for Cancer Patients decided at its meeting on 17 March 2020 to refer the subject of implementation of breast cancer screening to the Panel on Health Services for follow-up.

2. During the discussion on the "Progress of the commissioned study on risk factors of breast cancer in Hong Kong" at the above meeting, members of the Subcommittee expressed grave concern and disappointment about the slow progress made by the Cancer Coordinating Committee and the Administration in mapping out the way forward for the implementation of breast cancer screening in Hong Kong after the completion of the above commissioned study by The University of Hong Kong in December 2019. They requested the Administration to release as soon as possible the full report, or at the very least the major observations and the conclusion, of the study and announce the timetable for implementing breast cancer screening so as to reduce incidence and mortality rates of breast cancer in Hong Kong. Given that the 12-month work period of the Subcommittee would expire on 21 March 2020, the Subcommittee requested the Administration to revert to the Panel on Health Services in May 2020 the findings of the study, as well as the way forward for implementing breast cancer screening in Hong Kong, including the types of screening to be adopted for women of different risk profiles.


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