

Panel on Health Services**List of follow-up actions**

(Position as at 9 June 2025)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. The medium of instruction as a criterion for the Special Registration Committee to assess non-local medical programmes	21 July 2022	The Special Registration Committee was requested to report the outcome of its discussion on the medium of instruction as a criterion for assessment of non-local medical programmes to the Panel in August 2022.	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)734/2025(01) on 15 May 2025.
2. Treatment, rehabilitation services and support provided to persons in mental recovery and persons with mental health needs	19 June 2023	<p>The Administration/the Hospital Authority ("HA") was requested to provide the following information:</p> <p>(a) the staffing establishment and number of vacancies of HA's psychiatric doctors and community psychiatric nurses;</p> <p>(b) the ratio of HA's psychiatric doctors to the population of Hong Kong;</p> <p>(c) the implementation timetable for the 10 enhanced measures on mental health services mentioned in paragraph 7 of the Administration's discussion paper</p>	The Administration/HA will provide a response in due course.

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		<p>(LC Paper No. CB(4)597/2023(01)), and the estimated increase in manpower (including healthcare manpower and social workers) required for implementing the 10 measures; and</p> <p>(d) if mentally-ill persons having a medical history of criminal violence or a disposition to commit such violence were detained, the place(s) of detention and number of persons detained.</p>	
<p>3. Briefing by the Secretary for Health on the Chief Executive's 2023 Policy Address</p>	<p>17 November 2023</p>	<p>The Administration/HA was requested to provide the following information:</p> <p>(a) on the Administration's plan to extend the coverage of the elderly health care vouchers in the Greater Bay Area ("GBA"), with the target of initially adding about five medical institutions in GBA as trial service points for provision of primary healthcare services, the locations of the medical institutions concerned and the status of cooperating with Hong Kong's medical institutions which provided services in GBA, and whether the Administration had encountered any difficulties in identifying these institutions;</p>	<p>For item (a), the Administration submitted the discussion paper – Update on the Elderly Health Care Voucher Greater Bay Area Pilot Scheme ("Pilot Scheme") for the Panel on Health Services' meeting on 9 May 2025 to brief members on the latest progress of the Pilot Scheme. The Administration advised that the Government launched the Pilot Scheme in 2024 to extend the coverage of the Elderly Health Care Voucher ("EHCV") to suitable medical institutions in the Greater Bay Area</p>

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		<p>(b) given the shortage of social workers, the measures to be taken by the Administration to provide emotional support and counselling for ethnic minorities, and let women of ethnic minorities know the channels for seeking help; and</p> <p>(c) whether referrals of psychiatric patients to private medical practitioners would be made under the Public-Private Partnership Programme.</p>	<p>("GBA"). By September 2024, the coverage of EHCv has been extended to seven integrated medical/dental institutions in GBA. Together with the original two service points operated by the University of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Hospital, eligible elderly persons can use EHCVs in a total of nine service points located at Guangzhou, Zhongshan, Dongguan and Shenzhen. The Health Bureau has announced to extend the Pilot Scheme and further include 12 additional service points to cover all nine Mainland cities in GBA. It is expected that the new pilot medical institutions will gradually launch the relevant arrangements by the fourth quarter of 2025.</p> <p>The Administration will provide a response on the remaining items in due course.</p>

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4. Report on the new mental health initiatives and work of the Advisory Committee on Mental Health	17 November 2023	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information:</p> <p>(a) under the “3-tier model” advocated by the Work Report of the Advisory Committee on Mental Health, whether it was possible to set up community mental health service teams, the unit responsible for the teams, the person-in-charge of the teams, how quality of the services concerned could be ensured, as well as roles of family doctors, psychiatrists and psychiatric nurses in private practice in the districts; and</p> <p>(b) whether special intervention services for mental health would be provided in public housing estates with multiple suicide cases.</p>	The Administration will provide a response in due course.
5. Progress of the Hospital Authority's work in resuming the Hospital Accreditation Programme	12 April 2024	The Administration was requested to provide the Panel with a paper on the accreditation outcome after it is available, including the areas of improvement that had been recommended to the hospitals by the surveyors and the improvement measures to be taken by the hospitals.	The Administration will provide a response in due course.

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6. The Final Report of the Working Group on Oral Health and Dental Care and the Report of the Oral Health Survey 2021	13 December 2024	According to the Administration, the Community Dental Support Programme to be launched would provide dental services for underprivileged groups with financial difficulties. Some Members considered that since recipients of the Working Family Allowance were all low-income earners, they should be able to receive the above services directly without a social worker's referral. The Administration was requested to respond to the above view.	The Administration will provide a response in due course.
7. Hospital Authority's Review of the Management of the Public Hospital System	13 December 2024	On a high-level Governance and Structure Reform Committee to be established by HA to steer the implementation of the recommendations made in the report of the Review Committee on the Management of the Public Hospital System regarding governance, accountability and distribution of responsibilities and related reform work, HA was requested to report to the Panel on the work progress in a timely manner.	The Administration will provide a response in due course.

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8. HKUMed Campus Re-development Project – Construction of Clinical Training and Amenities Centre	14 March 2025	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information:</p> <p>(a) the situation of consulting the local community on the project by the Administration and the consultation work in the future; and</p> <p>(b) justifications for the need to provide student residences near the Queen Mary Hospital.</p>	The Administration will provide a response in due course.
9. Enhancing price transparency of private healthcare services	9 May 2025	<p>The Administration was requested to:</p> <p>(a) provide information on whether private hospitals were permitted to require patients to provide guarantor information to guarantee medical expenses under current legislation or regulations; and</p> <p>(b) respond to a member's suggestion that the Administration should consider, in addition to regulating licensed private healthcare institutions, requiring each doctor to provide price lists for medical services for public information.</p>	The Administration will provide a response in due course.

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