

Working Party On Primary Health Care (1988-1990)

Implementation of the
Recommendations

Working Party on Primary Health Care

- Appointed by the Governor in Aug 1988
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- 16 members from different sectors
- Submitted report in December 1990

Terms of Reference

1. To review the then primary health care in HK
2. To advise on measures and changes to improve PHC
3. To suggest arrangement to strengthen coordination between out-patient clinics and hospitals
4. To consider whether GOPC and other PHC should be brought under Hospital Authority
5. To examine roles of the private/ public/educational sectors and their coordination
6. To assess the resource implications

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Implementation of Recommendations

Objectives & principles (Chapter 4)

The role of Government in the development of PHC should be -

- (a) to safeguard the public health of the community and minimize preventable diseases and disability through provision of quality and efficient preventive care services; and
- (b) to ensure the provision of a framework for the delivery of continuing, comprehensive and whole person medical care to individuals.

Health Promotion & Disease Prevention (Chapter 5)

Health Promotion

- CHEU reorganized :focus on healthy lifestyle
- New services: Women Health, Student Health, Elderly Health

Disease Prevention & Control

- Immunization
- Surveillance enhanced : 39 systems

Health Information System

- Public Health Information System

Screening Services (Chapter 6)

Targeted towards diseases or population subgroups

Well Women Service - Extended from 3 centres to 10
MCHCs

Elderly Health Services - 18 centres

Student Health Services - 12 centres

Cervical Screening Programme - under planning

Student Health Service (Chapter 7)

- Replaced the school medical service
- Free health promotion programme for all primary and secondary students

Delivery of Primary Medical Care (Chapter 8)

- Introduction of Family Medicine
- Clinical protocols
- Computerized drug labelling
- Opportunistic health education for patients

(GOPC transferred to HA in July 2003)

Community Health Service & Rehabilitative Care (Chapter 9)

- Elderly an important target group
- Integrated approach for elderly health services

Training of Health Care Personnel (Chapter 10)

Family Medicine Training

- Set up Family Medicine Training Centre
- Appointed Consultant (Family Medicine)

Community Medicine Training

- supported local training

Public Health Nursing School

- capacity enhanced
- recently Nursing Degree Programme (Public Health) at tertiary institutions

District Health System (Chapter 11)

- Piloted models in Kowloon
- Evolved to form District Health Committees with community participation

Fees & Charges Policy (Chapter 13)

- Affordable primary care
- No one is denied of adequate medical treatment through lack of means
- Free childhood immunization
- Free vaccination for institutionalized elderly
- Free treatment for TB and STD

Report of the Working Party on Primary Health Care

Blue Print for developments of PHC in Hong Kong

Out of the 102 recommendations, the only recommendation not implemented is the setting up of a Primary Health Care Authority

Health Care Reform (2000)

- Health Care Reform Consultation by SHW in 2000
- Redefined Roles of DH
 - Regulatory
 - Advisory
 - Health Advocacy & Health Promotion
 - Disease Prevention & Control

Thank You