

Select Committee Question 27(1)

Information on the facilities and installations at Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) provided for the handling of patients with infectious diseases when the hospital came into operation; how these facilities and installation had been changed since then until its designation as a Severe Acute respiratory Syndrome outbreak (SARS) hospital; and such facilities and installation currently provided at the hospital. The information should include the number of isolation wards, infection control facilities and measures.

1. When PMH first came into operation, there were 4 isolation wards designated for infectious diseases. In 1995, the hospital underwent major renovation with installation of air conditioning. Modification/upgrading work was undertaken at this stage for these 4 wards. Each room was equipped with independent Air Handling Unit (AHU) for each room; HEPA (high efficiency particulate air filter) supply air with return; single room; independent exhaust device.

These four isolation wards provided a total of 86 beds.

2. When PMH was designated to be a SARS Hospital on 27/3/03, besides these four isolation wards, all other general wards (36 wards) in the whole hospital would be used for holding SARS patients with 912 beds. To create a negative pressure environment, exhaust fans were installed into each cubicle. These works were started on 28/3/03, and completed by 2/4/03.
3. In July this year, improvement works were done to create negative pressure isolation rooms for 12 wards in E & F Blocks.

Ward EF 4 to 6 provides a total of 93 beds with attached bath and toilets. Wards EF 1 to 3 provide 168 beds. Currently, PMH provides 261 isolation beds under para 1 and 2.

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Daily number of patients admitted to the Intensive Care Unit of PMH, broken down by infected healthcare works (HCWs) of PMH, infected HCWs of each of the other hospitals and other patients during the period between 29 March 2003 and 30th April 2003.

Daily Admission of patients to Intensive Care Unit (ICU), PMH, broken down by infected Health Care Worker (HCW) of PMH, other hospital and other patients from 29/3/2003 to 30/4/2003

Date	PMH HCW admitted to ICU	Other HCW admitted to ICU	Other patients admitted to ICU	Total ICU Admissions	Total no. of patients in ICU
2003-03-29			5	5	17
2003-03-30			2	2	19
2003-03-31			3	3	19
2003-04-01			10	10	26
2003-04-02		1 (Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital Registered Nurse)	6	7	29
2003-04-03			6	6	34
2003-04-04			9	9	36
2003-04-05			4	4	39
2003-04-06			6	6	43
2003-04-07	1 ICU Medical Officer, 1 Health Care Assistant		2	4	43
2003-04-08	1 ICU Medicial Officer		5	6	44
2003-04-09			4	4	43
2003-04-10			3	3	43
2003-04-11			4	4	44
2003-04-12			1	1	43
2003-04-13			3	3	44
2003-04-14			2	2	42
2003-04-15			0	0	40
2003-04-16			0	0	40
2003-04-17	1 workman		2	3	40
2003-04-18			3	3	41
2003-04-19			4	4	33
2003-04-20			1	1	32
2003-04-21			0	0	32
2003-04-22	1 Registered Nurse		2	3	32
2003-04-23			0	0	30
2003-04-24			0	0	26
2003-04-25			1	1	21
2003-04-26			0	0	19
2003-04-27			0	0	17
2003-04-28			0	0	15
2003-04-29			1	1	14
2003-04-30			1	1	15
Grand Total:	5	1	90	96	