

Panel on Health Services

List of follow-up actions

(Position as at 11 December 2012)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Regulation and control of pharmaceutical products in Hong Kong	31 March 2009	The Administration was requested to provide the revised checklist used by the inspectors of the Department of Health ("DH") when conducting inspections on pharmaceutical manufacturers once they were finalised.	The Review Committee on Regulation of Pharmaceutical Products in Hong Kong recommended DH in January 2010 to upgrade Hong Kong's current Good Manufacturing Practices ("GMP") licensing standards by a phased approach to the international standards promulgated by the World Health Organization and Pharmaceutical Inspection Co-operation Scheme ("PIC/S"). On DH's invitation, PIC/S conducted a gap assessment between the standards of GMP and PIC/S in end-2010. DH procured a consultancy service in July 2012 for advice on upgrading the current GMP licensing standards to PIC/S compliant licensing standards. It is expected that the consultancy will be completed in 2014. The inspection checklist would be revised in accordance with the advice of the consultant and submitted to the Panel once available.

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2. Creation of new directorate posts in DH	11 April 2011	The Administration was requested to report on a quarterly or bi-annual basis the progress in taking forward the recommendations of the Review Committee on the Regulation of Pharmaceutical Products in Hong Kong after the establishment of the Office on Drugs.	<p>The Assistant Director (Drug) and one Chief Pharmacist posts were created on 1 and 14 September 2011 respectively for the set up of the Drug Office to take forward the recommendations of the Review Committee on the Regulation of Pharmaceutical Products in Hong Kong.</p> <p>The Administration will report the progress on the recommendations in due course.</p>
3. Pilot project on enhancing radiological investigation services through collaboration with the private sector	12 December 2011	The Administration was requested to provide data on the average waiting time of cancer patients for radiological investigation services before and six months after implementation of the pilot project.	The Administration will provide a response in due course.
4. The land disposal arrangement for the development of private hospitals at Wong Chuk Hang and Tai Po	7 May 2012	The Administration was requested to provide information on the reason for including the slope located at the north of the reserved site at Wong Chuk Hang as part of the site.	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)330/12-13(01) on 11 December 2012.

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5. Latest arrangement for Mainland women giving birth in Hong Kong	7 May 2012	<p>The Administration was requested to provide -</p> <p>(a) information to elaborate its explanation that from the economic and market perspective, following the decision of the private hospitals to stop accepting bookings for obstetric services in 2013 from non-local pregnant women whose husbands were non-Hong Kong residents, the private hospitals could either increase their obstetric service charges to cover its operation cost or lower their obstetric service charges to attract the Mainland spouses of local residents who hoped to give birth in Hong Kong as well as local pregnant women who originally opted to use the public obstetric services;</p> <p>(b) the number of obstetric beds to be provided by those private hospitals which were expected to lower its price in the face of keen competition; and</p>	<p>The Administration will provide a response in due course.</p>

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		(c) statistical data demonstrating the effectiveness of the enhanced measures to control the use of obstetric services by non-local women referred to in paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Administration's paper (LC Paper No. CB(2)1863/11-12(01)).	
6. Review on the regulation of medical beauty treatments/ procedures	26 October 2012	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on -</p> <p>(a) the regulation of medical beauty treatments/procedures in overseas jurisdictions; and</p> <p>(b) the existing regulatory control on medical and clinical laboratories, as well as any other premises, which undertook aseptic work.</p>	The Administration's response to item (a) and item (b) was issued to members vide LC Paper Nos. CB(2)143/12-13(01) and CB(2)315/12-13(01) on 1 November and 6 December 2012 respectively.
7. Enhancements to the Elderly Health Care Voucher Pilot Scheme	19 November 2012	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on -</p> <p>(a) financial implications of lowering the eligibility age for elderly health care vouchers to 60 or 65;</p>	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)309/12-13(01) on 5 December 2012.

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		<p>(b) the respective breakdown by health professions and by reasons of visit of the reimbursement claims under the Elderly Health Care Voucher Pilot Scheme in the past three years; and</p> <p>(c) report of the Interim Review of Elderly Health Care Voucher Pilot Scheme.</p>	
8. Construction of Tin Shui Wai Hospital	19 November 2012	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on -</p> <p>(a) the provision of additional outpatient clinic places to meet the demand for primary care services in Tin Shui Wai before the commissioning of the Tin Shui Wai Hospital ("the TSW Hospital");</p> <p>(b) the existing overall doctor to population ratio of all hospital clusters, and the doctor to population ratio of the New Territories West cluster after the commissioning of the TSW Hospital; and</p>	The Administration will provide the written response in due course.

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		(c) whether the standard of providing 5.5 beds per 1 000 population as set out in the 2011 edition of the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines could be achieved in the New Territories West cluster after the commissioning of the TSW Hospital.	

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