

Panel on Health Services

List of follow-up actions

(Position as at 22 October 2013)

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 will 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>As part of its efforts to implement the Review Committee's recommendations, the Administration is preparing the Pharmacy and Poisons (Amendment) Bill and plans to consult the Panel in November 2013.</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.

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<p>4. Issues relating to the development and operation of private hospitals</p>	<p>18 December 2012</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the estimated healthcare manpower requirement for a private hospital with a capacity of 300 inpatient beds by referencing the relevant requirement in public hospitals; (b) whether the land grant condition that there should be no distribution of profits/surplus, and profits/surplus derived from the hospital should be ploughed back for improving and expanding the hospital facilities had been properly complied with by the private hospitals concerned; (c) whether charities that had been granted tax exemption status under section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112) and non-profit making organizations had to make public their annual financial statements, and if so, a list of those private hospitals which fell into these two categories, with a breakdown on whether they had met the disclosure requirement; and 	<p>The Administration's response to items (a), (b) and (d) was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)888/12-13 on 28 March 2013.</p> <p>The Administration will provide a response to item (c) in due course.</p>

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		(d) an assessment of the effectiveness of the measures implemented by the Hospital Authority ("HA") to improve staff retention and the turnover rates of doctors and nurses in HA in the past five years.	
5. Waiting time management for Specialist Outpatient Clinics in HA	17 June 2013	The Administration/HA was requested to provide details on HA's internal allocation system for funding hospital clusters.	The Administration will provide a response in due course.
6. Dental care policy and services for the elderly and interim review on the Pilot Project on Outreach Primary Dental Care Services for the Elderly in Residential Care Homes and Day Care Centres	17 June 2013	The Administration was requested to provide the report of the second Oral Health Survey when available.	The Administration will provide the survey report to members in due course.

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7. An overview of the re-development and expansion plans of public hospitals	15 July 2013	The Administration was requested to provide a breakdown of the catchment population, the number of beds per 1 000 population, the range of services (including those services that had yet been provided because of manpower constraint or other reasons, and the respective proportion of services provided to patients within and outside the catchment area of the hospital cluster concerned), the manpower shortfall of doctors and nurses, as well as the anticipated changes in the above areas for the next fifteen years (at five-year intervals), by hospital clusters.	The Administration will provide a response in due course.