

Panel on Health Services

List of follow-up actions

(Position as at 11 March 2015)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. 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 setting up of the Drug Office to take forward the recommendations of the Review Committee on the Regulation of Pharmaceutical Products in Hong Kong ("Review Committee").</p> <p>Among the 75 recommendations put forward by the Review Committee, 16 recommendations require amendments to the existing Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance (Cap. 138) and its subsidiary legislation. After taking into consideration of the findings of Regulatory Impact Assessment consultancy study that the recommendation relating to licensing of retailers of non-poisons should not be implemented, and having consulted the Panel on 18 November 2013, 10 December 2013 and 10 February 2014, the Administration introduced the legislative proposals, i.e. the Pharmacy and Poisons (Amendment) Bill 2014,</p>

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			<p>into the Legislative Council on 26 March 2014 to implement most of these recommendations. The Bill was passed by the Legislative Council on 21 January 2015. The Pharmacy and Poisons (Amendment) Ordinance 2015 has come into effect on 6 February 2015, except sections 21, 37 and 68 which shall come into effect on 5 August 2016. Accordingly, 11 out of these 16 recommendations have been implemented.</p> <p>For the rest of the recommendations, 46 recommendations have already been implemented. The remaining 18 recommendations are being implemented, seven of which are related to the preparation of Codes of Practice ("COP") for various groups of licensed traders. The COP for authorized sellers of poisons was issued in January 2015 as a condition for registration, whereas the COPs respectively for listed sellers of poisons, licensed manufacturers and wholesalers are being prepared.</p>

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2. 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.
3. 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.

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4. Mechanism of the Hospital Authority to ensure safety in the use of medical equipment and products	20 October 2014	<p>The Administration was requested to provide -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) detailed information to elaborate on the measures implemented by the Hospital Authority ("HA") at the corporate level to ensure safety in the use of medical equipment and products as set out in paragraph 5 of the Administration's paper (LC Paper No. CB(2)2059/13-14(01)), and the monitoring mechanism in place to ensure that the established guidelines were followed; and(b) a summary of the findings and recommendations of the Root Cause Analysis Panel on the incident concerning the use of expired surgical sutures at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.	The Administration will provide a response in due course.
5. Quality management of pathology reports in HA	17 November 2014	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) the number of disciplinary actions taken by HA against its doctors arising from sentinel events reported to HA Head Office in the past five years, and among these	The Administration will provide a response in due course.

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		<p>doctors, the number of those who were referred to the Medical Council of Hong Kong for investigation as to whether or not a disciplinary inquiry should be conducted;</p> <p>(b) the establishment and the actual strength of pathologists of the pathology departments of the United Christian Hospital and other public hospitals; and</p> <p>(c) the percentage of audit check on pathology reports issued under the forensic pathology service of the Department of Health.</p>	
6. Voluntary Health Insurance Scheme	13 January 2015	The Administration was requested to provide a comparison between the average cost of HA and the median cost of the private healthcare sector for conducting common operations or procedures, such as appendicectomy, laparoscopic cholecystectomy, endoscopy and colonoscopy procedures.	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)902/14-15(01) on 23 February 2015.

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7. Expansion of Tuen Mun Hospital	19 January 2015	In the context of discussing the expansion of United Christian Hospital, the Administration was requested to provide information on the timetable for the expansion of Tuen Mun Hospital.	The Administration will provide a response in due course.
8. Measures for the prevention and control of seasonal influenza	16 February 2015	The Administration/HA was requested to provide information on the daily average number of HA's Accident and Emergency first attendance who were non-eligible persons during the period of December 2014 to January 2015.	The Administration will provide a response in due course.
9. Sentinel and Serious Untoward Events Management in the Hospital Authority	16 February 2015	<p>The Administration/HA was requested to provide information on -</p> <p>(a) the number of complaints lodged with HA's Public Complaints Committee in relation to medical errors ;</p> <p>(b) the breakdown by hospitals of the number of sentinel and serious untoward events reported to the HA Head Office since the implementation of the relevant policy; and</p>	The Administration will provide a response in due course.

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		(c) the breakdown by types of the disciplinary actions taken by HA against its staff arising from sentinel and serious untoward events in the past five years.	

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