

**Panel on Health Services**

**List of outstanding items for discussion**  
(position as at 10 March 2022)

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Proposed timing for discussion</b>
<b>1. Three Projects under the First Ten-year Hospital Development Plan and progress of other hospital development plans</b>	April 2022

The Administration intends to invite members' comments on the following three projects under the First Ten-year Hospital Development Plan ("HDP"): (a) main works for the redevelopment of Prince of Wales Hospital, phase 2 (stage 1); (b) main works for the redevelopment of Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital; and (c) main works for the redevelopment of Grantham Hospital, phase 1.

At the Panel meeting on 25 January 2022, Hon Stanley LI Sai-wing, Hon YANG Wing-kit and Hon LEUNG Man-kwong proposed discussion of the progress of HDPs.

Hon Stanley LI Sai-wing requested the Administration to report to the Panel the progress of expansion and redevelopment projects within the Kowloon East Cluster and New Territories East Cluster, and raised concern about whether services provided by the relevant hospitals upon expansion and redevelopment would cater for the needs of local residents. Hon YANG Wing-kit suggested the provision of accident and emergency service in Wong Tai Sin District. Besides, he expressed concern about the usage of the original site of Queen Elizabeth Hospital after relocation of most of its services to a new acute Hospital at Kai Tak Development Area. Hon LEUNG Man-kwong raised concern about the progress of the expansion project of Caritas Medical Centre under the Second Ten-year HDP.

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<b>2. Proposed amendments to the Declaration of Mental Hospital (Consolidation) Order (Cap. 136B)</b>	April 2022
<p>Item proposed by the Administration. The Administration proposes to consult the Panel on the proposed amendments to the mental hospitals declared in the Schedule to the Declaration of Mental Hospital (Consolidation) Order (Cap. 136B).</p>	
<b>3. Review of dental care services and relevant manpower plan</b>	May 2022
<p>The subject covers: (i) review of dental care services, (ii) provision of dental services for adult patients with intellectual disability and with financial needs and (iii) review of oral health goals. Discussion of the subject was originally scheduled for the regular meeting of the Panel on 11 December 2020. Subsequently, it was announced in the Chief Executive's 2020 Policy Address that all the staff establishment proposals awaiting scrutiny would be withdrawn and subject to individual review. The Administration advised on 1 December 2020 that discussion of the subject would be deferred to a future meeting.</p>	
<p>At the Panel meeting on 25 January 2022, Hon Stanley LI Sai-wing raised concern about the lack of public dental facilities for the elderly in 18 districts. Hon YANG Wing-kit expressed concern over the prolonged waiting time for bookings for dental services by the elderly, and requested the Administration to review the effectiveness of providing dental services. Dr Hon David LAM Tzit-yuen requested discussion on how to improve School Dental Care Service ("SDCS"), including whether the scope of SDCS can be extended to secondary school students.</p>	

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<b>4. Development of primary healthcare services</b>	June 2022

Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan proposed vide her letter dated 2 November 2020 (LC Paper No. CB(2)161/20-21(03)) that the Panel should discuss the development of primary healthcare services and setting up of DHC Express. She further suggested vide her letters dated 12 March and 18 May 2021 (LC Paper Nos. CB(4)640/20-21(01) and CB(4)1010/20-21(01)) that the Panel Chairman should arrange for discussion of the subject as soon as possible. The Administration's responses to Dr CHIANG's letters were issued to members on 12 April and 2 July 2021 respectively vide LC Paper Nos. CB(4)754/20-21(01) and CB(4)1191/20-21(01).

The Public Complaints Office of the Legislative Council Secretariat referred the item of management of polypharmacy and medication adherence for the elderly for follow-up by the Panel vide a referral memorandum (LC Paper No. CB(2)381/20-21(01)) (Restricted to members only).

At the Panel meeting on 25 January 2022, Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun proposed discussion of the effectiveness, services and progress of setting up District Health Centres ("DHCs"). Hon LAM So-wai requested the establishment of more DHCs and expansion of their service scopes. Dr Hon David LAM Tzit-yuen proposed discussion of development of community healthcare networks so as to cater for healthcare demands arising from ageing of population.

Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan proposed vide her letter dated 2 November 2020 (LC Paper No. CB(2)161/20-21(03)) that the Panel should discuss the review of the Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme. At the Panel meeting on 25 January 2022, Hon Stanley LI Sai-wing proposed discussion on reviewing the flexibility in using elderly health care vouchers. Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun requested to explore whether the scope of the Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme could be extended to the Greater Bay Area.

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<b>5. Reprovisioning of Victoria Public Mortuary</b>	June 2022
<p>Item proposed by the Administration. The Administration proposes to construct a new public mortuary building for the reprovisioning of the existing Victoria Public Mortuary (“VPM”) in Kennedy Town. Started operation in 1972, the existing VPM has limited body storage capacity and outworn architectural designs. The project scope also comprises improvement and fitting works inside an existing underground cavern adjacent to the proposed new VPM for the provisioning of a departmental personal protective equipment store. The project would meet the increasing service demand, enhance the quality of public mortuary service to the public and better safeguard infection control.</p>	
<b>6. Enhancement of Healthcare Teaching Facilities of University Grants Committee-funded Universities</b>	June or July 2022
<p>Item proposed by the Administration. The Administration intends to consult the Panel on Health Services and Panel on Education on two funding proposals, namely “Enhancement of facilities cum medical campus development” and “Construction of a Clinical Training Amenities Centre at No.6 Sassoon Road” of the University of Hong Kong.</p>	
<b>7. Report on the new mental health initiatives and work of the Advisory Committee on Mental Health</b>	July 2022
<p>At the Panel meeting on 10 January 2020, in the context of discussing the enhancement of mental health services, members were briefed on, among others, the work progress of the Advisory Committee on Mental Health since its establishment in December 2017, the commencement of three mental health prevalence surveys by two local universities as commissioned by the Administration in 2019, and the Dementia Community Support Scheme.</p>	

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In the 2020-2021 legislative session, some members proposed discussion on reviewing mental health services (including follow-up on policies relating to persons with dementia), as well as the mental health status of the Hong Kong population under the epidemic and the enhancement measures (including mental health support services).

**8. Recent progress of Chinese Medicine Development Fund**

July 2022

The item was referred to the Panel for follow-up by the Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Development of Chinese Medicine. At the Subcommittee meeting on 3 July 2020, the Administration was requested to update the Panel on the implementation of the Chinese Medicine Development Fund on a regular basis.

At the Panel meeting on 25 January 2022, Hon Kingsley WONG Kwok and Dr Hon David LAM Tzit-yuen proposed discussion of future development of Chinese medicine industry as well as direction of development of collaboration between Chinese and Western medicine respectively.

**9. Update on tobacco control measures**

2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2022

Item proposed by the Administration. The Administration intends to brief the Panel on the progress of tobacco control measures with a view to achieving a smoking prevalence of 7.8% by 2025 as promulgated under “Towards 2025: Strategy and Action Plan to Prevent and Control Non-communicable Diseases in Hong Kong”.

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<b>10. Legislative proposal to amend the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance (Cap. 359)</b>	November 2022
<p>Item proposed by the Administration. The administration intends to brief the Panel on the legislative proposal to amend the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance (Cap. 359) (“the Ordinance”) with a view to—</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="288 703 1139 824">(a) enabling direct provision of services by physiotherapists and occupational therapists to patients without a doctor’s referral;</li><li data-bbox="288 831 1139 1081">(b) making continuing professional education/development a mandatory requirement for all five supplementary medical professions under the Ordinance (i.e. physiotherapists, occupational therapists, optometrists, radiographers and medical laboratory technologists); and</li><li data-bbox="288 1088 1139 1211">(c) empowering Chinese medicine practitioners to make referrals to radiographers and medical laboratory technologists.</li></ul>	
<b>11. Review of fees and charges under the purview of the Department of Health</b>	November/ December 2022

Item proposed by the Administration. The Department of Health (“DH”) plans to review statutory fee items prescribed under Radiation (Control of Radioactive Substances) Regulations (Cap. 303A); Radiation (Control of Irradiating Apparatus) Regulations (Cap. 303B); Human Reproductive Technology (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 561B); and Prevention and Control of Disease Regulation (Cap. 599A) in the second quarter of 2022 and consult the Legislative Council (“LegCo”) on fee revision proposals.

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<b>12.</b>	<b>Review of the Human Reproductive Technology Ordinance (Cap. 561)</b>	To be confirmed
	<p>The item was referred to the Panel for follow-up by the Bills Committee on Human Reproductive Technology (Amendment) Bill 2015.</p> <p>During the scrutiny of the Bill, the Administration has advised that it would work with the Council on Human Reproductive Technology (“CHRT”) to look into the need to amend the Human Reproductive Technology Ordinance comprehensively having regard to the stakeholders’ feedback and the operating experience of CHRT. The Administration undertook to keep the Panel informed of the progress.</p>	
<b>13.</b>	<b>Provision of one-stop services for victims of sexual violence in and prevention of crime in psychiatric wards of public hospitals</b>	To be confirmed
	<p>This subject was originally placed on the Panel’s list of outstanding list for discussion as two separate items (viz. (i) Provision of one-stop services for victims of sexual violence in public hospitals and (ii) Prevention of crime in psychiatric wards of the hospitals under the Hospital Authority (“HA”). In November 2019, the two items were merged as suggested by the Administration.</p>	
<b>14.</b>	<b>Specialist services, non-emergency services and examinations provided by the Hospital Authority</b>	To be confirmed
	<p>In the 2018-2019 and 2020-2021 legislative sessions, some members proposed discussion of specialist services provided by HA as well as measures to shorten the waiting time for specialist outpatient services, non-emergency services and examinations provided by HA.</p>	

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<b>15. Pilot Accredited Registers Scheme for Healthcare Professions</b>	To be confirmed
<p>The Panel held a special meeting to receive views from members of the public on the subject on 10 December 2018. The Administration advised at the meeting that the Accreditation Agent announced the accreditation results for the speech therapist and audiologist professions in April and November 2018 respectively, and expected to announce the accreditation results for dietitian and educational psychologist professions in phases by the first quarter of 2019. Separately, the accreditation process for the clinical psychologist profession has commenced. Upon completion of the accreditation, the Accreditation Agent will review the effectiveness of the Pilot Scheme and report to the Administration with recommended measures for improvement. The Administration would study how to formulate a statutory registration regime for relevant accredited professions based on the Pilot Scheme.</p>	
<b>16. Implementation of the regulatory regime under the Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance (Cap. 633)</b>	To be confirmed
<p>The item was referred to the Panel for follow-up by Subcommittee on Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance (Specification of Date for Section 135(1)(a)) Notice and Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance (Specification of Date for Section 136(1)(a)) Notice.</p>	
<p>In the course of scrutinizing the two Notices, the Administration has, in response to members' request, undertaken to brief the Panel on a yearly basis on the progress made towards the full implementation of the new regulatory regime under the Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance.</p>	
<p>At the policy briefing on 21 October 2019, members were advised that the application period for licences for</p>	



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private hospitals started on 2 July 2019, and that for day procedure centres would commence on 2 January 2020. For clinics, applications for licences and requests for letters of exemption would commence in 2021 the earliest.

- 17. Corporate governance and manpower situation of the Hospital Authority and the use of the additional funding earmarked in the 2019-2020 Budget for the Hospital Authority's work concerning its manpower, drug treatments and medical equipment** To be confirmed

This subject was originally placed on the Panel's list of outstanding list for discussion as two separate items (viz. (i) Corporate governance and manpower situation of HA and (ii) Progress report on the use of the additional funding earmarked in the 2019-2020 Budget for HA's work concerning its manpower, drug treatments and medical equipment). In November 2019, the two items were merged as suggested by the Administration.

- 18. End-of-life care: Legislative proposals on advance directives and dying in place** 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2022

At the meeting on 8 November 2019, the Panel was briefed on the public consultation on the subject being conducted for the period from 6 September to 16 December 2019. The Administration was requested to revert to the Panel on the results of the public consultation when available.

The Administration provided an information paper on the outcome and way forward of the above public consultation exercise in July 2020. According to the Administration, it is working to introduce a bill on advance directives and related matters in the Seventh Legislative Council.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Proposed timing for discussion</b>
<b>19. Effectiveness of the internal auditing mechanism of the Department of Health and Hospital Authority</b>	To be confirmed
<p>Hon CHAN Han-pan proposed vide his letter dated 17 March 2020 (LC Paper No. CB(2)727/19-20(01)) that the Panel should discuss the effectiveness of the internal auditing mechanism of the DH and HA.</p>	
<p>Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan proposed vide her letter dated 2 November 2020 (LC Paper No. CB(2)161/20-21(03)) that the Panel should discuss the subject in the 2020-2021 legislative session.</p>	
<b>20. Provision of treatment and support for cancer patients and rare disease patients</b>	To be confirmed
<p>Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan proposed vide her letter dated 2 November 2020 (LC Paper No. CB(2)161/20-21(03)) that the Panel should discuss the subject in the 2020-2021 legislative session.</p>	
<b>21. Public-private Partnership Programme</b>	To be confirmed
<p>Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan proposed vide her letter dated 2 November 2020 (LC Paper No. CB(2)161/20-21(03)) that the Panel should discuss in the 2020-2021 legislative session the enhancement of the Public-private Partnership Programme. She further suggested vide her letter dated 18 May 2021 (LC Paper No. CB(4)1010/20-21(01)) that the Panel Chairman should arrange for discussion of the subject as soon as possible. The Administration's response to the letter was issued to members on 2 July 2021 vide LC Paper No. CB(4)1191/20-21(01).</p>	

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22.	<b>Handling of patients' privacy by the Hospital Authority</b>  Hon Alice MAK requested vide her letter dated 10 May 2021 (LC Paper No. CB(4)985/20-21(01)) the Panel to discuss HA's handling of patients' privacy.	To be confirmed
23.	<b>Ophthalmology services</b>  Item proposed by Hon YANG Wing-kit at the Panel meeting on 25 January 2022. Hon YANG Wing-kit raised concern about the prolonged waiting time for bookings for ophthalmology specialist services by the elderly, and requested that the Administration should review the effectiveness of providing ophthalmology specialist services.	To be confirmed
24.	<b>Comprehensive policy on digital health technologies and legal framework of telehealth services</b>  Item proposed by Hon Duncan CHIU, Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun and Dr Hon David LAM Tzit-yuen at the Panel meeting on 25 January 2022. Hon Duncan CHIU proposed discussion on the comprehensive policy on digital health technologies. Also, he and Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun proposed that a legal framework of telehealth services be formulated by the Administration. Dr Hon David LAM Tzit-yuen requested discussion on the ways to improve the Electronic Health Record Sharing System (eHealth).	To be confirmed
25.	<b>Turning to private practice by the Hospital Authority's doctors after receiving specialist training</b>  Item proposed by Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee at the Panel meeting on 25 January 2022. She raised concern that some HA's doctors have turned to private practice after receiving specialist training in HA.	To be confirmed

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Proposed timing for discussion</b>
<b>26. Urban-rural healthcare system and general outpatient services in the evening and during weekend</b>	To be confirmed
<p>Item proposed by Hon LAM So-wai at the Panel meeting on 25 January 2022. She raised concern about the balance and development of urban-rural medical resources, and proposed discussion of the implementation of a government-led urban-rural healthcare system suitable to Hong Kong in the long run. She also proposed enhancement of general outpatient services in the evening and during weekend.</p>	
<b>27. Professional conduct of healthcare personnel</b>	To be confirmed
<p>Item proposed by Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun at the Panel meeting on 25 January 2022.</p>	
<b>28. The COVID-19 Vaccination Programme</b>	To be confirmed
<p>Item proposed by Hon CHAN Hoi-yan on 7 February 2022. Hon CHAN Hoi-yan suggested discussion of issues related to vaccination, including mutual recognition of vaccination records between Hong Kong and the Mainland.</p>	