

Hospital Authority appoints committee to review public hospital system management issues

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority (HA) announced today (July 2) that it has appointed a Review Committee on the Management of the Public Hospital System (the Committee) to review several recent incidents in connection with hospital operations and facilities, and conduct a comprehensive systemic review on the governance, appraisal, accountability, operations, risk control and compliance at HA Head Office, clusters, hospitals, service units/teams and staff levels.

The Committee will review the following aspects relating to quality and patient safety:

1. mechanisms for monitoring performance and compliance in clinical guidelines and organisational procedures;
2. systems for internal risk control including identification, assessment and mitigation at all levels;
3. systems for management accountability and staff appraisals to accord with performance, compliance and risk-control mechanisms; and
4. incident response arrangements including communications and announcements.

Membership of the Committee is as follows:

Chairman

Professor Fok Tai-fai

Members

Ms Sylvia Fung

Dr Lawrence Lai

Mr Daniel Lam

Dr David Lam

Dr Joseph Lui

Dr Lui Siu-fai

Mr Tim Pang

The HA expects the Committee to conduct a comprehensive review of the systemic issues in public hospitals with a view to enhancing the quality of healthcare and patient safety. The establishment of the Committee embodies the HA's commitment to the continuous improvement of the public healthcare system. The Committee will put forward its recommendations to the HA Board within three months to ensure that public hospitals provide quality

healthcare services to the public.