Update on cluster of Carbapenem Resistant Acinetobacter cases in Prince of Wales Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on a cluster of patients in a medical ward confirmed to be carriers of Carbapenem Resistant Acinetobacter (CRA), the spokesperson for Prince of Wales Hospital gave the following update today (February 19):

In accordance with the prevailing guidelines, the hospital commenced contact tracing and today confirmed one more male patient, aged 85, as being a CRA carrier. The patient is being treated under isolation in Shatin Hospital with stable condition.

The case has been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for follow-up. The hospital will continue to closely monitor the situation in the ward concerned and adopt enhanced infection control measures.