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UPDATES ON NORTH LANTAU HOSPITAL

Purpose

This paper aims at updating members on the latest development of the North Lantau Hospital (NLTH).

Expansion of services in North Lantau Hospital

- 2. To enhance the services for patients residing in Tung Chung District and its vicinity, NLTH has extended its accident and emergency (A&E) service from 16 hours to 24 hours daily starting from 25 September 2014. Overall, the operation of the A&E department has been smooth with average daily attendance increasing from 181 in August 2014 to 228 within the first eleven days of the round-the-clock service. There was an average of around 21 patients attending A&E from 00:00hrs to 07:59hrs daily within the first eleven days of 24-hour A&E service.
- 3. Apart from the 24-hour A&E service, inpatient service of 20 acute beds and 20 convalescent / rehabilitation beds has been in operation starting from 24 September 2014.
- 4. In addition, the Day Rehabilitation Centre as well as the specialist outpatient clinics for surgery and orthopaedics and traumatology have commenced services on 15, 16 and 17 September 2014 respectively while allied health services of speech therapy and dietetic service have also started since end-September 2014.

Way forward

5. Following our expansion plan, NLTH is in the process of preparing for the opening of the Day Procedure Centre in the fourth quarter of this year. The Hospital Authority will, having regard to the service needs and manpower availability, further roll out the services of NLTH in phases.

Advice Sought

6. Members are invited to note the content of this paper.

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