

ISLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

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PROGRESS REPORT ON NORTH LANTAU HOSPITAL

Purpose

This paper informs the Islands District Council the updated development of North Lantau Hospital (NLTH).

Service Commencement

2. NLTH will commence service on 24 September 2013.

Scope of Service at Commencement

Accident & Emergency Service (A&E)

3. A&E services will commence on 24 September 2013 for 8 hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It will be extended to 16 hours by January 2014. We expect to extend the service to 24 hours in the third quarter of 2014.

General Outpatient and Special Outpatient Services

4. The Tung Chung General Outpatient Clinic will be moved to NLTH after its closing of service on 28 September 2013 at 1 p.m. and commence service at NLTH on 30 September 2013 at 9 a.m. We shall inform the concerned patients the follow up arrangement in due course. Service appointment can be made via the telephone booking system. Special Outpatient Clinic will also commence at the same time offering Medicine and Psychiatric sessions.

Community Services

5. Services will be in place in September 2013 including community nursing service, community geriatric assessment service and psychiatric outreach service.

Allied Health Services

6. Physiotherapy and occupational therapy services will commence on 24 September 2013 for handling the referrals from A&E Department and the Outpatient Clinics.

Ambulance Catchment Area for Lantau

7. Close liaison has been made with Fire Service Department (FSD) to discuss the ambulance catchment area for Lantau when the A&E service of NLTH commences in September 2013. Resources have been reserved for Non-Emergency Ambulance Transfer Service for procuring more vehicles and staff to meet with the service demand.

Transportation Service

8. Taxi and Minibus stations have been set up at the Hospital. Request for minibus service has been proposed to Transport Department. A site visit is being arranged with the Transport Department to discuss the transportation signage and related arrangement in Chung Yan Road.

Community Communications

9. Visits by Islands District Council Members and Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of various Lantau Rural Committees were arranged. NLTH has also participated in forums for local residents to introduce the hospital. We will also consider conducting hospital visits in the future.

10. Staff Recruitment

To facilitate Tung Chung residents who are interested to work in NLTH, recruitment were held on three days in early June 2013 in the hospital. About 480 applications were received.

Advice Sought

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

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