

ISLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

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UPDATES ON NORTH LANTAU HOSPITAL

Purpose

This paper updates the Islands District Council on the latest situation of the North Lantau Hospital (NLTH) after its service commencement on 24 September 2013.

Service Commencement

2. NLTH has commenced its service from 24 September 2013 providing 8-hour Accident and Emergency service from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. During the first week, the average daily attendance was 70 of whom about 9 patients were subsequently admitted to other hospitals.
3. Allied health services such as Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Medical Social Services as well as community nursing, community geriatrics assessment and psychiatric outreach services also commenced operation on the same day.
4. The Tung Chung General Outpatient Clinic in Tung Chung Health Centre has been relocated to NLTH smoothly and commenced its services in the North Lantau Community Health Centre on the 3rd Floor of NLTH on 30 September 2013. Service scope and opening hours remain unchanged.
5. The Specialist Outpatient Clinic also started its service on 30 September 2013 providing Medicine & Geriatrics, and Psychiatric specialist services.
6. The operation of all services is generally in order.

Next Phase

7. NLTH will extend its Accident and Emergency service to 16 hours a day no later than January next year.

Transportation Service

8. NLTH has received feedback from patients and visitors regarding improving the public transportation to the hospital such as the introduction of minibus service. NLTH would liaise with various stakeholders and follow up with Transport Department on the result of the related feasibility study.

Community Planting Ceremony

9. The Community Planting Ceremony of NLTH was held on 10 October 2013. Local community groups and working partners had been invited to join this event.

Advice Sought

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