

ISLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

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UPDATE ON ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY SERVICE IN NORTH LANTAU HOSPITAL

Purpose

This paper updates the Islands District Council on the latest development of the Accident and Emergency service of North Lantau Hospital (NLTH).

Existing Service

2. NLTH Accident & Emergency Department has commenced its service from 24 September 2013 providing 8-hour service from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The operation has been smooth. The average daily attendance has steadily increased from 70 during the first week to 100 recently.

Expansion of Service

3. To enhance the services for patients residing in Tung Chung District and its vicinity, NLTH will extend its Accident and Emergency service to 16 hours starting from 7 January 2014. The new service hour is from 8 a.m. to midnight daily. This is in line with our previous plan announced. Subject to availability of manpower and resources, we hope to provide 24-hour Accident & Emergency Service in the third quarter of 2014.

4. The North Lantau Community Health Centre Special Night Clinic in NLTH which currently provides consultation service from 10 p.m. to 11:45 p.m. will be discontinued upon the extension of service hours of Accident and Emergency service.

Advice Sought

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

Food and Health Bureau

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