

## **ISLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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#### **PROGRESS REPORT ON NORTH LANTAU HOSPITAL**

##### **Purpose**

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

##### **Expansion of services in North Lantau Hospital**

2. Having commenced its services in September 2013, NLTH is currently providing 24-hour accident and emergency (A&E) services and inpatient services with 40 beds. It also provides ambulatory care services including specialist outpatient services (Medicine & Geriatrics, Psychiatry, Surgery and Orthopaedics & Traumatology), community health centre, ambulatory surgery centre, day rehabilitation centre, allied health services and community care services. Supporting services like pharmacy, diagnostic radiology and pathology services are also provided in NLTH.

3. More clinical services will be introduced to cope with the growing service demand. For instance, additional quota for general outpatient and specialist outpatient services (Surgery and Orthopaedics & Traumatology) will be added by the third quarter of 2015. Extra operation sessions in these two specialties will be provided by the fourth quarter of 2015. Besides, psychiatric outreach services will be expanded starting from the second quarter of 2015. And in order to provide more timely testing results, Point-of-Care Testing (POCT) blood gas and electrolyte services will be set up in A&E in the fourth quarter of 2015.

4. HA will, having regard to the service needs and manpower availability, further roll out the services of NLTH by introducing more specialties to the specialist outpatient clinics and opening additional inpatient beds in phases.

##### **Advice Sought**

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

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