

ISLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

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ANNUAL PLAN 2017/18 OF NORTH LANTAU HOSPITAL

Purpose

This paper aims at updating the Islands District Council on the Annual Plan 2017/18 of the North Lantau Hospital (NLTH).

Managing Service Demand and Ensuring Service Quality in North Lantau Hospital

2. To cope with the growing service demand, the hospital will extend its pharmacy service to cover all public holidays by the end of 2017 so that the service will be available every day. In addition, the service hours on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays will extend from 4 hours (09:00 to 13:00) to 7 hours (09:00 to 13:00 and 14:00 to 17:00). The extension of service hours will facilitate timely delivery of medication to our patients.

3. For extending NLTH's care to patients, pilot programmes will be implemented in 2017/18. Selected critically ill patients will be transferred to Emergency Medicine Ward directly after stabilization of the conditions so as to minimize the risk of patient transportation. In addition, elective surgery patients will be provided with integrated post-operative care. For patients with terminal illnesses, the end-of-life support to patients and their relatives will be strengthened with a view for patients to treasure the terminal phase of life.

4. To further enhance the psychiatric support to in-patients, the number of consultation session provided by the psychiatrists has been increased with effect from late March 2017.

5. Being the major clinical facility in Tung Chung and surrounded by important infrastructure, NLTH staff are trained to handle emergency situations. To further enhance the staff preparedness and strengthen the resuscitation service, intensive courses on Basic Life Support are provided to clinical staff and regular drills on emergency handling are conducted to reassure staff's competence.

6. North Lantau Hospital will continue to ensure the service quality provided to patients. While, Hospital Authority will, having regard to the service needs and manpower availability, further roll out the services of NLTH by introducing more specialties to the specialist out-patient clinics and opening additional in-patient beds in phases.

Advice Sought

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

Hospital Authority
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