

**Islands District Council**

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**Review of the Catchment Area of Tai O Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic**

**PURPOSE**

This paper serves to brief Members on the proposal for the review of the Catchment Area of Tai O Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic and consult their feedback on this proposed review.

**BACKGROUND**

2. According to the agreement with the Hospital Authority (HA), the ambulances of the Fire Services Department (the Department) will convey patients to the Accident and Emergency Department of the designated hospital for diagnosis and treatment. In some special cases, patients are conveyed to other hospitals. For example, if the patient's condition is very critical, they will be conveyed to the nearest HA hospital for treatment. In addition, patients with severe trauma are conveyed directly to trauma centers for treatment. Similarly, if an accident occurs with a large number of casualties, ambulance personnel will divert the casualties at the scene and convey them to different hospitals depending on the situation.

3. From time to time, the Department communicates and reviews with the Hospital Authority and various stakeholders on the mechanism for conveying patients to hospitals, so as to ensure that the injured and sick can receive appropriate treatment. For instance, the Catchment area of Tai O Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic has been amended subsequent to the commissioning of North Lantau Hospital in 2014.

4. Due to the special geographical location of Tai O Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic, there is no vehicular access for ambulance to reach directly to the Tai O Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic, and it takes additional travelling time to convey patients to or from Tai O Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic to the ambulance parking point at Tai O bus terminus. In addition, in many occasions, patients who were conveyed to Tai O Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic were required to be further conveyed in second trip to North Lantau Hospital (NLTH) to undergo further examination/treatment. With a view to enhancing operational efficiency and total patient care, it is recommended to further amend the Catchment Area of Tai O Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic.

## **EXISTING CATCHMENT AREA**

5. All patients / casualties of emergency cases originated in an area demarcated by a line(Appendix I) drawn from the sea front of Sha Lo Wan (沙螺灣) in the South East direction across Nei Lak Shan (彌勒山) to Lantau Peak (鳳凰山), then West to the junction of Keung Shan Road (羌山道) and Sham Wat Road (深屈道), then South West to Keung Shan (羌山), thence North West to Tsim Fung Shan (尖峰山), then West to the sea front of Nga Ying Kok (牙鷹角) including the whole Tai O Island West to Sun Ki Bridge (新基橋), will be conveyed to Tai O Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic.

## **PROPOSED CATCHMENT AREA**

6. All patients / casualties of emergency cases originated in an area demarcated by a line(Appendix I) drawn from the sea front of Tit Tak Shue (鐵德樹) in the southeast direction to Cheung Shan (象山), then south to Keung Shan (羌山), then northwest to Tsim Fung Shan (尖峰山), then northwest to the sea front of Nga Ying Kok (牙鷹角) including the whole Tai O Island West to Sun Ki Bridge (新基橋), will be conveyed to Tai O Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic.

## **ENHANCED CARE TO PATIENTS**

7. Whilst patients are being conveyed from some areas at Lantau Island (i.e. Sham Wat, Luk Wu, Ngong Ping) to Hospital Authority's hospitals on Lantau Island, it is noted that the traveling time of ambulance to Tai O Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic is very close compared to conveying the patient to North Lantau Hospital. Road tests were conducted in areas such as Sham Wat, Luk Wu and Ngong Ping to compare the travel time from these areas to the Tai O Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic and North Lantau Hospital. The difference in travel time from these three areas to the two destinations only ranged from 2 minutes to 4 minutes.

8. Under the proposed catchment area, patients originated in the areas of Sham Wat, Luk Wu, Ngong Ping would be directly conveyed to North Lantau Hospital for comprehensive examination/ treatment. The frequent occasions of patients required 2<sup>nd</sup> trips to NLTH after initial medical consultation at Tai O Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic would be reduced, and it is beneficial to local residents at Lantau Islands and in fully utilization of emergency ambulance resources. Hospital Authority has been consulted on this proposal and their consent were noted.

## **FEEDBACKS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF VILLAGES AND MONASTERIES**

9. The proposal for a catchment area review was explained to the following village and temple representatives. Positive feedback was received.

- Sham Shek Village
- Ngong Ping Village
- Sha Lo Wan Village
- Po Lin Monastery
- Yin Hing Monastery
- Luk Wu Ching She
- Lok Sang Lin She

## **FOR CONSULTATION**

10. Members are invited to provide their valuable comments on the proposed catchment of Tai O Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic.

### **Fire Services Department**

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### **Enclosure**

Appendix I Existing and Proposed Catchment Area of Tai O Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic