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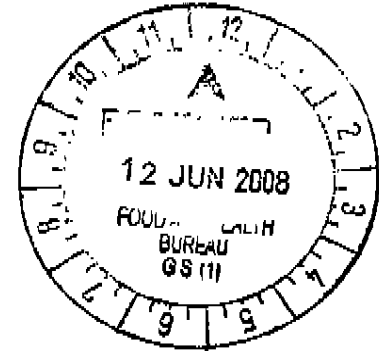


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Dear Sirs

TWAH Response to Healthcare Reform Consultation Document “Your Health Your Life”

In general we support the directions put forth in the Consultation Document, however, we have some comments on following proposed solutions

Enhanced Primary Care--Strengthen Public Health Function

One of the emphases of Tsuen Wan Adventist Hospital is the promotion of total health. Total Health that means we would not be satisfied with the diagnosis and successful treatment of the patient's medical problems. We view every patient as a whole person in the total context of his beliefs, family, work, and lifestyle, and seek to restore him to a full functional life.

We initiate programs in disease prevention, health assessment, lifestyle management and organize rehabilitation programs for patients suffering from chronic diseases. We commit time, talent and support to educate the public in the principles of healthful living at the community level.

This as you can see is very similar to what is proposed in the Consultation Document. We hope we can contribute our know how by cooperating with SAR Government to promote healthful lifestyle to Hong Kong people. We hope we have an opportunity to work closer with the Government in the work of Health Promotion.

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Promote Public-Private Partnership in Healthcare

We welcome healthy competition among healthcare providers as long as we are in level playing field. Private hospitals are under the supervision of Department of Health and all 12 private hospitals are accredited by Trent. However, private clinics are not under the same type of scrutiny. For example, private hospitals need to follow stringent operating room requirements to do surgeries such as cataract. However, private clinics can do the same kind of operation under less stringent operating room requirements. The difference in requirement standards has cost implication when we set the price to compete for patients. We hope there are published minimum standards required for all parties in future when treatments are being outsourced to private sector.

For competition between public and private sectors, we hope that HA can find a way to reflect true and total cost for the services it intends to compete with private sector. For example, cost of overhead such as facilities, equipment, and administration needed to be included in the cost computation.

Develop Electronic Health Record Sharing

We support the development of a territory-wide electronic health record infrastructure. We believe for this to work, the Government will need to make the initial investment for the development of the infrastructure and charge users for a fee based on usage so that it can be self-sustaining. An independent body needs to be setup to develop and manage the system so that the needs and requirements of all parties can be considered.

Please let me know if you have any question.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Lan'.

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