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Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the medical team of United Christian Nethersole Community Health Service, we would like to submit our view on the consultation paper "Regulation of Private Healthcare Facilities Consultation Document 2015".

We support the government proposal to regulate private healthcare facilities as it is in the best interest of the general public and patients. The methods and criteria to be adopted should serve to promote patient safety, quality of care and transparency of fees and charges.

We appreciate that the Cap 343 is outdated and needs revamp. We support the proposal to regulate outpatient health care facilities under this ordinance. We suggest that the standards and criteria to be adopted be practical to the outpatient setting, especially to the primary care setting; and that they are made explicit. In addition, we propose that the government encourage such facilities to be proactive in adopting the standards by certifying the facility on such attainment as a mark of quality; and that, over time, the regulatory process extends to include all private outpatient health care facilities regardless of the owner or management body. We believe that this will further the overall quality of primary care services in the community to the benefit of population health.

Thank you very much.

Yours faithfully,

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