

**For information on
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Sexual Minorities Forum

**Arrangements for Transfer of Transgender Patients
from Sex Clinic to District Hospitals/Clinics**

Purpose

This paper informs Members of the replies of the Hospital Authority (HA) and the Security Bureau (SB) to questions raised at previous meeting relating to the arrangements for transfer of transgender patients from the Sex Clinic to district hospitals/clinics and the replacement of identity cards for transgenders respectively.

Fees/charges for transgender patients transferred to district hospitals/clinics

2. The HA has advised that, under its prevailing fees and charges policy, \$100 is charged for the first attendance of:-

- cross-specialty referrals of patients within or across hospital cluster; or
- cross-cluster referrals of patients belonging to the same specialty.

3. The HA wishes to emphasize that the fees and charges policy is reviewed by the HA and Government on a regular basis and the HA welcomes views expressed by the public on the level of charges.

Assistance to Transgender Patients

4. The HA fully appreciates the psychological, social and life adjustments problems faced by transsexuals prior to their operation. As far as the HA is concerned, our psychiatrists and other health care professionals such as clinical psychologists can offer assistance to pre-operation transsexuals to help alleviate their psychological and other adjustment problems.

Replacement of Identity Cards

5. The SB has advised that, pursuant to the Registration of Persons Regulations, application for replacement of identity card will only be processed upon confirmation of change of personal particulars with the production of evidence. Hence, identity cards of pre-operation transsexuals will be replaced to indicate change of sex of the transsexuals only if the latter can produce documentary proof to support their claims.

Security Bureau/Hospital Authority
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