

Southern District Council

Progress Report on Queen Mary Hospital Redevelopment Project

Purpose

This paper aims to brief members on the progress of the Queen Mary Hospital (QMH) Redevelopment, phase 1.

Progress Update

Senior Staff Quarters (SSQ) Conversion Works

1. The SSQ conversion and the associated works commenced on 28 July 2014. They are generally on schedule.

2. A suspected metal-shelled bomb with rusty surface was found within the SSQ construction site on 6 October 2015. The incident was reported to the Police and the area within 200m of the bomb location was cordoned off immediately. Staff in the neighbouring blocks and the redevelopment site were evacuated with the assistance of the Police. Two controlled detonations were carried out subsequently. Hospital services, including Accident and Emergency and inpatient services, remained normal.

Further to the bomb incident, internal debriefing sessions among concerned departments of QMH were conducted. A joint debriefing meeting was also arranged in November 2015 to enhance the overall coordination and communication with the related Government departments. Valuable observations and suggestions were shared and the relevant contingency plans, evacuation arrangement and communication flow were reviewed at the meeting.

3. To facilitate the steel truss fabrication works for the construction of the link bridge connecting the converted SSQ with the hospital compound the visitor carpark in Block S of QMH is temporarily suspended between 6:00am and 6:00pm daily from 9 December 2015 to 29 February 2016 tentatively (except Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays). The visitor carpark remains open 24 hours on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.

4. Report on incidents and feedbacks

Apart from the aforementioned bomb incident, a summary of the incidents and feedbacks encountered from September to December 2015 is shown below:

	Nature	Date	Details	Follow-up actions
I.	Work Injury	19/09/2015	The right thumb of a worker of the contractor was hurt by a steel bending machine.	Reinforced works safety training for workers through tool box talks and case review.
II.	Complaint	01/12/2015	A public complaint on environmental hygiene near Lamppost 39554 was received via the 1823.	QMH asked the contractor to clean up the concerned location immediately. QMH will perform regular cleansing and monitor the hygiene condition of the area.

Conclusion

2. Members are invited to note the progress report set out in the paper.

Hospital Authority
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