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<The Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address>

We have the following views on the Chief Executive Address:

1. We agree on the strengthening of elderly services in the community supported by Community Healthcare Service Vouchers and Residential Care Service Voucher.
2. We welcome the government to further promote primary health care, the setting up of district healthcare centres and nurse clinics.
3. We agree with the health-social partnership and multi-disciplinary approach in the delivery of community-based services.

We recommend:

1. In developing district healthcare centres in the community, nurses play a key role in initial health assessment and screening to further refer cases to the multidisciplinary team. We ask nurses particularly those who are advanced practice nurses in community health, mental health, child & family health and chronic disease management to be invited to policy-making committees and contribute at both system and delivery levels.
2. While there is direction in health-social partnership, but there seem to be more committed resources on hospital- and institution-based residential care rather than community-based care. We ask for explicit resources and policy directives in driving collaboration between health and social sectors to form a comprehensive network for the integrated community health system.
3. We welcome the government support to set standards and regulation of healthcare professions. The Hong Kong Academy of Nursing (HKAN) in collaboration with the UGC funded universities provide postgraduate education to prepare advanced practising nurses in different specialties. We ask the government to speed up the process in regulating advanced practice nurses.

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我們同意行政長官 2017 年施政報告下列各點:

1. 我們贊同增加[長者社區照顧服務券]及擴大[長者院舍住宿照顧服務券試驗計劃]
2. 我們歡迎政府主動提出促進基層醫療服務，設立地區康健中心及增設護士診所
3. 我們贊同社康伙伴及多方面措施推行社區基礎服務

我們建議:

1. 發展地區康健中心，護士承擔重要角色，作初步健康評估及篩選，再作進一步轉介給衛生專業團隊。我們懇切要求政府邀請各專科高級實踐護士(包括社區健康，精神健康，兒童及家庭保健及慢性疾病管理) 參予健康服務政策制定委員會，協助建立系統及實踐兩方面的發展。
2. 醫社協作雖然已有方向，可惜目前已確定的資源分配多以醫院及院舍為主，但對以社區為本的服務卻嫌不足。我們要求明確的資源分配及政策方針，促進醫社合作，建立全面的網絡支援社區綜合健康系統。
3. 我們歡迎政府推行[認可醫療專業註冊計劃]，香港護理專科學院推動以立法規管有關專業水平。香港護理專科學院連同教育撥款資助委員會大學提供研究院層次教育，培訓不同專科的高級實踐護士。我們懇切要求政府積極盡快推行高級實踐護士的立法註冊。

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