

Tenders invited for Sham Shui Po and Wong Tai Sin District Health Centres

The Food and Health Bureau (FHB) today (December 30) invites tenders from non-public entities to provide services for the operation of the Sham Shui Po District Health Centre (DHC) and Wong Tai Sin DHC.

The successful tenderers of the Sham Shui Po and Wong Tai Sin DHCs (i.e. the future operators of the DHCs), upon being awarded the two service contracts, will have a gearing up period of up to 10 months for the targeted commissioning of the two DHCs and associated service networks in 2021 and 2022 respectively, for operation for a three-year period.

To change the focus of the present healthcare system from treatment-oriented to prevention-oriented, the Government is enhancing district-based primary healthcare services by setting up DHCs in all 18 districts. The first DHC in Kwai Tsing District has already commenced operation in September 2019.

Being a key component of the public healthcare system, the DHC is a district primary healthcare hub comprising a core centre, supplemented by sub-district satellite centres and a network of private medical and healthcare practitioners providing multiple access and service points. Apart from service delivery, the DHC will co-ordinate with community partners providing social welfare and healthcare services in the district, and make referrals as necessary.

Government-subsidised primary healthcare services, including health promotion, health assessment, chronic disease management and community rehabilitation, will be provided by the operators of the DHCs through medical-social collaboration and public-private partnership to enhance the public's capability in self-management of health and provide support for the chronically ill in the community.

The basic services to be operated by the DHCs are set out in the tender documents. The charges which the operators may impose on DHC clients cannot exceed the prescribed ceilings set out in the respective tender documents.

The two tender notices are available on the FHB website (www.fhb.gov.hk/en/tender/). A briefing session will be arranged for interested bidders on January 23, 2020 (Thursday). Details are set out in the tender documents.

Tenderers must submit their tenders by placing them in the Government Secretariat Tender Box, located in the lobby of the Public Entrance on the Ground Floor, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong, before noon on February 28, 2020 (Friday). Late tenders will not be accepted.