Update on cluster of Multi-drug Resistant Acinetobacter cases in Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on a cluster of patients confirmed as being carriers of Multi-drug Resistant Acinetobacter (MDRA) in a medical ward, the spokesperson for Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital gave the following update today (February 25):

In accordance with the prevailing guidelines, the hospital commenced contact tracing and confirmed one 79-year-old male patient as being a carrier of MDRA today. The patient is currently under isolation treatment with stable condition. Following the activation of the Emergency Response Level in public hospitals, the visiting arrangement for the ward has been suspended.

The case has been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up. The hospital will continue to closely monitor the situation in the ward concerned and adopt enhanced infection control measures.