

# **Hong Kong Rehabilitation Programme Plan – Scoping Stage Public Engagement Exercise**

## **Information Pack for Participants**

### **Introduction**

The Hong Kong Rehabilitation Programme Plan (RPP) sets out the strategic directions as well as short, medium and long term measures to address various service needs of persons with disabilities, which cover residential and day care, community support, employment support, barrier-free facilities, transport, healthcare, education, sports and arts, etc. RPP currently covers 10 types of disabilities, including Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder; Specific Learning Difficulties; speech impairment; autism; intellectual disability; mental illness; physical disability; visual impairment; hearing impairment and visceral disability. RPP was last reviewed and updated in 2007. To keep our rehabilitation services abreast with the times, the Government has asked the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee (RAC) to commence formulating a new RPP. The 2007 RPP is available at [http://www.lwb.gov.hk/eng/advisory/rac/rpp\\_report.htm](http://www.lwb.gov.hk/eng/advisory/rac/rpp_report.htm)

### **Public Engagement Exercise**

2. RAC has established a Review Working Group to conduct extensive public engagement exercise for the formulation of the new RPP in three stages, including Scoping Stage, Formulation Stage and Consensus Building Stage. The Review Working Group is now conducting a public engagement exercise under the Scoping Stage. The objectives of the Scoping Stage are to define the scope of the new RPP and identify the key issues that need to be addressed, commence discussion with various sectors of the community and collate their views.

### **Information for Discussion**

3. To facilitate members of the public to provide views on the new RPP, we have prepared the following information:

Annex 1: Summary of Information on the Objective of Rehabilitation Policy and Overview of Persons with Disabilities

Annex 2: Framework on Existing Services for Persons with Disabilities

Annex 3: Factsheet on Existing Services for Persons with Disabilities

## **Your Views**

4. If you have further views or suggestions on the RPP, you may send them to the Consultant Team of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (the Consultant Team) through the following means:

- Visit the RPP website [www.rs.polyu.edu.hk/rpp](http://www.rs.polyu.edu.hk/rpp) and fill out the opinion form; or
- Send your written views by email or post to:

Email: [rs.rpp@polyu.edu.hk](mailto:rs.rpp@polyu.edu.hk)

Address: Room QT 523, 5/F, Core T, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hung Hom, Hong Kong.

(Attention: Consultant Team, Hong Kong Rehabilitation Programme Plan)

5. Please note that submissions received on or before 4 May 2018 will be considered together with other views gathered in the Scoping Stage, whereas those received afterwards will be accounted for in subsequent public engagement stages. In addition, the Consultant Team has the right to use your opinion (in extracted or original form) as part of the consultancy report. You may request in your submission of keeping your personal/organization's identity confidential. Decisions on whether the submissions will be quoted are left to the discretion of the Consultant Team.

**Hong Kong Polytechnic University Consultant Team**

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### **Summary of Information**

#### **Objective of Rehabilitation Policy and Overview of Persons with Disabilities**

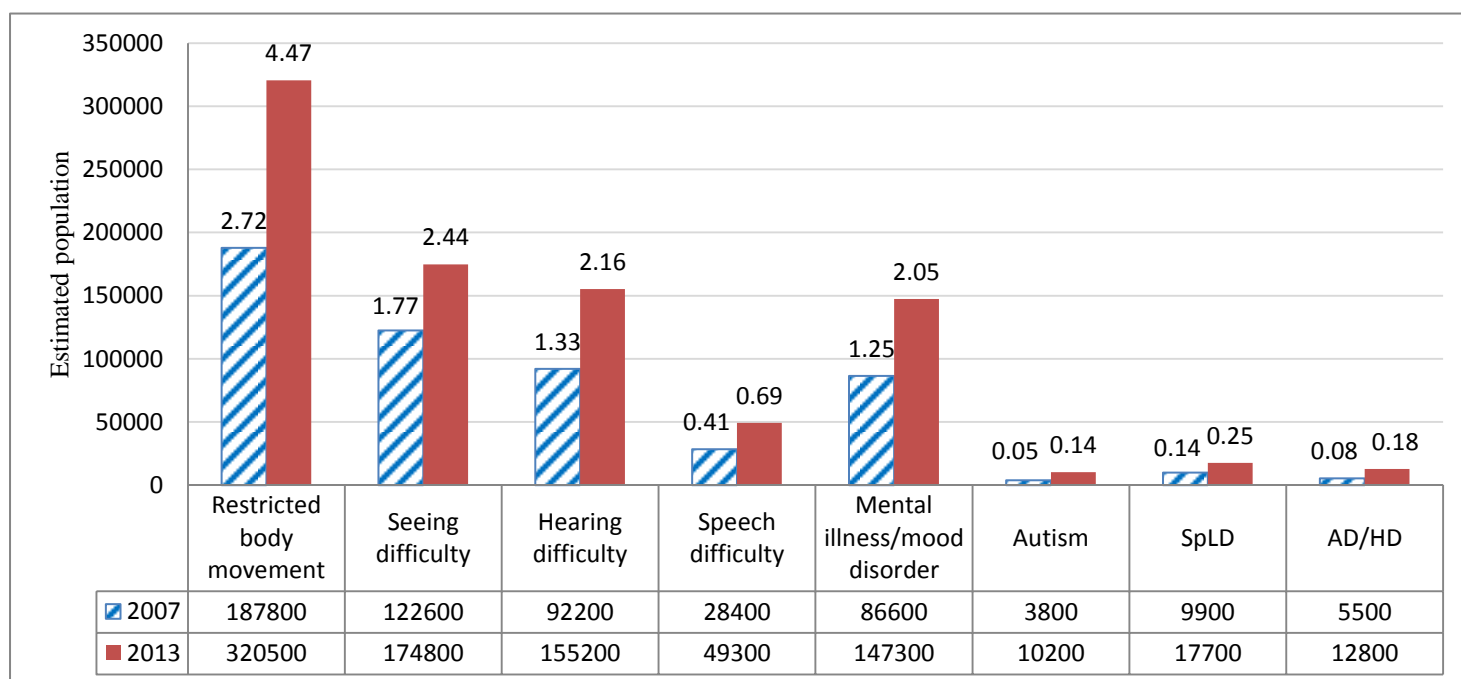
##### **Policy Objective**

1. The objective of the Government's rehabilitation policy is to help persons with disabilities develop their capabilities and to create a barrier-free physical environment, with a view to ensuring that persons with disabilities can participate in full and enjoy equal opportunities both in terms of their social life and personal growth.
2. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) has entered into force for Hong Kong since August 2008. The purpose of UNCRPD is to promote, protect and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities, and to promote respect for their inherent dignity. UNCRPD recognizes the diversity, individual autonomy and independence of persons with disabilities, as well as the barrier-free spirit (including barrier-free environment and information). The objective of the Government's rehabilitation policy is in line with the purpose of UNCRPD.

##### **Overview of persons with disabilities**

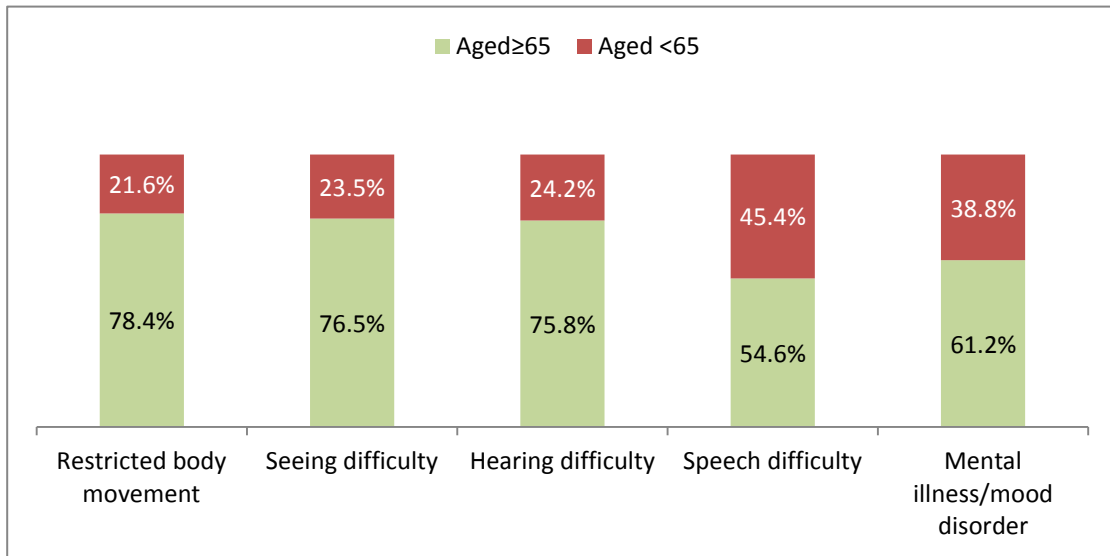
3. The Census and Statistics Department has conducted three territory-wide surveys on persons with disabilities since 2000; the latest survey was conducted in 2013 and the results were published in the Special Topics Report No. 62 (Report No. 62). Persons with disabilities covered included those with restriction in body movement, seeing difficulty, hearing difficulty, speech difficulty, mental illness/mood disorder, Autism, Specific Learning Difficulty (SpLD), Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (AD/HD) and intellectual disability.
4. According to Report No. 62, the estimated population of each of the disability types in 2013 was higher than that in 2007. In 2013, the total population of persons with disabilities from the eight selected types of disabilities (excluding intellectual disability) was 578,600, with a prevalence rate of 8.1%, as compared to 361,300 persons and prevalence rate of 5.2% in 2007. Details are set out in Table 1.

**Table 1: Estimated population of persons with disabilities and prevalence rate (%)**



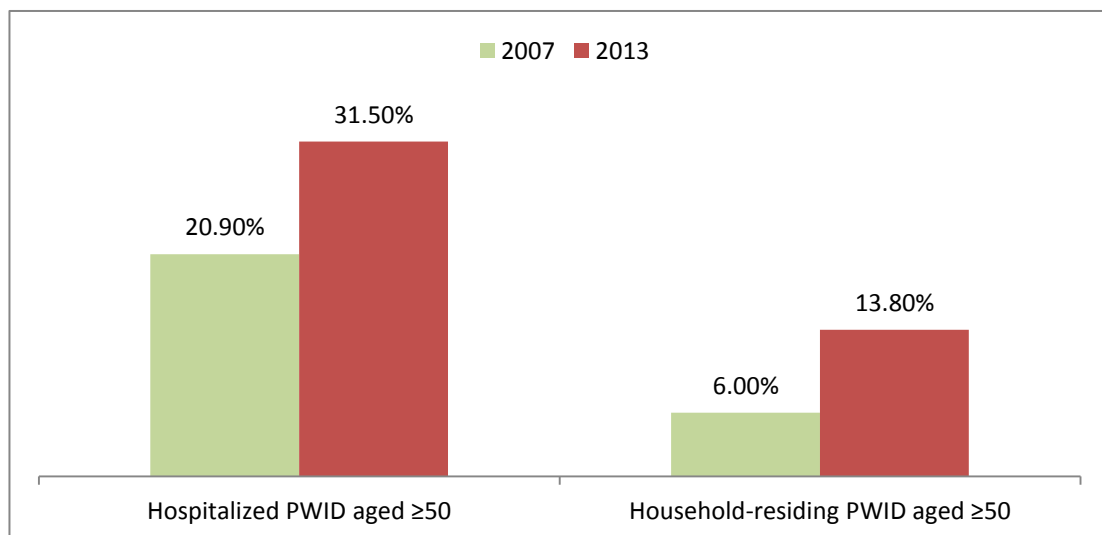
5. According to Report No. 62, under-estimation in respect of persons with intellectual disability (PWID) may occur in the 2013 survey. Hence, the projection method for PWIDs population adopted was different from other disability types. The total number of PWIDs was estimated be in a range of 71,000-101,000, with the prevalence rate of 1.0% - 1.4%; whereas in 2007, the total number of PWID was 67,000-87,000 with the prevalence rate of 1.0%-1.3%.
  
6. According to the 2016 Population By-census, the number of persons aged 50-59 accounts for the largest proportion of the population. The median age of the population is 43.4 compared to 39.6 in 2006. Based on the Hong Kong Population Projections 2017-2066, as of 2031, persons aged 65 and above will account for 27% of the population, which is almost twice as that in 2016 (16%).
  
7. Ageing of the overall population emerges as the same issue in persons with disabilities. According to Report No. 62, of those persons with the selected eight categories of disability, the majority (61.7%) aged 65 and above. Ageing becomes the major attribute to restricted body movement and hearing difficulty. Both persons with disabilities and their carers are faced with the issues arising from ageing. Table 2 shows the major types of disabilities among persons aged 65 and above.

**Table 2: Types of disabilities with persons mainly aged 65 and above. (According to Report No. 62)**



8. While PWIDs are generally younger than those of other disabilities, by comparing the results in Report No. 48 and No. 62, the number of persons aged 50 and above with intellectual disability has increased over the years (See Table 3): (i) of all hospitalized PWIDs, 31.5% were aged 50 and above in 2013 compared to 20.9% in 2007. (ii) of all household-residing PWIDs, 13.8% were aged 50 and above in 2013 compared to 6% in 2007. PWIDs are prone to early onset of ageing.

**Table 3: Ageing of PWID**

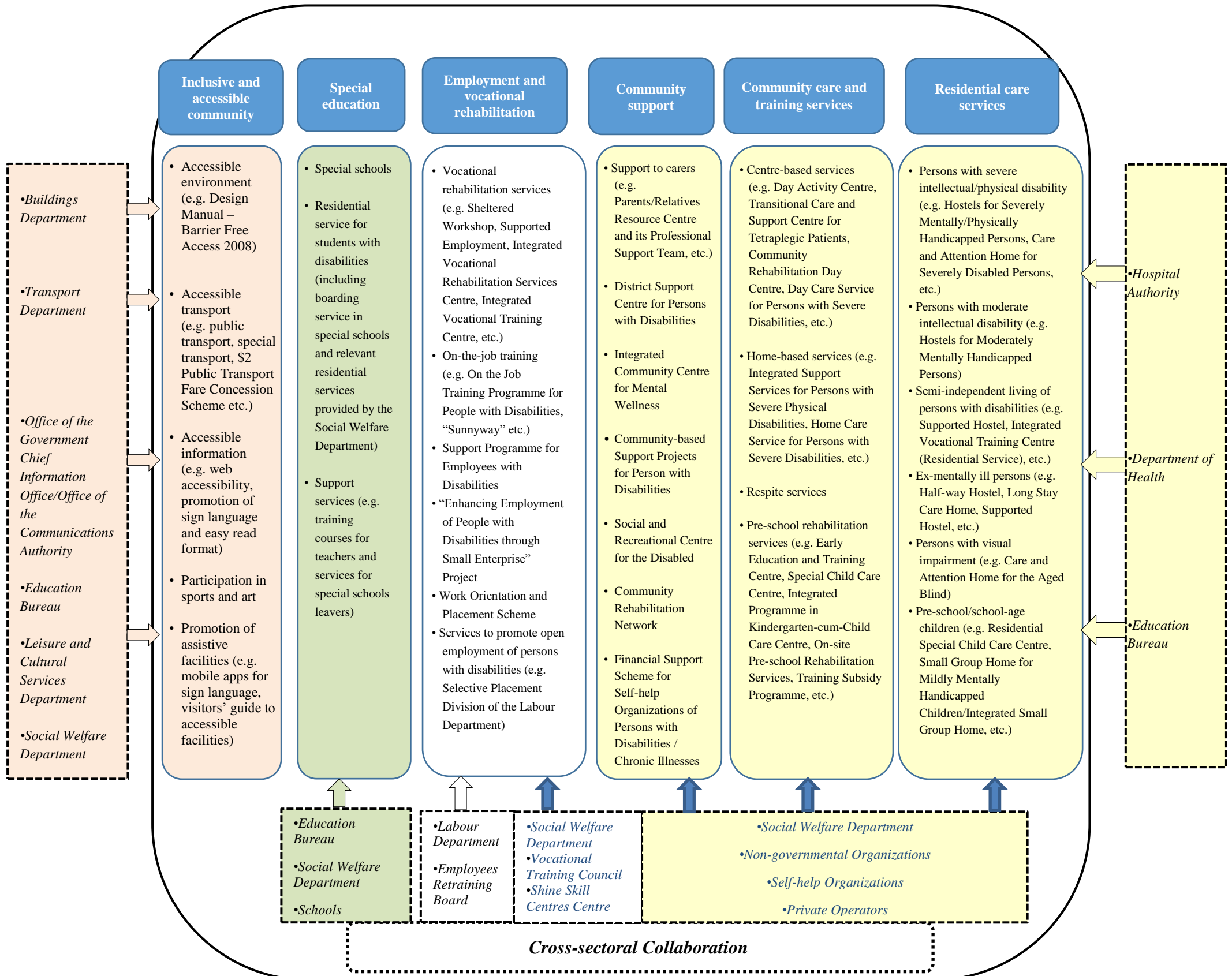


## Framework on Existing Services for Persons with Disabilities

United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities		
Autonomy and Independence	Diversity	Accessibility
Framework of Rehabilitation Policy		

Current Definition of Persons with Disabilities									
Visual Impairment	Hearing Impairment	Physical Disability	Visceral Disability	Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder	Specific Learning Difficulties	Speech Impairment	Autism	Intellectual Disability	Mental Illness
Ageing of Persons with Disabilities									

### Existing Services for Persons with Disabilities at Different Stages of Their Lives



**Supporting Facilities**

- Legislative support (e.g. Disability Discrimination Ordinance, Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance and Code of Practice, Building (Planning) Regulations, etc.)
- Manpower and premises planning
- Application of information technology
- Guardianship regime (e.g. Mental Health Ordinance, Guardianship Board, Special Needs Trust, etc.)
- Financial support (e.g. Comprehensive Social Security Assistance, Disability Allowance, Lotteries Fund, Community Care Fund, Charitable Funds, etc.)

**Public education**

- United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Incheon Strategy to "Make the Right Real" for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific, Beijing Declaration and Action Plan, etc.
- Universal Accessibility Programme

## Factsheet on Existing Services for Persons with Disabilities

Service Type	Service Name	Brief description of the service and service places
Employment and vocational rehabilitation	Sheltered Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide persons with disabilities who are not able to enter into open employment with appropriate vocational training in a specially designed environment in order to help them develop their social and economic potential to the fullest extent; and to enhance their working capacity in order that they can move on to supported or open employment wherever possible.</li> <li>• At present, 34 service units providing a total of 5 276 places.</li> </ul>
	Supported Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide employment assistance to persons with moderate disabilities and with working abilities lying between sheltered workshop and open employment without support; and to allow them to work in an integrated open setting with necessary support service.</li> <li>• At present, 26 organizations providing a total of 1 633 places.</li> </ul>
	Integrated Vocational Rehabilitation Services Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide persons with disabilities with one-stop integrated and seamless vocational rehabilitation services specially designed to accommodate the limitations arising from their disabilities, in which they can be provided with work training, develop their social and economic potential, achieve upward mobility in vocational rehabilitation, and be prepared for potential advancement to open employment.</li> <li>• At present, 27 centres providing a total of 4 507 places.</li> </ul>
	Integrated Vocational Training Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide persons with disabilities with comprehensive vocational rehabilitation services characterized with structured vocational skill training that aim at assisting them in achieving open employment and developing their potential.</li> <li>• At present, 2 organizations providing a total of 453 places.</li> </ul>
	Work Extension Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To meet the service needs of the existing trainees of sheltered workshops/ integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres who could no longer perform normal work tasks due to old age or deterioration in work abilities.</li> <li>• At present, 36 service units providing a total of 840 places.</li> </ul>
	On-the-Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To enhance the employment of persons with disabilities through proactive training; and to provide wage subsidy to employers, so as to encourage them to offer job vacancies for persons with disabilities to try out their work abilities.</li> <li>• At present, 14 organizations providing a total of 432 places.</li> </ul>
	Sunnyway – On-the-Job Training Programme for Young	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To enhance the employment of young persons with disabilities or early signs of mental illness through proactive training; and to provide wage subsidy to</li> </ul>

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	People with Disabilities	<p>employers, especially those who have no experience in employing young persons with disabilities or early signs of mental illness, so as to encourage them to offer job vacancies for young persons with disabilities to try out the work abilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At present, 15 organizations providing a total of 311 places.</li> </ul>
	Supported Programme for Employees with Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide employers of persons with disabilities with a one-off subsidy in respect of each employee with disabilities for procurement of assistive devices and/or workplace modifications; and to facilitate employees with disabilities in discharging their duties at the workplace and to enhance their work efficiency.</li> <li>• Between January and December 2017, 15 employees with disabilities have been sponsored with a total of HK\$ 230,000.</li> </ul>
	Financial Incentive Scheme for Mentors of Employees with Disabilities Receiving Subvented Vocational Rehabilitation Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To facilitate the service users of subvented vocational rehabilitation services to adapt to work smoothly and to provide financial incentive to workplace mentors of employees with disabilities.</li> </ul>
	“Enhancing Employment of People with Disabilities through Small Enterprise” Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To enhance the employment of persons with disabilities through market-driven approach and direct creation of more work opportunities for persons with disabilities. Employers with at least 50% employees with disabilities will be entitled for the Project. The Project sponsors a maximum of HK\$ 3 million to non-governmental organizations so as to start their small businesses.</li> <li>• As at end-January 2018, the Project has sponsored around HK\$ 111,650,000, started 115 businesses of various nature and created 1 193 jobs, including 844 jobs exclusive to persons with disabilities.</li> </ul>
	“Work Orientation and Placement Scheme” (WOPS) administered by the Labour Department (LD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To enhance the employability of persons with disabilities with the provision of pre-employment training; and to enhance the employment opportunities of persons with disabilities by encouraging employers to offer employment to them and providing them with coaching and support with appointment of mentor through the provision of an allowance.</li> <li>• About 800 placements were recorded under WOPS in 2017.</li> </ul>
	Recruitment and employment services provided by LD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide free recruitment services to employers willing to offer employment to persons with disabilities; and to provide free personalized employment services to job seekers with disabilities fit for open employment , including employment counselling, job matching and referral services, and follow-up service after placing a job seeker into employment.</li> <li>• LD’s Selective Placement Division (SPD) recorded 2 200 placements in 2017.</li> </ul>



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	Pilot Scheme on Counselling Service for Persons with Disabilities implemented by LD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide job seekers with disabilities registered with SPD with psychological and emotional counselling service to alleviate their emotional problems, thereby enabling them to concentrate on job search and settle in new jobs.</li> <li>From the launch of the Pilot Scheme in September 2016 to December 2017, 88 job seekers with disabilities were referred to receive the counselling service.</li> </ul>
Community support	Parents/Relatives Resource Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide a focal point for parents/relatives/carers of persons with disabilities with similar problems to share experience and seek mutual support with assistance from the staff.</li> <li>At present, 6 Parents/Relative Resource Centre. As at September 2017, those 6 centres accommodated an average of 5 202 family members per month.</li> </ul>
	Professional Support Team to Parents/Relatives Resource Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide support services for parents/guardians/family members of pre-school children assessed or suspected to have special needs through networking with designated Parents/Relative Resource Centres.</li> <li>At present, there is one Team providing services for Parents/Relatives Resource Centre with no service limit.</li> </ul>
	District Support Centre for Persons with Disabilities (DSC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide one-stop community support services for persons with disabilities and their family members / carers by adopting a district-based approach. District Support Centres aim at enhancing the domestic living and community living skills for persons with disabilities so as to facilitate their integration into the community through the provision of a range of community support services. It also provides training and support services for the family members / carers of persons with disabilities so as to strengthen their caring capacity and to relieve their stress.</li> <li>At present, 16 DSCs, with a total number of 5 818 members as at September 2017.</li> </ul>
	Integrated Community Centre for Mental Illness (ICCMW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By adopting a one-stop and integrated service mode, to provide one-stop, district-based and accessible community support and social rehabilitation services ranging from early prevention to risk management for discharged mental patients, persons with suspected mental health problems, their families / carers and residents living in the serving district through a single-entry point.</li> <li>At present, there are 24 ICCMWs with 27 019 members served in 2016-17.</li> </ul>
	Community-based Support Projects for Persons with Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To strengthen carers' caring capacity, relieve their stress, as well as provide persons with disabilities and their families a better quality of life.</li> <li>9 projects have been sponsored in the latest three-year plan (2018-20).</li> </ul>
	Rehabilitation Training Centre for Visually Impaired Persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide training service to persons with visual impairment, with a view to developing their independent living skills, helping them to regain self-confidence and</li> </ul>

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		<p>re-integrating into the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At present, there are 2 centres in service. 126 members received rehabilitation training, orientation, and mobility training service in 2016-17.</li> </ul>
	Social and Recreational Centre for the Disabled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide persons with disabilities with opportunities to participate in and to organize a variety of activities which meet their social, recreational and developmental needs.</li> <li>At present, there are 16 centres in service, with 22 475 members in 2016-17.</li> </ul>
	Community Rehabilitation Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide educational and training programmes and support services for patients with visceral disability or chronic illness; and to assist them to establish a supporting network for living in the community as usual.</li> <li>At present, there are 6 service units operated by the Hong Kong Society of Rehabilitation. 280 community events related to rehabilitation have been organized in 2017-18 (as at end-September 2017).</li> </ul>
	Multi-service Centre for Hearing Impaired Persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide social rehabilitation services for persons with hearing impairment which include casework and counselling service, sign language interpretation and training, audiological, technical and speech therapy services.</li> <li>At present, there are 2 centres in service with a total of 887 cases served in 2016-17.</li> </ul>
	Gateway Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To enhance the social skills and independence ability of persons with intellectual disability to facilitate their integration into the community by organizing a number of cultural and recreational activities for the joint planning and participation of volunteers, parents and persons with intellectual disability.</li> <li>At present, there are 3 service units in operation. 116 events have been organized in 2017-18 (as at end-December 2017).</li> </ul>
	Financial Support Scheme for Self-help Organizations of Persons with Disabilities/Chronic Illnesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide support for self-help organizations of persons with disabilities/chronic illnesses through a biennial funding scheme, so as to support the operation and development of the organizations, and to foster the spirit of self-help and mutual help among persons with disabilities and their families/carers.</li> <li>83 organizations have received funding support under the scheme in 2016-2018.</li> </ul>
Community care and training services	Day Activity Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide day care and training in daily living skills and simple work skills to persons with intellectual disability. It trains them to become more independent in their daily lives, and prepares them for better integration into the community or for transition to other forms of service or care.</li> <li>At present, 85 centres providing a total of 5 198 places.</li> </ul>

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	Transitional Care and Support Centre for Tetraplegic Patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide time-defined and goal-oriented community-based rehabilitation programmes to tetraplegic patients discharged from hospital/medical rehabilitation centre to facilitate their return to community living with a view to improving their physical, cognitive, communicative, behavioural, psychological and social functioning in a non-medical setting. Training and support services will also be provided to family members or carers of the patients to strengthen their caring capacity.</li> <li>• At present, there is one centre in Ma On Shan, providing 22 transitional/respite residential places and 20 day training places.</li> </ul>
	Community Rehabilitation Day Centre (CRDC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide both professional rehabilitation training service and psychosocial rehabilitation services for discharged patients as to facilitate their integration into community. Centre will also provide day respite service for discharged patients, as well as training programmes and educational courses for their family members / carers to strengthen their caring capacities and relieve their pressure so as to improve their quality of living.</li> <li>• At present, there are 4 centres in service with an average of 106 attendances in 2017-18 (as at end-December 2017).</li> </ul>
	Day Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide day care for persons with severe disabilities, including nursing, rehabilitation, social and personal care services so as to strengthen the caring capability of families or carers, with a view to enhancing opportunities of persons with severe disabilities to continue living in the community.</li> <li>• At present, there are 16 DSCs, 4 CRDCs and 9 Care and Attention Homes for Severely Disabled Persons, providing altogether over 200 places.</li> </ul>
	Integrated Support Service for Persons with Severely Physical Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To strengthen support services for persons with severe physical disability to prepare for their discharge from hospital and follow up with integrated home-based services with a view to facilitating their full integration into the community; to provide a special subsidy for renting respiratory support medical equipment and purchasing medical consumables; and to strengthen support for their family members/carers and alleviate their stress.</li> <li>• At present, there are 2 service teams, with 1 087 cases having received service in 2017-18 (as at end-December 2017), including 335 cases also receiving financial subsidy.</li> </ul>
	Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide a package of home-based support services to meet the personal care, nursing care and rehabilitation training needs of persons with severe intellectual / physical disability. It also aims at relieving the stress of their family members / carers and improving their quality of life.</li> <li>• At present, there are 6 service teams with an annual number of about 3 250 persons with severe disabilities receiving service.</li> </ul>

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	Residential Respite Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide family members/carers of persons with disabilities a planned short break such as taking a vacation or to attend to their personal business such as undergoing a medical operation, with the purpose of making life for those involved in routine care for persons with disabilities less stressful and more stimulating.</li> <li>At present, 96 service centres providing a total of 291 places.</li> </ul>
	Occasional Child Care Service for Disabled Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide a safe venue for parents or carers to place their children with disabilities for temporary care so as to enable them to attend to personal or urgent matters.</li> <li>At present, 36 service centres providing a total of 94 places.</li> </ul>
	Day Respite Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide support and temporary daytime relief for family members or carers of persons with disabilities who are unable to take care of the persons with disabilities due to various commitments and sudden engagements, with the purpose of making life for those involved in routine care for the persons with disabilities less stressful and more stimulating.</li> <li>At present, 40 centres providing a total of 158 places.</li> </ul>
	Early Education and Training Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide early intervention programmes for children from birth to the age of six assessed to have mild to moderate disabilities with the emphasis on the caring and training role of children's families.</li> <li>At present, 47 service centres providing a total of 3 304 places.</li> </ul>
	Special Child Care Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide special training and care for children aged from two to six assessed to have moderate to severe disabilities to facilitate their growth and development.</li> <li>At present, 39 service centres providing a total of 1 843 places.</li> </ul>
	Integrated Programme in Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centre (KG-cum-CCC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide training and care to children aged from two to six assessed to have mild disabilities with emphasis on facilitating their integration into mainstream education.</li> <li>At present, 216 service centres providing a total of 1 980 places.</li> </ul>
	On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide training services for children with special needs from participating kindergartens/KG-cum-CCCs through multi-disciplinary team (members including occupational therapists, physiotherapists, speech therapists, clinical/educational psychologists, social workers and special child care workers); and to provide professional support for teachers/special child care workers and parents.</li> <li>At present, 16 organizations with 30 service teams providing a total of 3 000 places.</li> </ul>

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	Training Subsidy Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide training subsidy for children on the waiting list of subvented pre-school rehabilitation services to enable them to acquire self-financing services run by recognized service providers (RSPs) while waiting for subvented services.</li> <li>At present, 180 RSPs providing a total of 2 947 places.</li> </ul>
Residential care services	Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide home living for persons with severe intellectual disability who lack basic self-care skills and require assistance in personal and nursing care.</li> <li>At present, 64 service units providing a total of 3 611 places.</li> </ul>
	Hostel for Severely Physically Handicapped Persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide home living for persons with severe physical disability, with or without intellectual disability, who lack self-care skills and require assistance in personal and nursing care.</li> <li>At present, 13 service units providing a total of 573 places.</li> </ul>
	Care and Attention Home for Severely Disabled Persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide home living for persons with severe mental/physical disability who are unlikely to benefit from a regular day training placement. They are in need of nursing and intensive personal care but not yet require infirmary care.</li> <li>At present, 21 service units providing a total of 991 places.</li> </ul>
	Hostel for Severely Physically Handicapped Persons with Mental Handicap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide home living for persons with severe physical disability with intellectual disability who lack basic self-care skills and require more assistance in personal and nursing care due to their multiple handicaps but are capable of receiving training in a day activity centre.</li> <li>At present, 3 service units providing a total of 150 places.</li> </ul>
	Hostel for Moderately Mentally Handicapped Persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide home living for persons with moderate intellectual disability who are capable of basic self-care but lack adequate daily living skills to live independently in the community.</li> <li>At present, 43 service units providing a total of 2 505 places.</li> </ul>
	Supported Hostel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide group home living for persons with disabilities who can only live semi-independently with a fair amount of assistance from hostel staff in daily activities.</li> <li>At present, 26 service units providing a total of 677 places.</li> </ul>
	Integrated Vocational Training Centre – Residential Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide persons with disabilities with comprehensive vocational training and rehabilitation services to equip them for their advancement to open employment, develop their social and economic potential, and enable them to integrate into the community.</li> <li>At present, one service centre offering residential service with 170 places.</li> </ul>

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	Halfway House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide a transitional period of residential care to facilitate ex-mentally ill persons to achieve an optimal level of functioning for the purpose of community reintegration.</li> <li>At present, 36 service units providing a total of 1 509 quotas.</li> </ul>
	Long Stay Care Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide residential care for discharged chronic mental patients who are in stable mental conditions and requiring no active medical treatment but some nursing care.</li> <li>At present, 7 service units providing a total of 1 587 places.</li> </ul>
	Care and Attention Homes for the Aged Blind	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide residential care, meals, personal care and limited nursing care for elderly blind persons who suffer from poor health or physical/mental disabilities with deficiency in activities of daily living but are mentally suitable for group living.</li> <li>At present, 11 service units providing a total of 826 places.</li> </ul>
	Residential Special Child Care Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide residential care for children with disabilities with a special need in order to protect and promote their health and well-being, and nurture their growth and development with regard to their physical, social, emotional and intellectual needs.</li> <li>At present, 6 service units providing a total of 110 places.</li> </ul>
	Small Group Home for Mildly Mentally Handicapped Children/Integrated Small Group Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide home-like residential care service to school-age children with mild intellectual disability whose families cannot give them adequate care; they will also be arranged to live at Integrated Small Group Home in a mix of one child with mild intellectual disability to 7 ordinary children to facilitate their integration into the community.</li> <li>At present, 26 service units providing a total of 64 places.</li> </ul>
Inclusive and accessible community	Design Manual – Barrier Free Access 2008 (including the Practice Note No. APP-41 issued by the Building Authority)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide guidelines for the designs of barrier-free access facilities for persons with disabilities. Applicable to buildings constructed since 1 December 2008 and alterations and additions of buildings constructed before 1 December 2008 and regulated by the Buildings Ordinance.</li> </ul>
	Universal Accessibility Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Highways Department has been installing barrier-free access facilities at public walkways.</li> <li>As at end-January 2018, 68 items under the Original Programme have been completed, and the remaining 77 items spread across the 18 districts will continue to be implemented.</li> </ul>
	Public transport service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In collaboration with public transport operators, making continuous improvement to their service facilities and implementing barrier-free transport systems as far as practicable to meet the needs of various passengers including persons with disabilities, with a view to fulfilling the “Transport for All” concept.</li> </ul>

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	Rehabus service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rehabuses provide point-to-point transport services for persons with disabilities who have difficulties in using public transport services to carry them to offices, schools and vocational training places, attending medical appointments and taking part in social activities.</li> <li>As at December 2017, the total number of Rehabuses is 164 with 102 routes on scheduled route service, 10 feeder service routes and dial-a-ride service.</li> </ul>
	Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To enable elderly people aged 65 or above and eligible persons with disabilities to travel on designated public transport modes and services at a concessionary fare of \$2 per trip.</li> <li>1.38 million people are eligible under the Scheme.</li> </ul>
	Web/Mobile App Accessibility Campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To drive the adoption of accessible design in website and mobile applications of both public and private sectors.</li> </ul>
	Sign language promotion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) included sign language courses under the language domain of the Continuing Education Fund (CEF) in early 2016 and accepted course providers' application to register their sign language courses under CEF.</li> <li>On 30 June 2016, the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee, the Hong Kong Joint Council for People with Disabilities/the Hong Kong Council of Social Service joined hands to release the first "List of Qualified Sign Language Interpreters" as to aid the public in identifying suitable sign language interpreting services to meet their needs.</li> <li>LWB provides funding to service agencies and self-help organizations for persons with hearing impairment, so that they can organize a diversity of public education activities which promote inclusiveness and the use of sign language.</li> </ul>
	Hong Kong Paralympians Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To foster the development of sports for persons with disabilities and to support athletes with disabilities in their pursuit of sporting excellence in international events by providing financial assistance to them in all stages of their sporting career.</li> <li>Total funding allocation of HK\$ 5.79 million in 2017-18.</li> </ul>
	Art Development Fund for Persons with Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To enhance the interest and knowledge of persons with disabilities in arts and fulfill their potential in artistic development by organizing courses and advanced projects of arts; to foster persons with disabilities with great potential in arts to pursue in further development, including performing arts, visual arts and creative arts as personal career.</li> <li>Based on the seed funding of HK\$250 million, the projected revenues of investments will be marked as the ceiling for the annual budget.</li> </ul>

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Special education	Special Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Based on the assessment and recommendation of specialists, the Education Bureau (EDB) will confirm the types of disabilities of children and the category of special schools suitable for them and, subject to parents' consent, refer children with more severe or multiple disabilities to special schools for intensive support services.</li> <li>• In the 2017-18 school year, there are in total 61 aided special schools, including 2 schools for children with visual impairment, 2 schools for children with hearing impairment, 7 schools for children with physical disability, 41 schools for children with intellectual disability, 8 schools for social development and 1 hospital school, providing more than 8 900 school places.</li> </ul>
	Boarding service in special schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boarding service in special schools is to cater for students with long-term residential needs to facilitate them to receive school education during school days.</li> <li>• At present, there are 21 aided special schools with boarding sections, providing about 1 120 boarding places.</li> </ul>
	Training courses for teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EDB attaches great importance to offering training for special school teachers. A training course with the theme on "Education for Students with Severe or Multiple Disabilities" has been provided annually to meet the professional development needs of special school teachers. EDB also organize seminars and workshops on supporting students with medical complexity to enhance the professional knowledge and skills of special school teachers and staff in catering for the students.</li> <li>• Special school teachers can attend the structured training courses pitched at three levels, i.e. basic, advanced and thematic (BAT Courses) held by EDB so as to enhance their professional capacity in catering for students with special educational needs.</li> </ul>
	Services for special school leavers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To equip students for better adaptation to life after leaving school, special schools will develop school-based curriculum with special features, such as community training, workplace practicum and pre-employment training, so as to foster their independent living skills.</li> <li>• Based on the interest, capabilities and service needs of students, special schools will discuss with parents and students (if the student's ability allowed) to help them plan for the exit pathway after leaving school, and make relevant post-school preparation and arrangement for the students according to the requirements and application procedures of various types of services.</li> </ul>