

Newsletter

January 2017

In This Issue:

Singapore's Public Healthcare Systems to Integrate into 3 Main Clusters by 2018

For further information please contact

Andy Leck +65 6434 2525 andy.leck@bakermckenzie.com

Lim Ren Jun +65 6434 2721 ren.jun.lim@bakermckenzie.com

Baker McKenzie Wong & Leow 8 Marina Boulevard #05-01 Marina Bay Financial Centre Tower 1 Singapore 018981



Singapore's Public Healthcare Systems to Integrate into 3 Main Clusters by 2018

On 18 January 2017, the Singapore Ministry of Health ("**MOH**") announced the integration of Singapore's public healthcare systems from the current 6 systems to 3 main clusters. The integration is expected to be completed by early 2018.

The aim of this reorganisation is for each cluster to offer a wider range of services to serve the community's needs. Each cluster will have acute hospital care, primary care, community care, and a medical school.

The MOH reported that transitioning to the new clusters will not affect patients and the day-to-day delivery of healthcare services. The MOH will work closely with the clusters to ensure cross-cluster information flow and coordinated services. This highlights the need for technology to support accessibility of medical data across clusters, whilst ensuring its security and integrity.

An overview of the structural reorganisation is as follows:

Clusters	Institutions Managed By Cluster
Eastern Cluster Singapore Health Services (SingHealth) Eastern Health Alliance	Singapore General Hospital Changi General Hospital KK Women's and Children's Hospital Sengkang General Hospital (new) Bright Vision Community Hospital Outram Community Hospital (new) Sengkang Community Hospital (new) 7 existing polyclinics 2 new polyclinics
Central Cluster National Healthcare Group (NHG) Alexandra Health System	Tan Tock Seng Hospital Khoo Teck Puat Hospital Institute of Mental Health Woodlands General Hospital (new) Yishun Community Hospital Woodlands Community Hospital (new) 6 existing polyclinics Sembawang Primary Care Centre (new)
Western Cluster National University Health System (NUHS) Jurong Health Services	National University Hospital Ng Teng Fong General Hospital Jurong Community Hospital 5 existing polyclinics 2 new polyclinics

More information can be found in the MOH's press release here.

©2017. All rights reserved. Baker & McKenzie.Wong & Leow is a member of Baker & McKenzie International, a Swiss Verein with member law firms around the world. In accordance with the common terminology used in professional service organizations, reference to a "partner" means a person who is a partner, or equivalent, in such a law firm. Similarly, reference to an "office" means an office of any such law firm.

This may qualify as "Attorney Advertising" requiring notice in some jurisdictions. Prior results do not guarantee a similar outcome.