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About Jockey Club End-of-Life Community Care Project (JCECC)

Funded by The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust with a donation of HK\$131 million, the *JCECC* project is aimed at improving the quality of life of elderly people suffering from terminal illnesses. Key elements are:

- 1) **Innovative EoLC service models.** Five community EoLC service models are being piloted by different NGOs, with a special emphasis on bridging the healthcare and social care systems. These include:
 - a. **EoLC services in elderly homes.** A district-based professional support team set up by the Hong Kong Association of Gerontology offers on-site support and training for front-line staff in the 24 participating elderly homes.
 - b. **Home-based EoLC services.** Professional medical care teams set up by The Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation and the Haven of Hope Christian Service conduct regular home visits. Both cancer and non-cancer terminally-ill patients can be cared for at home alongside their families.
 - c. **Volunteer-focused psychosocial support services.** Trained volunteer teams led by the St James' Settlement and SKH Holy Carpenter Church District Elderly Community Centre conduct home visits, providing various services including emotional support for patients and their families.
- 2) **Capacity building and public education.** The University of Hong Kong and The Chinese University of Hong Kong are providing training for healthcare professionals, as well as public education programmes to raise public awareness of EoLC in the community. They will also conduct evaluations every year to assess the effectiveness of the project.