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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **UPDATES ON FIRE INCIDENT AT HCA HOSPICE CARE OFFICE**

A fire occurred at Block A of the Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (KWSH) premises on 5 January 2021 at night time. The incident happened at the HCA Hospice Care office located in the block. There was no one in the office when the fire broke out and there were no casualties resulting from the incident.

2 HCA is a community partner of KWSH with its headquarters situated in Block A. KWSH's services are not located in the same block and its nursing home residents are housed in a separate block away from the affected area. The wards have all been checked and no residents were affected by the fire.

3 The situation has been brought under control with the fire completely extinguished. The Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) had conducted a thorough search of the entire Block A and confirmed that there had been no casualties. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

4 Due to this incident, HCA's Day Hospice @ Serangoon will be closed on 6 January 2021. Further updates will be advised by HCA.

5 KWSH's other partners situated in Block A (Fresenius Kidney Care, Healthway Medical, Silver Generation Office @ Kallang, KWSH canteen) have been cleared to resume their operations on 6 January 2021.

6 KWSH will continue to support SCDF in their investigations. The Hospital will also work with the partners affected by the incident and offer the necessary assistance.

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## **About Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital**

Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (KWSH) is a 110-year-old charitable healthcare organisation and is registered as an Institution of Public Character, committed to looking after the sick and needy. In the last century, it has continued the strong tradition of community service, having cared for many generations of Singaporeans, beginning its legacy in 1910 even before Singapore's independence. It is now one of the most established providers in the ILTC (Intermediate and Long Term Care) sector.

At present, KWSH operates a nursing home, a rehabilitation centre, a traditional Chinese medicine centre, three community care centres and offers home care services. Many of its patients are from the lower-income group and their fees are heavily subsidised. KWSH also runs a community training institute catering to the training needs of its staff and the sector.

To better serve the rapidly ageing population, KWSH has undergone redevelopment to be transformed into an integrated community healthcare hub, providing healthcare services to its residents and the community. With the completion of the redevelopment in 2018, KWSH is now the largest single-site nursing home with over 600 beds as well as expansion in its other services.

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