This is a long overdue system. With hospitals facing additional burden from increased demand, including demand from non-residents, the public should have the opportunity to also seek health advice from private doctors and vice versa.

I have several concerns, some which are already reflected by astro above.

1) System integrity. While the consultation paper and the executive summary makes it clear that information will not be transferred without customer consent, I am still skeptical about the security of the system. Any leakage of the data, either by certain healthcare provider to insurance companies, non-associated healthcare providers, etc will not endanger the privacy of the individuals, it may cost severe financial problems (ie: lose or can't buy insurance), and bothered by sales calls.

2) Access integrity. In the consultation paper, it says only relevant health information and to approved provider will be allowed. Is that all personnel at the healthcare provider or just relevant persons. For example, if I gave my consent to St Mary's Hospital, will anybody at St Mary's have access or only my doctor and nurse? What is the repercussion if someone not my doctor at the hospital gives my information to other people? We've seen these in other industries.

3) How to encourage the different providers to share information and for 2nd opinion on diagnosis treatment and not a platform to shirk responsibilities.

Today, many people will see multiple obstetricians. The most frustrating thing is when each doctor asks what the other doctors think and then say "yah, looks like that." That way, we are no longer getting 2nd opinions but a collective agreement. It's great if the initial diagnosis is accurate, but a false sense of security if not.