Cluster of Influenza A cases in Siu Lam Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Siu Lam Hospital made the following announcement today (July 22):

Four patients (aged 55 to 70) in a female ward for severe intellectual disability have presented with respiratory symptoms since July 17. Appropriate viral tests had been arranged for the patients and their test results were positive to Influenza A. The patients concerned are being treated under isolation and are in stable condition.

Admission to the ward has been suspended and restricted visiting has been imposed. Infection control measures have already been stepped up according to established guidelines. All other patients in the ward are under close surveillance.

The cases have been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow up.