

Cluster of Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus Aureus cases in Princess Margaret Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) made the following announcement today (August 7):

A 3-month-old baby girl of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit was confirmed to be infected with Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) on 3 August. She is in serious condition, under close medical surveillance and proper isolation and treatment. Furthermore, during a monthly routine screening, three baby girls (aged 16 days to 3 months) who have been staying in the same unit were confirmed to be carriers of MRSA, but without clinical symptoms. The three babies are still being hospitalised under medical surveillance and are in isolation due to their underlying disease. They are in stable condition.

Infection control measures of the ward have already been stepped up and contact tracing would be conducted according to prevailing guidelines. All other infants in the ward are under close medical surveillance.

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