

Collapsed person in custody dies in hospital

A person in custody collapsed in Hei Ling Chau Correctional Institution yesterday (June 19) and subsequently died in a public hospital today (June 20).

The 36-year-old male person in custody with chronic drug abuse history required continuous medical care and follow-up at the institution hospital due to his hypertension. At 11.52pm yesterday, the correctional officer found him collapsed in the dormitory. He was immediately examined and applied first aid by institutional medical staff, and an helicopter was called to send him to a public hospital for further rescue. His condition deteriorated and was certified dead at 1.16am today.

The case has been reported to the Police. A death inquest will be held by the Coroner's Court.

The person in custody was sentenced to imprisonment for the offence of trafficking in a dangerous drug in January 2020.