

Collapsed person in custody dies in hospital

A person in custody collapsed in Hei Ling Chau Correctional Institution and died in a public hospital today (March 1).

The 58-year-old male person in custody was suffering from hypertension and intestinal obstruction, and required continuous medical care and follow-up at the institution hospital and a public hospital. At 3.52pm today, the correctional officer found him collapsed in the toilet of the day room. 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 4.53pm 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 September 2018.