

Correctional officer stop self-harm behavior of person in custody

Correctional officer stopped a female person in custody from committing self-harm behaviour by drinking shampoo in Tai Lam Centre for Women today (July 27).

At 7.57 am, a correctional officer found the 43-year-old person in custody committing self-harm behavior by drinking a small quantity of shampoo in the bathroom. The officer immediately stopped her and sent her to the centre hospital for treatment. Upon receiving treatment from the institution medical officer, she was sent to a public hospital for further examination and treatment.

A clinical psychologist of the department will follow up on the case.

A spokesman for the Correctional Services Department said, "The department uses all possible measures to prevent persons in its custody from attempting suicide or self-harm. These measures include administrative arrangements, the improvement of institution facilities, staff training and first aid services."

The person in custody was sentenced to imprisonment for the offence of theft in April 2019.