

Correctional officer stops remand person in custody committing self-harm

A correctional officer stopped a remand person in custody who was committing self-harm at Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre today (April 19).

At 3.06pm today, the 25-year-old female remand person in custody was found emotionally unstable and banged her head against the wall inside the cell of the institution hospital. An officer at the scene immediately ordered her to stop the act and called for reinforcement. The person in custody was found conscious. She was required to be sent to a public hospital for further treatment after receiving examination and treatment by the institution medical officer. 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 custody from attempting suicide or self-harm. These measures include administrative arrangements, the improvement of institutional facilities, staff training and first aid services."

The person in custody was remanded for the offence of wounding with intent in April 2020.