

Correctional officer stops remand person in custody from committing self-harm

A correctional officer stopped a 54-year-old male remand person in custody from committing self-harm at Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre today (October 8).

At 11.47am today, a correctional officer found the remand person in custody had tied pants around his neck inside the cell. The officer immediately called for reinforcement and provided first aid treatment to him. The person in custody was found unconscious at that moment and was subsequently sent to a public hospital for further treatment. The case has been reported to the Police.

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 institution facilities, staff training and first aid services."

The person in custody was remanded for the offence of possession of a dangerous drug in September 2020.