

Correctional officers stop person in custody attempting suicide by hanging

Correctional officers stopped a 34-year-old female person in custody attempting suicide by hanging at Lo Wu Correctional Institution today (September 2).

At 12.10pm today, a correctional officer found the person in custody attempting suicide by hanging herself with brassiere tied to the grille bars of the cell. The officer immediately called for reinforcement and stopped the act. The person in custody was found conscious and was subsequently 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 Breach of Condition of Stay in August 2018.