

Correctional officers stop person in custody committing self-harm

Correctional officers stopped a person in custody committing self-harm at Lo Wu Correctional Institution yesterday (June 14).

At 9.13pm yesterday, the 24-year-old female person in custody was found emotionally unstable and she banged her head against the grille gate and the floor inside the observation cell of the institution hospital. Officers at the scene immediately ordered her to stop the act and called for reinforcement. The person in custody was found conscious. After receiving examination and treatment in the institution hospital, she was required to be sent to a public hospital for further 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 people in its custody from attempting suicide or self-harm. These measures include administrative arrangements, improvement of institution facilities, staff training and first aid services."

The person in custody was sentenced to imprisonment for the offence of riot in November 2019.