

Correctional officers stop person in custody committing self-harm

Correctional Services officers stopped a male remand person in custody committing self-harm at Stanley Prison today (July 19).

At 00.36am today, the 35-year-old person in custody was found cutting his wrist using the edge of a cabinet drawer inside the cell of the institution hospital. An officer immediately ordered him to stop the act and called for reinforcement. The person in custody was found conscious. After examination and treatment by the institution medical officer, he was referred 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 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 remanded for the offence of wounding with intent in January 2019.