

Correctional officers stop person in custody from committing suicide by hanging

Correctional officers stopped a 33-year-old female person in custody from committing suicide by hanging in Lo Wu Correctional Institution yesterday (February 8).

At 8.05pm yesterday, a correctional officer found the person in custody attempting suicide by hanging with a towel tied to the grille bars of her cell. The officer immediately called for reinforcement to rescue and provide first aid treatment to her. The person in custody was found conscious at the time and was subsequently 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 persons in 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 trafficking in a dangerous drug in October 2018.