

Correctional officers stop remand person in custody attempting to commit self-harm

Correctional officers stopped a female remand person in custody from attempting to commit self-harm at Lo Wu Correctional Institution yesterday (July 2).

At 3.13pm yesterday, the 54-year-old female remand person in custody was found emotionally unstable and attempted to commit self-harm by using a ball pen inside the observation cell of institution hospital. Officers at the scene immediately stopped her. OC foam was applied after warnings, to subdue her. The person in custody was subsequently sent to Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre for further treatment after receiving examination and treatment by the institution medical officer.

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 institutional facilities, staff training and first aid services."

The person in custody was remanded for the offence of burglary.