

Correctional officers stop remand person in custody committing self-harm

Correctional officers stopped a remand person in custody committing self-harm in Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre today (June 17).

At 11.03am, a 77-year-old male remand person in custody was found emotionally unstable and banging his head against the wall inside a hospital ward. Officers at the scene immediately stopped him and called for reinforcement. The person in custody was found conscious. After receiving an examination and treatment by an 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 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 wounding with intent in April 2024.