

Kwai Chung Hospital announces suspected assault incident

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Kwai Chung Hospital (KCH) announced a suspected assault incident today (January 17):

KCH received a report that a patient was suspected of being assaulted in a ward yesterday afternoon (January 16). The hospital was highly concerned about the incident and immediately arranged to send the patient involved to the Accident and Emergency Department of Princess Margaret Hospital for examination. The patient is now in stable condition. KCH conducted an investigation immediately and suspected a staff member was involved in the incident. In view of the severity of the incident, the hospital has reported the matter to the Police for investigation, as well as a report to the Hospital Authority (HA) Head Office. The hospital will fully co-operate with the Police in the investigation. The staff member involved in the incident has been suspended from duty with immediate effect.

The hospital has contacted the patient's family to explain the incident and will provide necessary support to the patient and his family. The HA attaches great importance to patient safety and always requires staff to stringently uphold professional conduct. The HA will not tolerate any behaviour that may threaten patient safety. If any inappropriate conduct is found after the investigation, the HA will follow up stringently.