

Prince of Wales Hospital announces hospital facility safety incident

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Prince of Wales Hospital (PWH) made the following announcement today (November 23) regarding a hospital facility safety incident:

At around 6pm last evening (November 22), a piece of concrete fragments approximately 70cm length and 50cm width, fell from the ceiling at the X-Ray Department waiting area located on ground floor of the Day Treatment Block. The incident occurred at non-office hours. No one was injured and patient services were not affected.

PWH had immediately cordoned off the area concerned for an urgent inspection and maintenance. After preliminary investigation, the incident did not involve structural safety. It was suspected that the ceiling concrete spalling was caused by water seepage of the outdoor flower trough located at the upper floor of the area concerned. The hospital had inspected the area concerned in March this year and found no abnormalities. The hospital will step up inspections of flower troughs to ensure there is no stagnant water, and will strengthen inspections of the area concerned to ensure safety.

PWH has reported the incident to the Hospital Authority Head Office via the Advance Incident Reporting System.