[Queen Elizabeth Hospital announces patient being transferred to the Treatment Centre for COVID-19 (AWE)](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

     The spokesman for Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH) made the following announcement today (April 13) regarding a patient being transferred to the Treatment Centre for COVID-19 (AWE):

â€‹   A 79-year-old female patient living in a residential care home attended Accident & Emergency Department of QEH on April 9 evening due to urinary tract infection. She was admitted to a medical ward for treatment and tested negative for COVID-19 in admission screening. Her condition gradually became stable and doctor arranged her for transferring to convalescent hospital in Kowloon Central Cluster for further management.

â€‹   The ward staff arranged patient transfer on April 12 but she was accidentally arranged to Treatment Centre for COVID-19 (AWE). The patient arrived the Treatment Centre for COVID-19 (AWE) at about 7pm and was admitted to a single patient cubicle. Ward staff in QEH reviewed the patient information at around 8pm and realised the inappropriate arrangement, and immediately contacted the staff of the Treatment Centre for COVID-19 (AWE). The patient concerned did not have meals and all along wore surgical mask while she was staying in the Treatment Centre for COVID-19 (AWE) for around one hour.

â€‹   The patient was sent back to QEH on the same evening for continuous treatment. She tested negative for COVID-19 and is now in stable condition. She is classified as a close contact and her health condition will be closely monitored.

â€‹   QEH is very concerned about the incident and expressed apology to the patient and relatives. Patient Relations Officer would maintain close communication with relatives and provide the necessary assistance. The hospital has reported the incident to the Hospital Authority Head Office through the Advance Incidents Reporting System, and has again reminded staff to conduct risk assessment before patient transfer and add clear tags in patient records to differentiate patient identity.