

Queen Mary Hospital announces an incident of drainage leakage at isolation ward

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesman of Queen Mary Hospital (QMH) made the following announcement today (December 13) regarding an incident of drainage leakage at the isolation ward:

At around 11.30am yesterday (December 12), water seepage was found on the ceiling of a cardiothoracic surgical (CTS) ward of QMH Main Block. Right above that ward was an isolation ward housed with COVID-19 patients.

Inspection revealed that there was drainage leakage at the isolation ward and the water seeped through the ceiling of the CTS ward, causing water droplets to drip on the lower limb of a male patient.

The hospital's infection control team visited the ward concerned afterwards for investigation. After reviewing the cause of incident and patient's condition, infection risk was considered to be low. As a precautionary measure, the patient with water dripped has been transferred to a single room for further treatment.

Urgent repairs to the CTS ward were completed yesterday with examination on water leakage. 13 patients in the CTS ward were transferred to other wards and there was no interruption to isolation service throughout this period. As part of the CTS ward is currently closed for thorough disinfection, to tie in with the bed redeployment, four cardiothoracic elective surgeries scheduled tomorrow (December 14) will be postponed. The hospital will contact the affected patients to explain and reschedule the operations.

QMH apologises to the affected patients. The incident has been reported to Hospital Authority Head Office through the Advance Incident Reporting System.