

Queen Mary Hospital appeals to public for missing patient

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Queen Mary Hospital (QMH) made the following appeal today (August 25) regarding a patient leaving the hospital without notification:

A 79-year-old female patient with dementia was sent by ambulance to the Accident and Emergency Department of QMH for treatment at around noon today. After triage and pending consultation, the patient was all along accompanied by a staff of the old aged home she resided. The patient was found left the Accident and Emergency Department without notification at around 2.30pm.

Upon receiving request for assistance from old aged home staff, security guards were deployed to search for the patient within the hospital compound and in the vicinity. The patient is yet to be located. The hospital is very concerned about the incident. It immediately informed the patient's family and reported the incident to the Police for assistance, QMH will fully co-operate with the Police in order to locate the patient.

The patient is about 1.45 metres tall, with short gray hair and average body build. CCTV footage showed that the patient was wearing a black and white checked pattern long-sleeve jacket, gray pants, black shoes and glasses when she left the hospital.

The hospital has reported the incident to the Hospital Authority Head Office through the Advance Incident Reporting System. QMH appeals to the public to contact the Western Police Station at 3661 1618 if they know the whereabouts of the patient.