

Tuen Mun Hospital announces a sentinel event

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Tuen Mun Hospital (TMH) announces a sentinel event today (February 12):

A 32-year-old male patient was admitted to Tuen Mun Hospital yesterday. He was last seen by ward staff at around 8am during breakfast and medicine distribution. However, he was found not on his bed at around 8.30am therefore ward staff contacted hospital foreman for searching. A few minutes later, hospital foreman received report that a man wearing patient clothes was lying on the sidewalk a few minutes' walk from the hospital. Hospital staff got to the spot immediately and called the police. It was confirmed that the man was the patient leaving the ward by himself earlier. Medical staff escorted patient to the Accident and Emergency Department for resuscitation. The patient was certified dead at 10.35am.

TMH is deeply saddened by the incident. The hospital expresses condolences to the family members and will offer necessary assistance. The hospital is very concerned about the incident and has reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office via the Advance Incident Reporting System. A root cause analysis investigation will be conducted to look into the incident. The investigation report will be submitted to the Head Office in eight weeks. The case has been referred to the coroner for follow-up.