

Tuen Mun Hospital announces incident of water seepage in ward

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson of Tuen Mun Hospital (TMH) made the following announcement today (June 24) regarding an incident of water seepage at the ceiling in a ward:

Minor water seepage was found on the ceiling of a male surgical ward on the fourth floor of TMH main block . Right above that ward was a paediatric isolation ward housed with COVID-19 patients.

Inspection revealed that water seeped through the floor of the bathroom of the paediatric isolation ward on the fifth floor to the ceiling of the surgical ward on the fourth floor causing water droplets dripped on two patients on June 22 and 23 respectively.

TMH has reported the incident to the Centre for Health Protection. After a review of the cause of the incident and patients' conditions by relevant experts, the infection risk was considered to be low. As a precautionary measure, the patient who had water drip onto his spectacles has been transferred to an isolation ward and placed under quarantine and medical surveillance each for 14 days. The other patient, who had water drip onto his ankle, has been transferred to a single room and placed under 28 days of medical surveillance.

In order to carry out the water leakage examination, TMH has arranged the six paediatric patients concerned and 12 surgical patients to be transferred to other wards. Comprehensive renovation will be arranged for the fifth floor paediatric isolation ward and the work will last for several weeks. Paediatric patients who require isolation will be admitted to another isolation ward. An overhaul in other isolation wards will also be arranged in phases as planned.

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