

Unconscious person in custody dies in hospital

A 56-year-old male person in custody who had been found unconscious in Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre died in a public hospital today (March 23).

The person in custody suffered from hypertension, neurosyphilis and meningitis. He required continuous medical care and follow-up at the institution hospital and public hospitals. At 1.23am today, he was found unconscious in his bed in the institution hospital by a correctional officer. The officer immediately provided first-aid treatment to him and called for reinforcement and ambulance to send him to a public hospital for further rescue. His condition deteriorated and he was certified dead at 2.43am today.

The case has been reported to the Police. A death inquest will be held by the Coroner's Court.

The person in custody was sentenced to imprisonment for the offence of trafficking in a dangerous drug in November 2018.