

Woman sentenced for violating Prevention and Control of Disease (Disclosure of Information) Regulation

A 50-year-old woman was sentenced to 100 hours' community service by the Tuen Mun Magistrates' Courts today (March 29) for violating the Prevention and Control of Disease (Disclosure of Information) Regulation (Cap. 599D) (the Regulation).

The woman was found to have provided false information to a medical practitioner about her travel history during a medical appointment at the Tuen Mun Hospital on April 2, 2020. She was charged with contravening section 4 of the Regulation and was sentenced by the Tuen Mun Magistrates' Courts today to 100 hours' community service.

Under the Regulation, it is a criminal offence for any person to provide false or misleading information to health officers/medical practitioners acting in the course of professional practice. Offenders face a maximum fine of \$10,000 and imprisonment for six months.

A spokesman for the DH said the sentence sends a clear message to the community that breaching regulations related to combating COVID-19 is a criminal offence that the Government will not tolerate, and solemnly reminds the public to comply with the regulations. As of today, a total of two persons have been convicted by the courts for breaching the Regulation. The spokesman reiterated that resolute actions will be taken against anyone who has breached the relevant regulations.