

## Correctional officer stops person in custody committing self-harm

A Correctional officer stopped a male person in custody from committing self-harm at Queen Mary Hospital Custodial Ward (QMHCW) today (December 13).

At 12.41pm today, the 60-year-old person in custody was found banging his forehead against a gate inside a ward of QMHCW. An officer immediately ordered him to stop the act and called for reinforcement. The person in custody was found conscious. Immediate treatment was provided to him by the medical staff of the hospital. A clinical psychologist of the department will follow up on the case.

A spokesman for the Correctional Services Department said, "The department uses all possible measures to prevent persons in custody from attempting suicide or self-harm. These measures include administrative arrangements, improvement of institution facilities, staff training and first aid services."

The person in custody was sentenced to imprisonment for the offence of burglary in January 2019.