

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

A correctional officer stopped a person in custody who was committing self-harm at Stanley Prison yesterday (February 21).

At 9.41pm yesterday, the 21-year-old male person in custody was found cutting his wrist using a ball-point pen inside the ward of the institution hospital. An officer immediately ordered him to stop the act and called for reinforcement. The person in custody was found conscious and did not need to be sent to a public hospital after receiving an examination and treatment from the institution's medical officer. 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 its custody from attempting suicide or self-harm. These measures include administrative arrangements, the improvement of institutional facilities, staff training and first aid services."

The person in custody was sentenced to imprisonment for the offence of trafficking in a dangerous drug in June 2016.