

Correctional officer stops remand person in custody attempting suicide by hanging

A correctional officer stopped a 23-year-old male remand person in custody from attempting suicide by hanging in Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre yesterday (August 19).

At 10.23pm yesterday, a correctional officer found the remand person in custody attempting suicide by hanging himself with a bed sheet tied to the grille bar of a cell. The officer immediately stopped the act and called for reinforcements. The remand person in custody was subsequently referred to a public hospital for treatment and is conscious. 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 remanded for the offence of trafficking in a dangerous drug in April 2019.