

Correctional officer stops self-harm behaviour of person in custody

A correctional officer stopped a female person in custody from committing self-harm behaviour by drinking shampoo in Lo Wu Correctional Institution today (July 13).

At 4.17 pm, a correctional officer found the 50-year-old female person in custody committing self-harm behaviour by drinking a small quantity of shampoo inside her cell. The officer immediately ordered her to stop the act and sent her to the centre hospital for treatment. Upon receiving treatment from the institution medical officer, she was sent to a public hospital for further examination and treatment.

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 institution facilities, staff training and first aid services."

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