

North District Hospital announces a Sentinel Event

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for North District Hospital (NDH) today (July 30) announced a sentinel event:

A 64-year-old male patient was found lying on floor in an isolation ward at 9.33am this morning. Both hands of the patient were found tied with electric wires with power supply connected. Resuscitation was carried out but the patient was certified dead at 10.15am.

The patient was admitted on July 28. During hospitalisation, the patient had expressed having emotional problems to healthcare staff. Enhanced observation was promptly arranged. During regular patrol at 9.30am, no abnormalities were noted by staff.

The Hospital is very concerned about the incident and has reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office via the Advance Incident Reporting System. A panel will be set up to look into the incident. NDH has met with relatives to explain the incident and extend condolences. NDH will continue to contact relatives and render necessary support. The case was reported to the police and the coroner for follow-up.