

Question on prevention and handling of suicide cases in Islands District
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Written reply of Hospital Authority

The psychiatric specialist service of the HA would provide a comprehensive suicide risk assessment and follow-up support for people with suicidal risks.

Under the psychiatric specialist out-patient triage system of the HA, new appointments would be arranged on the basis of individual patient's clinical conditions. After triaged by experienced nurses and reviewed by specialist doctors, new cases received at SOPCs will be triaged into priority 1 (urgent), priority 2 (semi-urgent) and routine cases according to their severity and urgency. In general, patients with urgent medical needs (such as patients with suicidal risks) would be triaged into priority 1 cases in the psychiatric SOPC to ensure patients with urgent medical needs are given timely and appropriate treatment.

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