

OPCAT inspection in the Debrecen Juvenile Reformatory under the Ministry of Human Capacities (26-27 September 2016)

In September 2016, staff members of the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights responsible for the operation of the OPCAT National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) conducted a visit to the Debrecen Reformatory. This monitoring visit is closely related to the visit to the Nagykanizsa Reformatory earlier in September. This time, after having visited the Nagykanizsa establishment, members of the Office gathered experience on the operation of the 'Debrecen-model' in the parent establishment.

Members of the monitoring team conducted interviews with children and young adults held in pre-trial detention or spending their reformatory sentence. Members of the delegation talked to educators responsible for the reintegration of juveniles and to child supervisors, and to other members of the staff supporting them in fulfilling their duties. Staff members of the Office inspected the conditions of placement in the building and requested the inspection of documents. They received information on the experience of the operation of the mentoring programme.

The focus of the on-the-spot inspection is to determine to what extent the execution of reformatory sentences in the Debrecen Reformatory are compliant with the prohibition of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.



Members of the visiting team included:

- Rita Rostás, psychologist, senior advisor, head of delegation,
- Gergely Fliegau, Head of Department, OPCAT NPM,
- Eszter Gilányi, lawyer, senior advisor,
- Fanni Murányi, lawyer, senior advisor,
- István Sárközy, lawyer, senior advisor.



The Commissioner for Fundamental Rights will publish a report on the findings of the inspection.