

## Summary of Case Report AJB-2799/2020

### OPCAT Visit to the Aszód Reformatory of the Ministry of Human Capacities

On May 21, 2020, the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights, who is responsible for performing the tasks of the OPCAT National Preventive Mechanism (hereinafter: the "NPM") and his staff members paid a visit to the Aszód Reformatory of the Ministry of Human Capacities (hereinafter: the "Institution").

The visit aimed to investigate the fulfilment of measures with regard to the prevention and treatment of COVID-19 cases and to examine the impact of the restrictions on the living conditions of the detainees. Due to the state of emergency declared by Government Decree No. 40/2020. (III.11.), the visit was previously announced to the institute.

The members of the visiting group, wearing protective equipment, examined the placement and isolation of the detainees, which was done in a satisfactory manner.

At the time of the visit, 44 pupils were present and another 41 pupils were on leave at the Institution with a capacity of 160, so the occupancy level was 53%.

The pupils were divided into 8 groups, and the headcount did not exceed 8 in either of the groups. There were sufficient instructors in all of the groups. In the integration group and in the group of children with behavioural difficulties, there were more instructors than compulsory, which made it possible that the pupils receive more help with integration and overcoming social and other difficulties. In some of the groups, the number of the instructors did not comply with the rules prescribed by law.

The state of emergency did not cause any difficulties in the reception and leave processes within the Institution. The schools and workshops were operating, 54% of the pupils present at the time of the visit (24 persons) participated in the courses.

The members of the staff did significant overwork, which endangers the physical and mental health of the staff members, and may also have a negative effect on the treatment of the pupils.

Cleaning and washing were regular at the Institution, sanitizers were available.

The NPM established that the pupils were well informed with regard the state of the epidemic and the preventive measures, and they understood the reasons for the prohibition of visits. However, some of them became more anxious. In order to solve this situation, the management installed various sports facilities and ensured more possibilities for making phone calls.

The pupils did not made any complaints with regard to the restrictions due to the state of epidemic and no disciplinary cases occurred.