

OPCAT visit

to the Budapest Reformatory of EMMI (Ministry of Human Capacities)

24 June 2021

On 24 June 2021, the staff members of the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary, who is responsible for performing the tasks of the OPCAT National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) paid an unannounced visit to the EMMI Reformatory of Budapest.



The main purpose of this visit was to inspect the measures taken to prevent the spread of the coronavirus infection (COVID-19) and to cope with the challenges of the pandemic, and the impact of the restrictions imposed due to the COVID-19 outbreak on the everyday life of the young offenders.

The members of the visiting group inspected the living conditions, conducted interviews with the detainees, the members of the staff and the management and reviewed the relevant documentation.

The visiting group was composed of the following members:

- Dr. Eszter Gilányi, lawyer, psychologist
- Dr. Rita Rostás, psychologist, educational expert
- Dr. István Sárközy, lawyer

The NPM will publish a report on this visit.