

**OPCAT visit
to the Rákospalota Reformatory and Central Special Children's Home of EMMI
(Ministry of Human Capacities)**

2-3 March 2022

On 2–3 March 2022, 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 Rákospalota Reformatory and Central Special Children's Home of EMMI (Ministry of Human Capacities).



The purpose of the visit was to investigate into the living conditions and treatment of young girls sentenced to correctional education, held in pre-trial detention or receiving special needs child protection care in the institution, with special regard to the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak and the measures imposed due to the pandemic on the everyday life of the residents. The members of the visiting group inspected the living conditions at the institution, conducted interviews with the residents, the members of the staff and the management, and reviewed the relevant documentation.

The visiting group consisted of the following members:

- Eszter Gilányi, lawyer, psychologist
- Krisztina Izsó, lawyer
- Norbert Mézes, lawyer
- Klaudia Tóth-Kiss, psychologist

Psychiatrist, child psychiatry specialist dr. Gyöngyvér Ferenczi-Dallos participated in the visit as an ad hoc expert.

The National Preventive Mechanism will prepare a report on the visit.