

OPCAT inspection in the Szombathely National Prison

On 26-28 July 2016 staff members of the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights conducted an OPCAT NPM visit to the Szombathely National Prison.



The purpose of the visit was to inspect the treatment of detainees and the circumstances of detention in a facility which is one of the two prisons operating under a public-private partnership contract and besides this, one of the largest ones in Hungary.

The members of the delegation examined the material conditions, the relevant documents, and interviewed the leadership of the institute, the staff members, and the detainees, in particular the prisoners with special needs (e.g. juveniles, women, prisoners with disabilities).

Members of the visiting team included:

- Eszter Gilányi, lawyer, psychologist, head of the delegation
- Gergely Fliegauf, psychologist, head of department
- Sándor Gurbai, lawyer
- Rita Rostás, psychologist, pedagogue

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