

OPCAT inspection in the Psychiatric Ward of Balassa János Hospital, Tolna County

On May 31 and June 01, 2017, in Szekszárd, colleagues of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights, performing the tasks of the OPCAT National Preventive Mechanism, paid an unannounced visit to the Psychiatric Ward of Balassa János Hospital, Tolna County, Teaching Hospital of the University of Pécs.



The visit's objective was to examine the placement of and the care provided to the patients, the condition of hospital rooms and lavatories, and the treatment of patients. The members of the visiting delegation inspected the building and the documentation, attended a court review, interviewed the management, the physicians, the professional staff and the patients, and talked to visitors.

Members of the delegation included:

- Rita Rostás, psychologist, pedagogue, head of the delegation
- Gergely Fliegauf, psychologist, Head of the OPCAT NPM Department
- István Sárközy, lawyer
- Anikó Kussinszky, lawyer, Department for Equal Opportunities and Children's Rights
- György Szekeres, psychiatrist, ad hoc external expert
- Gabriella Hartmann, dietician, ad hoc external expert

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