OPCAT visit

to the Kékmadár Children's Home of the Child Protection Centre and Territorial Child Protection Service of Somogy County

On 20 January 2021, the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary, responsible for the tasks of the National Preventive Mechanism (hereinafter referred to as: the "NPM"), and his staff members paid a visit to the Nagybajom-based Kékmadár Children's Home.







The purpose of the visit was to check the execution of the measures taken to prevent the spread of the coronavirus infection (COVID-19) and to remedy the harmful effects of the pandemic. The NPM reviewed the conditions of the placement of mostly adolescent mothers and their children and inquired after the changes caused in the operation of the children's home by the state of danger declared by Government Decree No. 40/2020 (11 March) and the protection from the coronavirus infection, and it also examined the measures taken to prevent the spread of the pandemic.

The visiting group consisted of the following members:

- dr. Ákos Kozma, Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary
- dr. Rita Rostás, psychologist, education expert
- dr. Eszter Gilányi, lawyer, psychologist
- dr. Krisztina Izsó, lawyer

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