

## OPCAT NPM Visit

### to the Children's Home of the Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg County Child Protection Centre in Mátészalka

30 March 2022

On 30 March 2022, the staff members of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights in charge of performing the tasks of the National Preventive Mechanism (hereinafter referred to as: the NPM) paid a visit to the Mátészalka children's homes of the Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg County Child Protection Centre (Képes Géza utca 2 and 4).



At the children's home situated in the proximity of the Ukrainian-Hungarian border, some places were released for the families fleeing the Ukrainian-Russian war. In addition to the general assessment of the circumstances of the children in state care, the goal of the visit was to review the conditions of the placement of the refugee families and to check to what extent the admission of the fleeing families affected the everyday lives of the children residing at the institution.

The members of the visiting group conducted interviews with the children living there, as well as with the management and staff members of the institution and they reviewed the relevant documents.

Psychologist and education expert dr. Rita Rostás of the OPCAT NPM Department was a member of the visiting group.

The NPM will prepare a report on the visits.

