

OPCAT visit

to the Vác Strict and Medium Regime Prison 7 October 2020

On 7 October 2020, the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights, who is responsible for performing the tasks of the OPCAT National Preventive Mechanism (hereinafter referred to as the 'NPM') and his colleagues paid a visit to the Vác Strict and Medium Regime Prison (hereinafter referred to as the 'Institution').

The purpose of this visit was to inspect the measures taken to prevent the spread of the coronavirus infection (COVID-19) and to cope with the challenges of the pandemic. The NPM inspected the cell blocks of the Institution, the worksites of the detainees, and the means of communication (Skype, telephone) used instead of the visits being prohibited due to the outbreak. The members of the visiting team interviewed the detainees, the management and the staff of the Institution; they also inspected relevant documents.



The visiting group was composed of the following members:

- dr. Ákos Kozma, the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary
- dr. Dóra Deák-Kondákor, lawyer
- dr. Rita Rostás, psychologist, educator
- dr. István Sárközy, lawyer

The NPM will publish a report on this visit.