

OPCAT NPM Visit
to the Health Care Centre of the Hungarian Prison Service and Gróf Tisza István
Hospital at Berettyóújfalú

19-20 October 2022

On 19 October 2022, the staff members of the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary performing the tasks of the National Preventive Mechanism (hereinafter referred to as: the NPM) paid a visit to the Health Care Centre of the Hungarian Prison Service (hereinafter referred to as: BVEK), and they visited Gróf Tisza István Hospital on 20 October 2022. Both institutions are located in Berettyóújfalú, very close to each other.



Exercise area in BVEK hospital area



Intensive-Subintensive Observation Unit and Psychiatric Ward in the



On the one hand, the purpose of the visit was to review the method of providing care to the patients detained in the institutions of the prison service, to investigate into the conditions of placement and care at BVEK and Gróf Tisza István Hospital, as well as the treatment of detainees. Furthermore, the NPM also examined the care provided to the psychiatric patients receiving medical treatment and placed in emergency wards at the Department of Psychiatry of Gróf Tisza István Hospital. In addition to inspecting the circumstances of placement, the members of the visiting group conducted interviews with the patients, as well as the management and staff members of both institutions.

The members of the visiting group included:

Dr. Rita Rostás, psychologist, educational expert

Dr. Krisztina Izsó, lawyer

Dr. István Sárközy, lawyer

Dr. Brigitta Baran, psychiatrist, neurologist, forensic psychiatrist, ad hoc medical expert

The NPM will prepare a report on the visit.