OPCAT visit

to the Kiskunhalas National Prison and Mobile Epidemic Hospital 16 April 2020

On 16 April 2020 the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights, responsible for performing the tasks of the OPCAT National Preventive Mechanism, and his staff members paid a visit to the Kiskunhalas National Prison (hereinafter the "Institution") and mobile epidemic hospital.





The purpose of the visit was to inspect the fulfilment of the measures with regard the prevention and treatment of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. The visiting group examined the cell blocks of the Institution, the means of communication (Skype, telephone) used instead of the visits being prohibited due to the outbreak and they inspected the mobile epidemic hospital. The members of the visiting group conducted interviews with the detainees, members of the staff and the management and reviewed the relevant documentation.

The visiting group consisted of the following members:

Dr. Ákos Kozma, the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights

Dr. István Sárközy, lawyer

Dr. Izsó Krisztina, lawyer

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