

## **OPCAT visit**

**at the Heves County Remand Prison  
12 October 2023.**

On 12 October 2023, the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary, responsible for performing the tasks of the National Preventive Mechanism, and his staff members visited the Heves County Penitentiary Institute (hereinafter referred to as the "Institute").



**A workstation at the Ipoly Shoe Factory Ltd. branch in the Institute**



**The walking courtyard**



**Inside a smoking cell**



**The Library, which also hosts Skype speakers**

The purpose of the visit was to examine the treatment of the detainee and the conditions of detention in the facility.

The members of the visiting team interviewed detainees, management and staff, and inspected the relevant documents.

The visiting team visited the working area of the Institute, the detainees' cells, the rooms for communication, the open-air walk-in courtyard and the medical quarantine still in place during the reception procedure following the experience of the COVID-19 epidemic.

The visiting team consisted of the following members:

- dr. Ákos Kozma, Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary
- dr. Dóra Deák-Kondákor, lawyer
- dr. Norbert Mézes, lawyer

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