

Inspection of Jõhvi Youth Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre

On 27 and 28 March 2014 advisors to the Chancellor of Justice paid a visit to the Jõhvi Youth Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre. The last time the Chancellor of Justice inspected the Jõhvi Youth Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre was on 16 February 2010.

The Jõhvi Youth Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre, which belongs to OÜ Corrigo, started operating in 2004. Its main goal is to provide treatment and rehabilitation services to young addicts aged 14-18. The service is funded from the state budget via the National Institute for Health Development.

As a result of the inspection visit the Chancellor of Justice made the following suggestions and recommendations to the Jõhvi Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre:

- the coordinator of the Jõhvi Youth Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre and the management board of OÜ Corrigo must guarantee that the living conditions in the centre meet the needs of the children, incl. age-appropriate furnishing of bedrooms and group rooms and the opportunity to use the first floor toilets during the school day;
- in the future, only admit the number of children for whom adequate living conditions can actually be guaranteed;
- the coordinator of the Jõhvi Youth Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre and the management board of OÜ Corrigo must, if possible, establish a fenced-in area that the children could use for outdoor exercise, games or other activities;
- the coordinator of the Jõhvi Youth Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre and the management board of OÜ Corrigo must offer the children staying in the centre additional leisure opportunities and pursuing hobbies that help them develop, incl. offer all the children staying in the centre exercise opportunities required for maintaining their physical health;
- the coordinator of the centre and the management board of OÜ Corrigo must guarantee that there is enough staff in the centre at all times irrespective of the hour or weekday so that the rights of all of the children staying in the centre are guaranteed;
- to stop violating the children's right to the confidentiality of messages and privacy, and to use other measures to check that the children are not communicating with third parties the communication with which is restricted by agreement with the child's legal representative and that the conversations do not have an adverse impact on the children;
- to not restrict the children's options of being outdoors as a disciplinary punishment and to create every child who stays in the centre the opportunity to be outdoors every day if they wish to do so.