

Inspection of Paunküla Care Centre

On 26 March 2014 advisors to the Chancellor of Justice paid an unannounced visit to the Paunküla Care Centre.

The care centre provides the following services:

- 24-hour special care;
- supporting daily life;
- supported living;
- 24-hour general care.

The care centre has been issued with an activity permit for providing 24-hour special care to up to 14 patients. The centre was providing 24-hour special care to nine persons at the time of the inspection.

The Chancellor of Justice had not inspected the care centre before.

As a result of the inspection the Chancellor of Justice made the following suggestions to Paunküla Care Centre to guarantee the fundamental rights and freedoms of persons:

- to stop locking clients in their rooms and to guarantee the existence of an appropriate isolation room for cases when isolation is necessary;
- to review the manner in which smoking indoors is arranged to guarantee protection of the health of the people staying in the centre;
- to guarantee that the medicines prescribed in the course of the provision of psychiatric care are administered only with the client's consent and to avoid the use of medicines for prohibited purposes (restraining).