

Inspection of Rapla County Hospital

On 12 November 2012 advisers to the Chancellor of Justice paid an unannounced visit to the psychiatry and nursing care departments of Rapla County Hospital.

As a result of the inspection the Chancellor of Justice makes the following suggestions to Rapla County Hospital to guarantee the fundamental rights and freedoms of persons:

- to use a specific register on the application of restraining measures that contains the details of all cases in which restraining measures are applied;
- to guarantee that the isolation room in the psychiatry department is furnished safely and for its purpose;
- to guarantee that the isolation room in the psychiatry department is only used for the application of restraining measures;
- to ensure that patients in nursing care on the basis of contracts entered into with the Estonian Health Insurance Fund have the option of using the system of calling a nurse. The opportunity to get immediate help must be guaranteed for patients who are not in nursing care on the basis of said contracts.