

Inspection of Sillamäe Hospital

Late in the evening of 2 December 2014 advisers to the Chancellor of Justice carried out an unannounced inspection of the nursing care provided in Sillamäe Hospital to ascertain whether the threat that doors to rooms are locked still exists in the institution.

Sillamäe Hospital provides nursing care at Tervise Street 2, Sillamäe. The activity licence of the hospital permits it to provide the service to up to 60 patients.

The Chancellor of Justice previously inspected the activities of Sillamäe Hospital on 29 January 2013. After the inspection visit the Chancellor of Justice made the hospital the proposal to immediately stop locking the doors of patients' rooms and to remove locking devices from the doors of persons receiving nursing care which allow for the doors to be locked from the outside without the possibility of opening the door from the inside.

As a result of the inspection the Chancellor of Justice makes the recommendation to guarantee that a nurse is on duty in the hospital in late evening and at night as required by legislation and that the staff on duty in the hospital late in the evening and at night is accessible to the patient and do their jobs.

The Chancellor of Justice requests that Sillamäe Hospital send information about compliance with the above recommendations by 30 January 2015.