

Inspection of the Nursing Department of the University of Tartu Hospital

On 9 April 2014 advisors to the Chancellor of Justice paid an unannounced visit to the inpatient nursing department of the Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Clinic of University of Tartu Hospital.

Independence nursing care is provided in the inpatient nursing department of the Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Clinic of University of Tartu Hospital. The hospital has been issued with an activity permit for providing nursing care to up to 75 patients. The hospital was providing nursing care to 64 persons at the time of the inspection.

The Chancellor of Justice had not inspected the department before.

As a result of the inspection the Chancellor of Justice makes the following recommendations to the University of Tartu Hospital to guarantee the fundamental rights and freedoms of persons:

- to implement a system in the department which guarantees that in situations where a person has not granted their consent to the use of video surveillance in a room, the need to use video surveillance and the extent of its use should be considered in each specific case;
- to guarantee that screens or other means that guarantee the privacy of patients are used during hygiene or other intimate procedures.