

Inspection to Pärnu-Jaagupi Care Home

On 9 December 2012 advisers to the Chancellor of Justice inspected the activities of Pärnu-Jaagupi Care Home to ascertain whether the threat that doors to rooms are locked still exists in the institution.

The inspection revealed that the care home has not considered the previous proposal made by the Chancellor of Justice and that there is a bolt on the outside of one of the rooms which allows the door to be locked from the outside, and that there is another room where the key was in the lock on the outside of the door. Several rooms in the home were also missing their inner door handles, meaning that the doors to these rooms could only be opened from the outside.

In order to guarantee the fundamental rights and freedoms of persons, the Chancellor of Justice makes the following proposal to the care home:

- to immediately stop locking the doors of patients' rooms and to remove the locking device from the door of the care home's room, which allows for the door to be locked from the outside without the possibility of opening the door from the inside;
- to guarantee that the doors to all patients' rooms in the care home can be easily opened from the inside and outside.

The Chancellor of Justice also advises the care home to consider the implementation of lawful measures that would help resolve issues arising from problematic patients in a legitimate manner.