

Inspection to the cellblock of Kärkla Police Station

Advisors to the Chancellor of Justice paid an unannounced visit to the cellblock of the Kärkla Police Station of the Police and Border Guard Board on 7 August 2018. The rooms and documents of the cellblock were checked during the inspection visit. There were no detainees in the cellblock at the time of the inspection visit.

It is positive that the use of handcuffs and the duration of such use are generally recorded in documents. Also, any external injuries of the detainees or the absence therefore are correctly recorded in most primary medical examination certificates (MEC). This is a good practice and necessary for the resolution of possible legal disputes and disagreements that may arise later. The detainees can go for a walk in the walking yard every day. It is also commendable that there are disposable cups in the detoxification chamber.

During the inspection visit, deficiencies were found in the preparation of documents, the use of video surveillance, provision of meals to the detainees and destruction of expired medicines. Also, there was no bench in the walking yard and the possibility to read national newspapers and magazines was not guaranteed to the detainees.