

Inspection of the Psychiatry Department of Narva Hospital

On 29 January 2013 advisers to the Chancellor of Justice paid an unannounced visit to the Psychiatry Department of Narva Hospital.

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

- when decisions on involuntary treatment are made, it must be guaranteed that in all cases where involuntary treatment is unavoidable for the protection of the person themselves or the general public and a court order cannot be obtained as quickly as necessary, the decision to subject a person to involuntary treatment is made by a psychiatrist from the department and that they do so on the person's arrival in the department or in the case of a person receiving voluntary treatment when the need for involuntary treatment emerges immediately after a medical examination;
- 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 adhere to the requirement of personal and immediate assessment of a person's condition by a doctor when restraining measures are applied;
- to guarantee that persons held in the department for involuntary treatment have the opportunity to get fresh air every day.