

Inspection visit to the Rapla County Hospital

On 16 February 2016, the advisers of the Chancellor of Justice inspected the Rapla County Hospital Foundation (hereinafter the hospital) with the aim of assessing compliance with the recommendations made by the Chancellor of Justice in 2012.

The advisers of the Chancellor of Justice visited the Nursing Assistance Service Department, the premises where the psychiatric treatment service was provided and talked to the employees of the hospital during the visit.

No deficiencies were identified in the activities of the hospital during the visit.

The hospital has a redecorated Nursing Assistance Service Department with 25 beds. In comparison with the inspection made in 2012, the organisation of the independent stationary nursing assistance service has improved in the hospital. There is a nurse alert button next to the bed of every patient and also in the toilet.

On 1 January 2016, the Stationary Psychiatric Department was closed. Psychiatric treatment is provided in the hospital on outpatient basis, in the framework of day care and psychiatric patients with more stable conditions are treated in the Internal Diseases Department. Patients with acute psychiatric conditions are referred to the Psychiatric Clinic of the Northern Estonian Regional Hospital.