

Inspection visit to the Tallinn Recovery Facility

Early morning on 8 September 2018, the advisers of the Chancellor of Justice made an unannounced inspection visit to the recovery facility of the Law Enforcement Bureau of the Northern Police Prefecture of the Police and Border Guard. During the inspection, the rooms and documents of the facility were examined and the staff were interviewed by the advisers. A family doctor participated in the inspection as a health care expert.

The reports on placing intoxicated people in recovery correctly set out the use and duration of special equipment (e.g. handcuffs). The reports also describe if the person has any visible injuries. All persons placed in recovery are examined by a medical nurse. This is reasonable from the point of view of their health. Where necessary, a person is left under the observation of the medical nurse for a while. In its recommendations to Finland, Malta and Sweden, the importance of medical aid has also been emphasised by the CPT. It is also good that, as recommended by the Chancellor of Justice, video surveillance has been installed in all the holding cells of the recovery facility. The recovery facility has created a stock of second-hand clothes that the detainees can be provided with, where necessary.

The walls of the holdings cells of the recovery facility need redecoration in order to prevent possible injuries. According to the health expert, it is a problem that the medical staff do not have access to the health information system (digital health records). The use of means of restraint poses another problem.