

## **Inspection visit to the detention facilities of the Jõhvi Police Station**

On 11 September 2018, the advisers of the Chancellor of Justice made an unannounced inspection visit to the detention facilities of the Jõhvi Police Station of the Police and Border Guard. During the inspection, the rooms and documents of the detention facilities were examined and detainees were interviewed. A family doctor participated in the inspection as a health care expert.

It is positive that persons close to the detainees are allowed to bring hygiene supplies for the detainees. The detention facilities has stocked a supply of clean second-hand clothes that the detainees are provided with, where necessary. The detainees can regularly see a chaplain in the detention facilities as well as been able to talk to a psychiatrist at their request. It is also good that the health status of the detainee is taken into account upon providing food. Usually, the notification of the next of kin of the detention of a person has been correctly recorded in the documents.

The organisation of medical aid in the detention facilities is not acceptable. According to the health care expert, the problem lies in the insufficient medical observation of the detainees and in the manner of attending to minor health issues. Medicinal products should be stored and distributed to the detainees in accordance with the requirements.

The detainees should be given the opportunity to clean their cell and dry their laundry. Female detainees should always have enough hygiene supplies. The toilet seat of the cell should be concealed so it cannot be observed through the peephole without a compelling need even upon exercising supervision. Detainees should be able to talk on the telephone in such a way that the staff of the detention facilities or other detainees cannot overhear the conversation. The rules of short visits should be changed in such a manner that they take into account the needs of visitors who have come a long way or arrived by public transport. The detention facilities should have a single list of permitted food products that can be sent to detainees. Drawing up documents needs to be improved.