

## **Inspection visit to the detention facility of Tartu Police Station**

On 12 February 2019, the advisers to the Chancellor of Justice made an unannounced inspection visit to the detention facility of Tartu Police Station of the Police and Border Guard. A family doctor participated in the inspection as a health care expert and their opinion is enclosed with the summary. The rooms and documents of the detention facilities were examined and detainees were interviewed during the inspection.

It is commendable that benches for resting have been installed in the courtyards on the basis of the recommendations made in the summary of the previous inspection visit of the Chancellor of Justice. It is also positive that the cells in the basement were recently renovated.

The staff of the detention facility must take into account the vulnerability of minors detained in the detention facility and show more initiative in communication with the minors. In a cell for multiple detainees, the toilet area should be separated from the rest of the cell to ensure the detainees' privacy. The officer who searches the detainee upon their arrival at the detention facility must be of the same sex as the detainee. It must be possible for detainees to dry their laundry. The possibility for detainees to inform family members of their detention should not depend on whether or not the detainee has memorised the person's telephone number. More attention must be given to the preparation of some documents. In order to better ensure supervision, there could be call buttons in the courtyards that the detainees could use to attract attention.