

## **OPCAT inspection in the Nagykanizsa Establishment of the Debrecen Reformatory under the Ministry of Human Resources**

On 13-14 September 2016, staff members of the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights responsible for the operation of the OPCAT National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) conducted a visit to the Nagykanizsa Reformatory which was opened last year. Members of the Office inspected the conditions of placement in the building and examined documents. They also conducted interviews with juveniles (children and young adults) held in pre-trial detention and with juveniles spending their reformatory sentence. Members of the delegation talked to educators, child superintendents and other staff on the preparation for the special duties their job involves, on their experience on the mentoring programme, on the legal procedure leading to isolation and on the results and challenges of the first 10 months of operation.

The main purpose of the inspection was to determine to what extent the conditions of detention in the Nagykanizsa Reformatory are compliant with the prohibition of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.



Members of the visiting team included:

- Rita Rostás, psychologist, senior advisor, head of delegation,
- Gergely Fliegauf, Head of Department, OPCAT NPM
- Krisztina Izsó, lawyer, senior advisor,
- Márton Liska, lawyer, senior advisor,
- István Sárközy, lawyer, senior advisor

The Commissioner for Fundamental Rights will publish a report on the findings of the inspection.