

OPCAT visit
to the Heves County Remand Prison
30 September 2020

On 30 September 2020, the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary, responsible for the tasks of the National Preventive Mechanism, and his colleagues paid a visit to the Heves County Remand Prison.



The purpose of the visit was to check the execution of the measures taken to prevent the spread of the coronavirus infection (COVID-19) and to remedy the harmful effects of the pandemic. The visiting group examined the cell blocks of the Institution, the means of communication (Skype, telephone) used instead of the personal visitation, which is prohibited due to the outbreak of the virus. The members of the visiting group conducted interviews with the detainees, the members of the management and the staff and reviewed the relevant documentation.

The visiting group was composed of the following members:

- dr. Ákos Kozma, Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary
- dr. Krisztina Izsó, lawyer
- dr. Norbert Mézes, lawyer

The National Preventive Mechanism will prepare a report on the visit.