

Norwegian Parliamentary Ombudsman

A cooperative triangular relationship; challenges and ways forward

National Preventive Mechanism of Norway



Mandate, methodology and activities – some strategic choices

- Parliamentary Ombudsman as NPM: independence and authority
- Interdisciplinary composition of NPM team;
 lawyers, psychologist, sociologist, criminologist
- Additional resources:
 - Advisory Council
 - External experts

- Quality versus quantity:
 - 28 visits to prisons, police arrests, hospitals/compulsory medical care, immigration detention centre and child welfare institutions
 - Most have been +/- 3 days visits
 - Holistic and flexible methodology during visits
 - Comprehensive visits reports and follow-up
 - Capacity to lecture, train, do out reach, network, etc



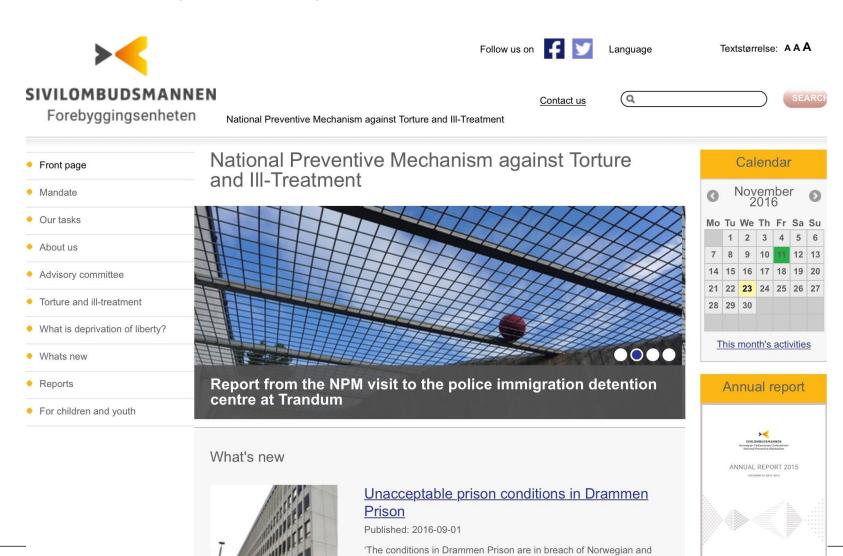
Some achievements...

- Body searches and clothes in security cells
- New national regulation on police arrests
- New national regulation on the use of isolation
- National discussion on the role of health personnel in the use of coercive measures in arrests and prisons
- New national directive on the right of the patient to routinely receive the written grounds for decisions on use of coercive measures

...and some challenges ahead...

- Immunity, confidentiality and jurisdiction
- Capacity, capacity ripples on water
- Using the preventive mandate to the full
- Taking care of NPM personnel avoiding monitoring fatigue

Transparency and outreach

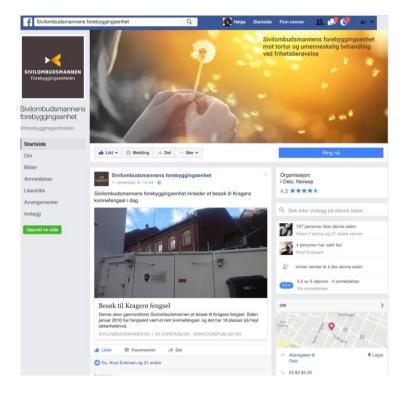


for toilet visits at night.

international guidelines,' says Parliamentary Ombudsman Aage Thor Falkanger. A report from the visit points out that women and men

serve together and that inmates are told to use a bucket in their cells

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