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The Ombudsman-National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) on 18.12.2014 carried out **follow up** visit to Police Station (PS) Gjorche Petrov with aim to assess the implementation of the recommendations given in the report from the regular visit on 19.07.2012. The visit took place from 10.30 to 14.30.

The NPM carried out **unannounced follow up visit** to PS Gjorche Petrov within the mandate and competences arising from the Optional Protocol to the Convention against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment and the Law on Ombudsman.

The visit to this police station was conducted in several steps. At the beginning of the visit, the NPM team explained to the Commander of this police station the purpose of the visit, then inspected the old room for detention, the sanitary knots, the office of the Shift Leader, and inspected the Book of daily events, the Evidence of persons deprived of liberty and detained persons, and the Evidence of apprehended persons.

During the visit the NPM did not come across a person deprived of liberty whom with the team could have discussed the conditions, the treatment and the exercise of their rights during police procedure.

During the follow up visit it was concluded that most of the previously given recommendations have been implemented. The old room for detention was visibly changed in storage for archiving material, while as the rights of persons deprived of liberty/detained persons were visibly pinned in the room of the Shift Leader.

By inspecting the individual files, it was concluded that this PS does not have files in accordance with the Standardized operative procedures. In terms of how the minutes were completed, it was concluded that they are fully completed, in one case where the person complained of pains, the officials even called a doctor although the person did not have visible injuries. There is a minutes for this case on the right to a doctor with a stamp from the medical official. In case of a transfer to another police station, the transfer is clearly noted in terms of place and the time of transfer.

As a result of this visit, the National Preventive Mechanism prepared a separate report where the positive and the negative situations were duly noted and gave appropriate recommendations to the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Police Station Gjorche Petrov with aim to eliminate the identified shortcomings.