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Norwegian NPM - experiences of gender-sensitive monitoring

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National Preventive Mechanism against Torture and Ill-Treatment

The Norwegian National Preventive Mechanism against Torture and Ill-Treatment (NPM) was established in spring 2014, following Norway's ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (OPCAT) in summer 2013.

The NPM is permitted to visit all places where persons are deprived of their liberty in order to strengthen their protection against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. The visits may be announced or unannounced. The NPM does not handle individual complaints.



We visit places where people are deprived of their liberty

What's new

- ▶ [What does a #TortureFreeWorld mean to you?](#) (26. June)
- ▶ [Role confusion between the accident and emergency unit and the police at Lillestrøm](#) (21. April)
- ▶ [The National Preventive Mechanism visits the psychiatric units at Telemark Hospital in Skien](#) (08. April)
- ▶ [Breakfast seminar: Launch of the Parliamentary Ombudsman's 304. Annual](#)

Current Status

In spring 2015, the NPM will focus on conducting visits to places of detention as well as following up the visits that have already been conducted.

The reports from the NPM's visits are published [here](#).

Links to some key documents relating to the establishment of the NPM:

- Consent to the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or

Calendar

July 2015

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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[This month's activities](#)

Annual report



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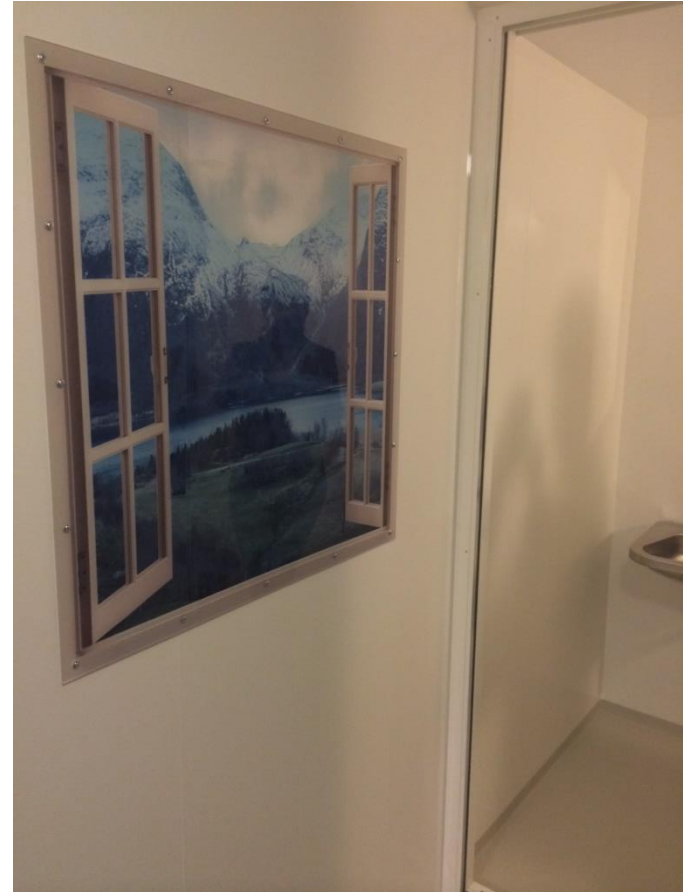
Norwegian NPM visit methods

During a visit

- **Inform detainees – brochures and posters**
- **Meet with leadership**
- **Inspection**
- **Private interviews with detainees**
- **Review of documents**
- **Meet (formal/informal) with employees**
- **Meet with health personell**

After a visit

- **Analysis, prepare report**
- **Draft sent to institution(s)**
- **Final report is published**
- **Deadline follow-up of recommendations**





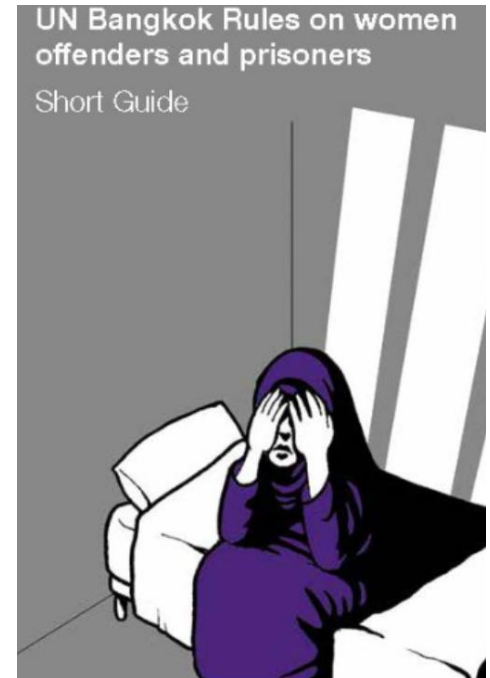
Gender-sensitivity – findings

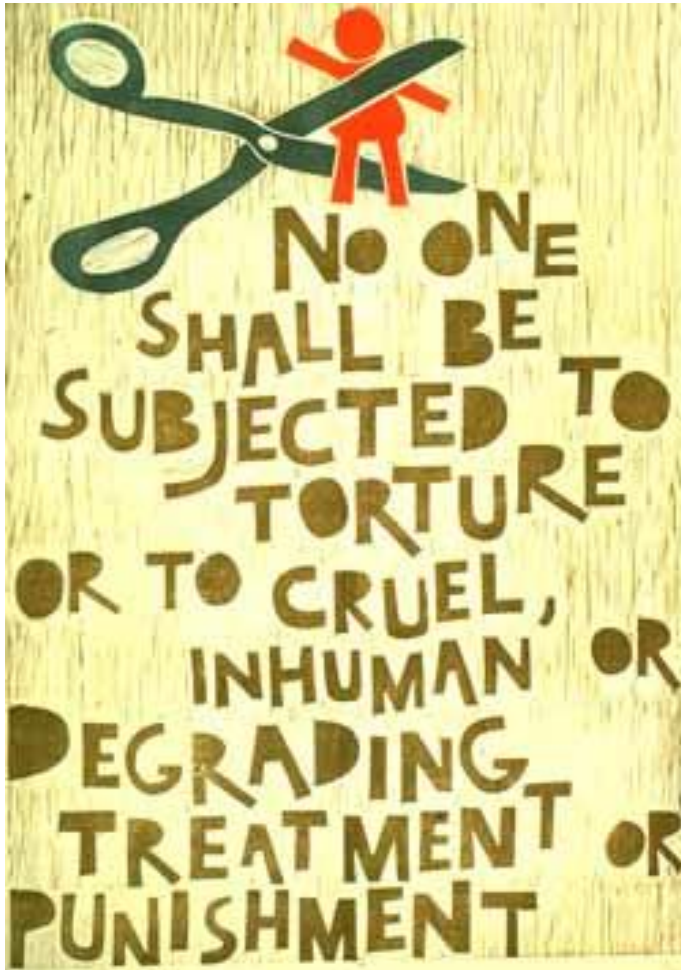
Prisons:

- **Separate departements for women**
- **Both male and female guards**
- **Far from home – or very restrictive regime**
- **Insecurity**
- **Less activities, smaller outdoor areas**
- **Often no available treatment for drug abuse**
- **Fewer job and education possibilities**
- **Remand + foreigners + women = marginalised groups including Roma/Sinti**
- **Transgendered persons – isolation**

Psychiatric institutions:

- **Mixed male/female**
- **Mechanical restraints implemented by both male and female staff**





Thank you!