

# **Neglect and Maltreatment of Foster Children in Hungary**

## *The Use of Psychotropic Drugs*

### **Addendum 2**

**Citizens Commission on Human Rights Hungary, August 2014**

The circumstances and attributes of the surveying done on the child protection system in Hungary.

Place and scope of the surveying:

The surveying was done on the area of Hungary. Surveys were mailed to 140 addressees, covering all regions and counties.

Time of the surveying:

The surveys were mailed to the addressees in July and August 2014. The last answer with the filled in survey were received by CCHR in September 2014.

The number of entities surveyed:

34 surveys arrived from foster homes

5 surveys arrived from the network of foster families

1 survey arrived from a special foster home (with provision for children with special needs)

The form of surveying:

By the questions of the survey as seen below.

## SURVEY

*Note: Personal data are not needed in the survey. If you still would like to share specific stories, please do it without names or with initials, considering the protection of personal data. Use additional papers if necessary.*

1. In your institution, are there children who have to take psychiatric drugs because of behaviour or learning problems?
2. If so, how many children altogether?  
What percentage is it of the whole number of children [in the institution]?
3. What problems are these drugs prescribed for exactly?
4. a) Were prescribing these drugs preceded by specific medical diagnoses?  
b) If so, who made the diagnoses and how?  
c) What are these diagnoses?
5. What psychiatric drugs do these children take exactly?
6. What is the personal experience of the educators regarding these drugs (whether positive or negative)?
7. Do you [incl. the personnel] experience side effects of these drugs on children? (They can be: tiredness, sleeping problems, aggressiveness, problems with appetite or weight, “zombie”-like condition, etc.)
8. Is there any specific story that well illustrates the situation and that you would share with us (without personal data)?
9. Is there anything else that you consider important regarding the topic and would like to communicate to us?