

Evelin Ilves will participate in the auditing of family health centres as a guest auditor at the invitation of the Estonian Society of Family Doctors.

"Our many family doctors do a fine job; they are focused both on diagnosing and on changing the habits of their patients so they may develop healthy behaviours that are beneficial for the individual concerned, his/her family and next of kin and society as a whole," told Evelin Ilves, who was recently appointed the Champion of Health for Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs) in the WHO European Region.

Family doctors will be audited by a representative from the Estonian Society of Family Doctors and representatives of the Department of Family Medicine of the University of Tartu; guest auditors also include the Chairman of Executive Board of the Estonian Health Insurance Fund, Tanel Ross, and a lecturer from the University of Turku in Finland; three family doctors from Ida-Viru will also take place in the audit as observers.

Evelin Ilves described the involvement of people from Ida-Virumaa as very important: "This is a dynamic region, and the health of people as well as contributing to supportive health behaviours form an inseparable part of the region's development. Therefore, it is important for family doctors in Ida-Viru to get the best experiences from colleagues in other regions of Estonia, and vice versa, as family doctors in south or west Estonia will certainly learn a lot from their colleagues in the northeast."

The audit will be carried out until the end of August and will focus on assessing the operation and organisation of family health centres, participation in the treatment quality assessment system and the study and research work conducted at family health centres.

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