

2017 Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Report

The Connecticut Judicial Branch is subject to the standards set forth in the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA), 34 U.S.C. § 30301, et seq. PREA established federal requirements for the prevention, detection and response to sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement facilities. The PREA standards for lockups, juvenile facilities and community confinement facilities are all applicable to the Judicial Branch.

The Connecticut Judicial Branch has lockups in 39 courthouses that are overseen by Judicial Marshal Services.

The Judicial Branch operates two Juvenile Detention Centers located in Bridgeport and Hartford run by the Court Support Services Division (CSSD) Juvenile Residential Services.

The Judicial Branch also contracts with adult and juvenile providers throughout the state to provide residentially-based services for individuals in need of supervision, substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, and housing services.

The Connecticut Judicial Branch is committed to meeting its requirements under the Prison Rape Elimination Act. When individuals are placed in the custody of the Judicial Branch, the Judicial Branch has an obligation to keep them safe and free from all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The Judicial Branch must be accountable to those individuals. They have the right to be held in an environment where sexual abuse and sexual harassment will not be tolerated; and if it does occur, appropriate remedial steps will be taken to prevent it from happening in the future.

Individuals in the custody of the Judicial Branch are entitled to have access to justice. Their status as a confined individual must not interfere with that. All individuals who utilize the court system must have confidence that they will be treated fairly and with respect. Complying with the PREA standards helps to ensure that.

Judicial Branch Progress in Addressing the PREA Standards

The Connecticut Judicial Branch continued to make tremendous strides in implementing the PREA standards during the course of 2017. In 2017, the following actions took place:

- The Bridgeport and Hartford Juvenile Detention Centers were re-certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor (reports posted on the Judicial Branch's website)
- Conducted on-site PREA audits of juvenile detention centers, courthouse lockups, contracted juvenile and adult community residential programs
- Revised on-line PREA training program for new Judicial Branch employees
- Developed on-line PREA refresher training program for Judicial Branch employees
- Updated 2017 PREA training curriculum for Juvenile Residential Services and facilitated a Train the Trainer course for 15 facilitators on the new curriculum
- Delivered the PREA training curriculum to 255 Juvenile Residential Services staff over 19 weeks during In-Service training
- Updated the PREA Classification Screen for Juvenile Detention and developed a PREA Classification Screen Rating Guide
- Conducted PREA Classification Screen refresher training for Classification and Program Officers
- Provided PREA refresher information to all Judicial Marshals
- Updated Judicial Marshal Services' PREA policy
- Amended the MOA with Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence

In the coming year, the Judicial Branch will be focusing on the following tasks:

- Create PREA brochure for contractors entering confinement areas
- Review PREA language in existing supervisor training for sexual harassment and general supervisors responsibilities (Judicial Branch's Essentials of Justice training)
- Update Judicial Marshal Services refresher training
- Conduct PREA investigation refresher training
- Update Judicial Marshal Services' staffing plan templates
- Provide annual refresher training to Judicial Branch employees
- Conduct on-site PREA audits of juvenile detention centers, courthouse lockups, contracted juvenile and adult community residential programs

Judicial Marshal Services¹

Judicial Marshal Services is responsible for courthouse security and the transportation and custody of prisoners. Judicial Marshals oversee lockups in 39 courthouses throughout the state. These lockups are subject to the PREA Lockup Standards.²

In 2017, 91,873 individuals were in the custody of Judicial Marshal Services.

In 2017, there were no reports of sexual abuse in any Judicial Branch courthouse lockup.

In 2017, there was one unfounded report of sexual harassment involving a Judicial Marshal and an individual in the custody of the Judicial Branch.

In 2017, there were no reports of detainee on detainee sexual harassment.

In 2017, there were six reports of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that were reported to Judicial Marshals that occurred at confinement facilities not under the control of Judicial Marshal Services. In all of those cases, the Judicial Marshal Services' PREA Coordinator contacted the highest ranking officer at the location where the alleged incident occurred to inform them of the allegation.

Since the Judicial Branch began implementing the PREA standards in 2013, there have been very few reported incidents. During that time, there has only been one reported incident that was substantiated. In that case, the staff member involved was disciplined.

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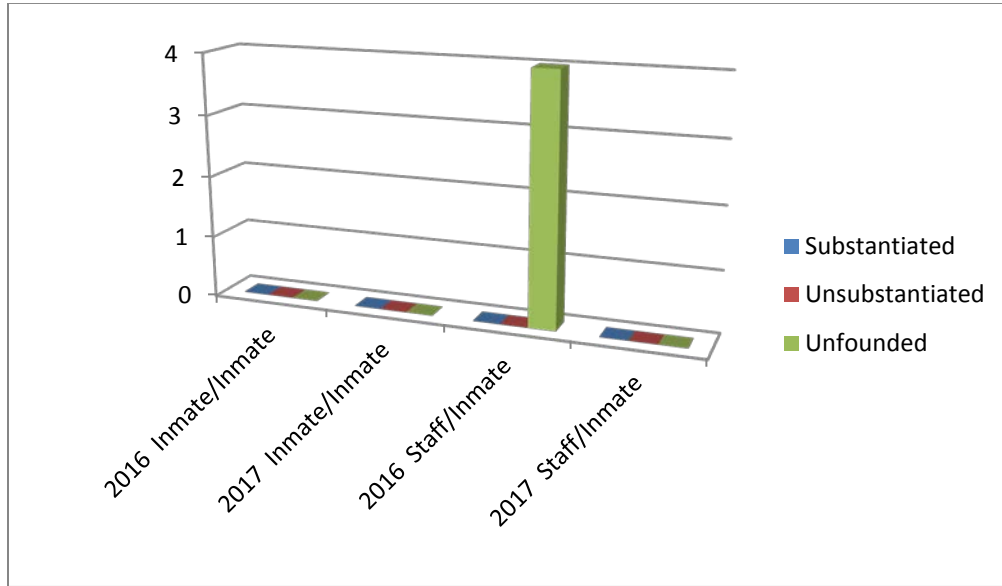
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28 C.F.R. §115.5.

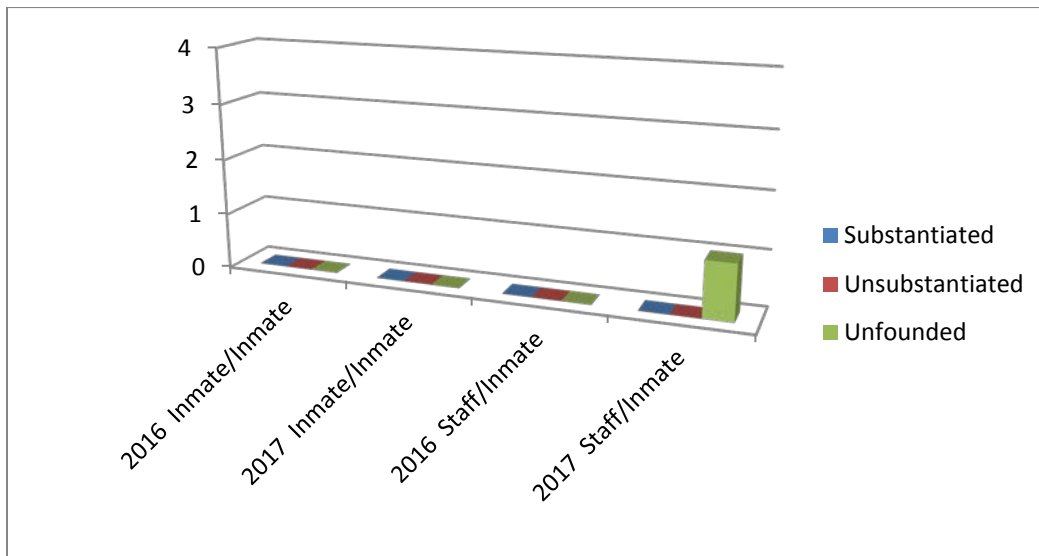
²The courthouse lockups overseen by Judicial Marshal Services do not hold individuals overnight. Accordingly, they are not audited by DOJ-certified PREA auditors. PREA Lockup standard 28 C.F.R. §115.193.

Judicial Marshal Services

Sexual Abuse Investigations



Sexual Harassment Investigations



Juvenile Residential Services³

Juvenile Residential Services oversees two juvenile detention facilities that are American Correctional Association (ACA) and National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) accredited. These facilities are subject to the PREA Juvenile Facility Standards.

Both juvenile detention centers were audited in 2014 by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor and were certified as compliant with the PREA Juvenile Facility Standards. In 2017, both juvenile detention centers were recertified by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor as compliant with the PREA Juvenile Facility Standards.

In 2017, 1,150 juveniles were admitted into the two juvenile detention centers.

In 2017, there was one unfounded report of sexual harassment by a juvenile against a juvenile.

In 2017, there were three reports of sexual abuse by a juvenile against staff. One report was substantiated, in which the staff member was terminated; the other two reports were unfounded.

In 2017, there was one unsubstantiated report of sexual abuse by a juvenile against a juvenile.

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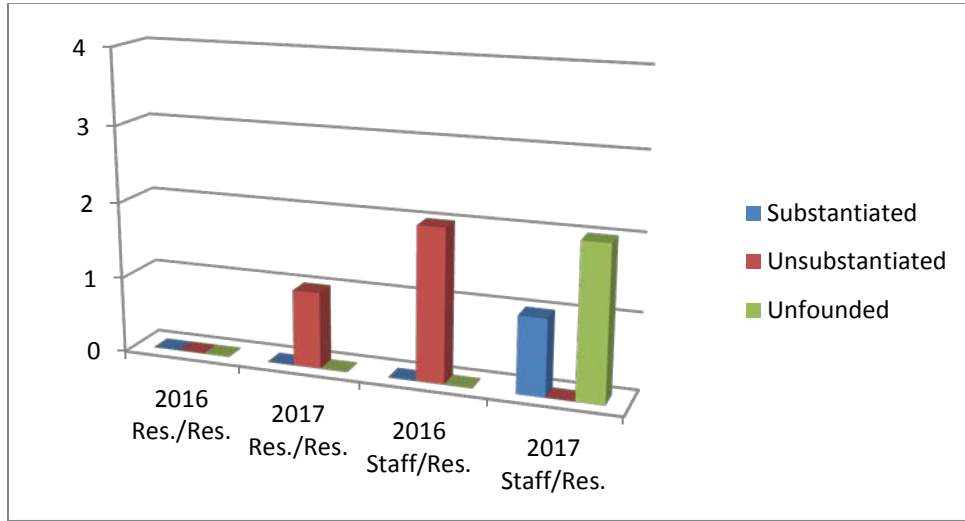
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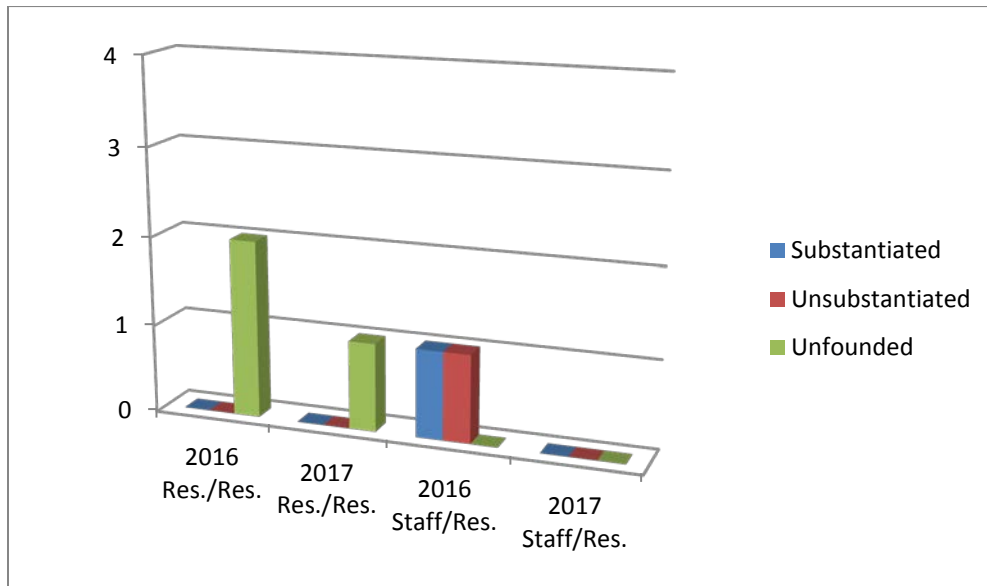
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Juvenile Residential Services – Detention Centers

Sexual Abuse Investigations



Sexual Harassment Investigations



Juvenile Contracted Providers

The Connecticut Judicial Branch contracts with community providers for 4 community residential programs for juveniles within their care and custody. These facilities are subject to the PREA Juvenile Facility Standards.

Connecticut Junior Republic (CJR), Intermediate Residential Program, Litchfield

CJR is an intermediate community residential program for boys. CJR was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2015.

In 2017, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this program.

North American Family Institute (NAFI), Litchfield

NAFI is an intermediate community residential program for girls. NAFI was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2015.

In 2017, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this program.

Connecticut Junior Republic, Therapeutic Respite and Assessment Center (TRAC) Program, Litchfield

TRAC is a community residential program for boys. TRAC was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2015.

In 2017, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this program.

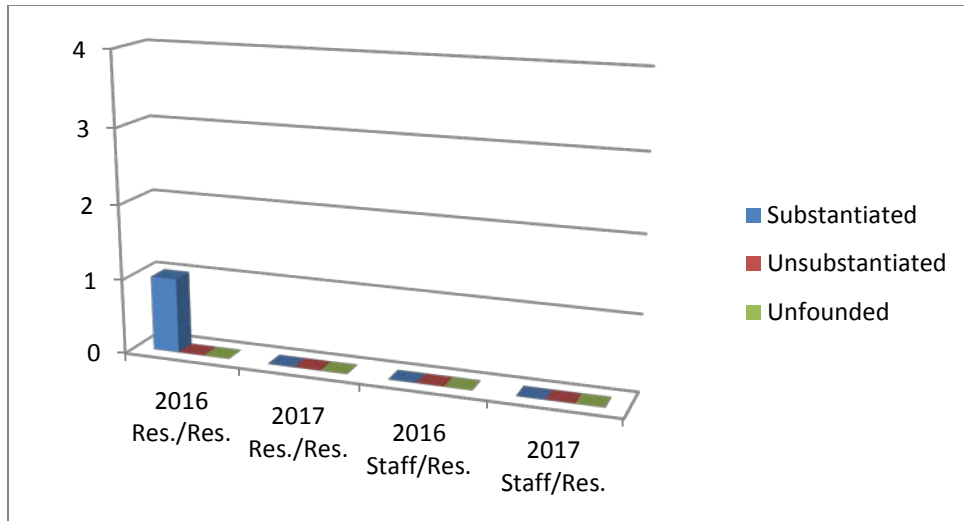
Connecticut Junior Republic, Promoting Adolescent Resilience and Change (PARC), Waterbury

PARC is a community residential program for girls. PARC was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2016.

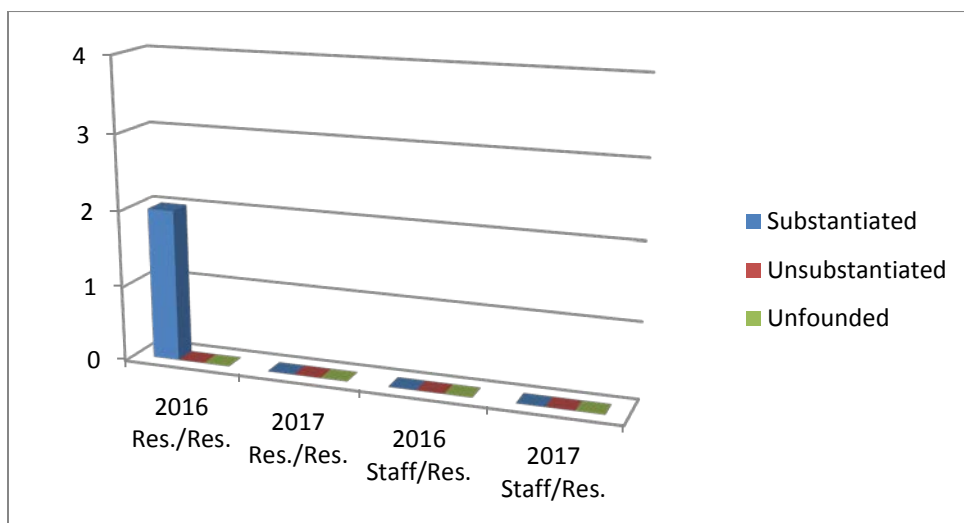
In 2017, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this program.

Juvenile Residential Services - Contracted Programs

Sexual Abuse Investigations



Sexual Harassment Investigations



Adult Contracted Providers⁴

The Connecticut Judicial Branch contracts with community-based providers and/or has entered into Memorandums of Agreement with other state agencies for 17 programs for adults within their care and custody. These facilities are subject to the PREA Community Confinement Standards.

Sierra Center, New Haven

The Sierra Center is a long-term mental health and substance abuse counseling, employment readiness, community service program. The Sierra Center was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified auditor in 2015.

In 2017, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

APT Foundation, New Haven

The APT Foundation is a substance abuse treatment program. APT Foundation was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified auditor in 2017.

In 2017, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Morris Shelter, Waterbury

The Morris Shelter is a short-term case management program with treatment services. Morris Shelter was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified auditor in 2014.

In 2017, there was one unfounded report of staff on client sexual harassment.

In 2017, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse in this facility.

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Help, Inc., Waterbury

Help, Inc. is a substance abuse and mental health treatment center. Help, Inc. was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2015.

In 2017, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse in this facility.

In 2017, there was one substantiated report of staff on client sexual harassment.

Renaissance West, Waterbury

Connecticut Renaissance (West) is a substance abuse treatment program. Renaissance West was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2016.

In 2017, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

McCall Foundation, Torrington

McCall Foundation is a substance abuse treatment program. McCall Foundation was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2015.

In 2017, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Liberation House, Stamford

Liberation House is a substance abuse treatment program. Liberation House was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2016.

In 2017, there were two reported incidents of sexual harassment. There was one substantiated report of client on client sexual harassment and one substantiated report of staff on client sexual harassment.

In 2017, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse in this facility.

Perception House, Willimantic

Perception House is a substance abuse and mental health treatment program. Perception House was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2015.

In 2017, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse in this facility.

In 2017, there was one unsubstantiated reported incident of client on client sexual harassment in this facility.

Milestone, Putnam

Milestone is an intensive short-term substance abuse treatment program. Milestone was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2015.

In 2017, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Farrell Treatment Center, New Britain

Farrell Treatment Center is an intensive short-term substance abuse treatment program. Farrell Treatment Center was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified auditor in 2015.

In 2017, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Lebanon Pines, Lebanon

Lebanon Pines is a long-term substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation program. Lebanon Pines was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified auditor in 2017.

In 2017, there was one unsubstantiated reported incident of staff on client sexual abuse in this facility.

In 2017, there were no reported incidents of sexual harassment in this facility.

Hartford Transitional Housing, Hartford

Hartford Transitional Housing is a transitional housing program. Hartford Transitional Housing was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2015.

In 2017, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Waterbury Transitional Housing, Waterbury

Waterbury Transitional Housing is a transitional housing program. Waterbury Transitional Housing was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2016.

In 2017, there were two reported incidents of client on client sexual abuse in this facility. One was substantiated and one was unsubstantiated.

In 2017, there was one substantiated reported incident of client on client sexual harassment in this facility.

Project More Male Transitional Housing, New Haven

Project More is a transitional housing program. Project More was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified auditor in 2015.

In 2017, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse in this facility.

In 2017, there was one unsubstantiated report of staff on client sexual harassment.

Union House Transitional Housing, Bridgeport

Union House is a transitional housing program. Union House was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2015.

In 2017, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Virginia Wells Women's Transitional Housing, New Haven

Virginia Wells is a transitional housing program. Virginia Wells was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2015.

In 2017, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse in this facility.

In 2017, there was one unsubstantiated reported incident of client on client sexual harassment in this facility.

The January Center, Uncasville

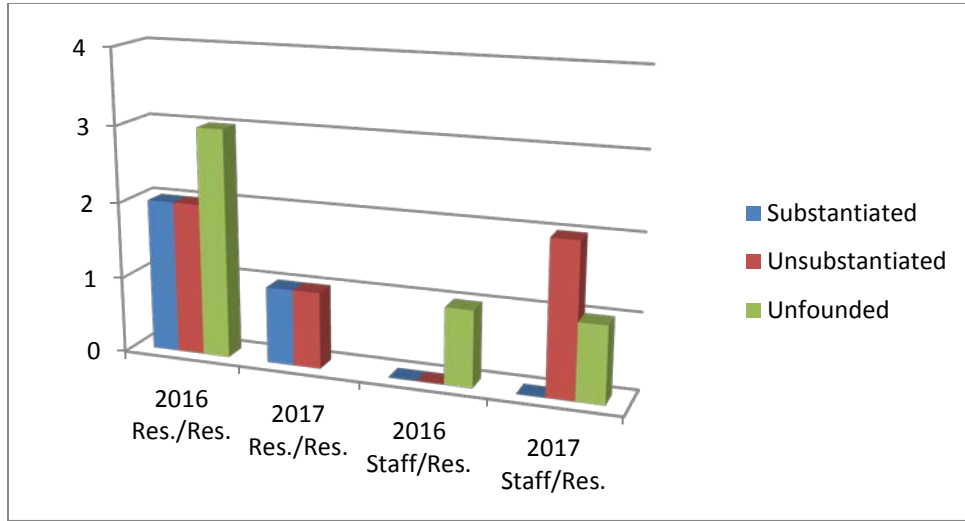
The January Center is a sex offender treatment program. The January Center was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified auditor in 2015.

In 2017, there were two reported incidents of client on client sexual harassment. Both were substantiated. There was also one unsubstantiated reported incident of staff on client sexual harassment.

In 2017, there was one unsubstantiated reported incident of staff on client sexual abuse.

Adult Contracted Providers

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