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LEHIGH COUNTY JAIL 2023 ANNUAL PREA REPORT

The Prison Rape Elimination Act was passed by Congress and signed into law by President George W. Bush in 2003 to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse that occurs in confinement settings. The act became final in June of 2012.

The Lehigh County Department of Corrections shall not condone, or tolerate the sexual abuse or sexual harassment of individuals in our custody and shall ensure channels for reporting such allegations are effectively published and made available to incarcerated persons, employees and volunteers. Any reported allegations of said conduct, as well as any reported retaliation against a person for having reported such allegations, shall be properly investigated and addressed. Reporting channels shall be clearly explained to the detained population via resident handbooks, postings, and orientation material so that every person in our charge has at least one method available to report a violation of the PREA standards.

Definitions:

Substantiated: A substantiated allegation means an allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.

Unsubstantiated: An unsubstantiated allegation means an allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.

Unfounded: An unfounded allegation means an allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

During the year 2023, the Lehigh County Jail had investigated 8 PREA related allegations. There were 4 inmate-on-inmate allegations and 4 staff-on-inmate allegations.

Allegations of inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse (Non-Consensual sexual acts)	2023
PENDING OUTCOME	0
SUBSTANTIATED	0
UNSUBSTANTIATED	1
UNFOUNDED	0
TOTAL	1

Upon Administrative review, there was no corrective action taken.

Allegations of staff-on-inmate sexual abuse (Staff sexual misconduct)	2023
PENDING OUTCOME	0
SUBSTANTIATED	0
UNSUBSTANTIATED	3
UNFOUNDED	0
TOTAL	3

Upon Administrative Review, appropriate actions were taken.

Allegations of inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment	2023
PENDING OUTCOME	0
SUBSTANTIATED	1
UNSUBSTANTIATED	2
UNFOUNDED	0
TOTAL	3

Upon Administrative review, there was no corrective action taken.

Allegations of staff-on-inmate sexual harassment	2023
PENDING OUTCOME	0
SUBSTANTIATED	0
UNSUBSTANTIATED	1
UNFOUNDED	0
TOTAL	1