

Bucks County Department of Corrections
Annual Sexual Incident Report Review (115.88)

The Bucks County Department of Corrections is divided into two entities, the Bucks County Correctional Facility and the Community Corrections Centers. In accordance with §115.88 and §115.288, Data Review for Corrective Action, the statistics are listed below.

Year	2017		
Facility	BCCF		
Total Investigated Cases	47		
	Staff		
Sexual Harassment Allegations	On Inmate	Inmate on Inmate	Total
Unfounded	5	12	17
Unsubstantiated	2	4	6
Substantiated	1	6	7
Pending	0	0	0
Total	8	22	30
	Staff		
Sexual Abuse Allegations	On Inmate	Inmate on Inmate	Total
Unfounded	4	5	9
Unsubstantiated	1	3	4
Substantiated	0	4	4
Pending	0	0	0
Total	5	12	17
	Staff on Inmate	Inmate On Inmate	Total
Total Cases Referred for Prosecution	0	4	4
Pending Decision	0	2	2
No action from D.A.	0	2	2
Resulted in Criminal Charges	0	0	0

Year	2017		
Facility	CCC		
Total Investigated Cases	3		
	Staff On Inmate	Inmate on Inmate	Total
Sexual Harassment Allegations			
Unfounded	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	1	1	2
Substantiated	0	0	0
Pending	0	0	0
Total	1	1	2
	Staff On Inmate	Inmate on Inmate	Total
Sexual Abuse Allegations			
Unfounded	0	1	1
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0
Substantiated	0	0	0
Pending	0	0	0
Total	0	1	1
Total Cases Referred for Prosecution	0	0	0
Pending Decision	0	0	0
No action from D.A.	0	0	0
Resulted in Criminal Charges	0	0	0

Each substantiated and unsubstantiated case is reviewed monthly with the Sexual Abuse Incident Review Team. At the conclusion of each meeting, suggestions are submitted to the Director of Corrections to address the concern of sexual assault and sexual harassment. The following suggestions were forwarded and approved:

- Reiterate to staff that offenders must thoroughly review inmate monitor procedures and acknowledge that they read and understand the requirements.
- Remind staff that conversations held with offenders should be professional and appropriate. Comments are not to be made about an offender's body, gender identify, or sexuality. Supervisors shall discipline as appropriate if offenders are addressed improperly.

- Remind staff that all potential PREA reports shall be forwarded immediately with appropriate documentation.

After comparing last year's data (listed below), there has been an overall increase in reported PREA cases. The most significant change was in the amount of unfounded cases. Documentation shows that the increase is mostly due to the offender's manipulation of staff in hopes to receive a desired response and the offender's lack of understanding PREA. Those offenders that filed false reports received disciplinary action.

Year	2016		
Facility	BCCF		
Total Investigated Cases	26		
	Staff		
Sexual Harassment Allegations	On Inmate	Inmate on Inmate	Total
Unfounded	2	3	5
Unsubstantiated	3	7	10
Substantiated	1	2	3
Pending	0	0	0
Total	6	12	18
	Staff		
Sexual Abuse Allegations	On Inmate	Inmate on Inmate	Total
Unfounded	2	3	5
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0
Substantiated	0	3	3
Pending	0	0	0
Total	2	6	8
Total Cases Referred for Prosecution	2		
Pending Decision	1		
No action from D.A.	1		
Resulted in Criminal Charges	0		

Year	2016		
Facility	CCC		
Total Investigated Cases	3		
	Staff		
Sexual Harassment Allegations	Staff On Inmate	Inmate on Inmate	Total
Unfounded	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0
Substantiated	0	1	1
Pending	0	0	0
Total	0	1	1
	Staff		
Sexual Abuse Allegations	Staff On Inmate	Inmate on Inmate	Total
Unfounded	1	0	1
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0
Substantiated	0	0	0
Pending	1	0	1
Total	2	0	2
Total Cases Referred for Prosecution	1		
Pending Decision	1		
No action from D.A.	0		
Resulted in Criminal Charges	0		

In 2017, the department has progressed towards the goals of meeting full compliance. Staff members and offenders continue to be educated on PREA. Responses to incidents have improved and staff needs little direction in gathering appropriate information. The department purchased specialized shower curtains that would enable all staff to conduct rounds without concerns of opposite gender viewing. The custom shower curtains were implemented at the Community Corrections Centers, and will be purchased in the near future for the Bucks County Correctional Facility. Computerized systems/reports are still needed to be developed to help the department meet all standards.