

OIG Case Summary

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL**INVESTIGATIVE REPORT**

Case No. 9517-0025	Report Date July 02, 2018	Investigator Name XXXXXX
Facility Name Ludeman Developmental Center		
Facility Address 114 North Orchard Park Forest, Illinois 60466		Location XXXXXX

Allegation

On December 19, 2016, the Office of the Inspector General received a reported allegation of neglect from Ludeman Developmental Center. It is alleged that individual XXXXX ingested four batteries, although XXXXX was responsible for providing enhanced supervision (visual observation) to her.

Synopsis

XXXXX's IPS in affect at the time of this incident indicated her level of supervision was 1:1 at all times with a fading planning in place which would reduce the supervision if she had zero incidents of PICA for 12 months. She had PICA incidents in September 2015 and July 2016, so her 1:1 should have still be in effect on December 19, 2016. XXXXX confirmed she should have been on 1:1 supervision at this time. According to her Progress Notes, she was provided 1:1 supervision on first shift that day. However, the Daily House Report for this shift indicated she was not on 1:1 supervision, XXXXX was assigned to supervise her group and said she was not on 1:1, and the SODC 604 completed in response to her PICA on this day listed her supervision as Visual. Also, the Residential Accountability Sheet for December 19, 2016, crossed out her 1:1 supervision and indicated she was on visual. XXXXX told staff on December 19, 2016, at 3:55 p.m., that she had swallowed four batteries and subsequent X-rays and endoscopy found she had swallowed two batteries. No one observed her swallow the batteries or knew about them until she reported the incident. On December 20, 2016, XXXXX underwent endoscopy, where one AAA battery was removed and other battery had already moved beyond the stomach. swallowed batteries could pose a substantial risk to the individual, in that they could cause an obstruction in the GI tract (as indicated in the hospital records), they could leak dangerous chemicals and heavy metals, which could injure the lining of the GI tract and damage the bodily organs and undergoing a procedure to remove the swallowed batteries, could pose risks to the safety of the individual as well.

Findings

Based on the facts in this case the following was concluded: The allegation of neglect is unsubstantiated against XXXXX. The allegation of neglect is substantiated against Ludeman Developmental Center.

Recommendations

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The Office of The Inspector General recommends the following: Ludeman Developmental Center ensure there is sufficient staff coverage, to accommodate the needs of the individuals. The facility revise XXXXX's ISP, when there is a change in her level of supervision.