

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL		INVESTIGATIVE REPORT
Case No.	Report Date	Investigator Name
9517-0040	December 27, 2017	XXXXX
Facility Name		
Ludeman Developmental Center		
Facility Address		Location
114 North Orchard Park Forest, IL 60466		XXXXX

Allegation

On March 23, 2017, the Office of the Inspector General received a reported allegation of neglect from the Ludeman Developmental Center. It was alleged that XXXXX and XXXXX neglected XXXXX, by allowing her to retrieve a butcher knife from the kitchen drawer, which she used to stab herself in the scalp, causing a laceration to her left scalp and a laceration to her left pinky finger.

Synopsis

The investigation revealed that prior to the incident, on March 22, 2017, XXXXX's level of supervision was visual observation. Effective March 28, 2017, she was placed on 1:1 supervision, during all shifts, for her protection. Currently, she receives 15-minute visual bed checks. The agency had several policies with differing languages, as it pertained to sharp objects security. Policy ELC #450, Safety and Sanitation Review, revised April 2012: of placing sharp objects or tools, either out of the houses or kept in a locked area, was not implemented until after the incident, involving XXXXX, on March 22, 2017. However, another policy, General Personnel Policy, SOPP #710, Revised September 2014 states that “. . . All employees are responsible for ensuring hazardous compounds and tools, such as cleaning solutions, laundry supplies, paint, etc. are not left unattended in locations accessible to individuals. . .” On March 22, 2017, XXXXX and XXXXX were assigned to the second shift, in House 53. During the first shift, three staff members are assigned to the home and are responsible for six individuals. However, during the second shift, two staff members are assigned to the home and are responsible for ten individuals. XXXXX is reported to be at workshop, during the first shift. On March 22, 2017, XXXXX was assisting another resident, with toileting and had to leave the individual on the toilet, to respond to XXXXX, requesting she call the emergency number, for assistance. XXXXX had entered the kitchen to pour out her soda in the sink. While doing so, and with her back toward XXXXX, XXXXX reached into a kitchen drawer, pulled out a butcher knife and placed it in her pants. She then ran from the kitchen to her bedroom. XXXXX could see her at the kitchen sink, from the dining area and when XXXXX ran toward her bedroom, XXXXX ran behind her. While attempting to retrieve the knife from XXXXX, XXXXX witnessed XXXXX, stab herself in the scalp, as she was swinging the knife at her.

Findings

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

Recommendations

The Office of the Inspector General recommends the facility ensure that sufficient staff are assigned to each shift to adequately supervise the individuals, in accordance with their supervision requirements. The facility should train/retrain all staff, to keep all sharp utensils and tools, in a locked area, when not in use.