

DUKES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

POLICY DIRECTIVE

COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES  
SEXUALLY ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR PREVENTION & INTERVENTION

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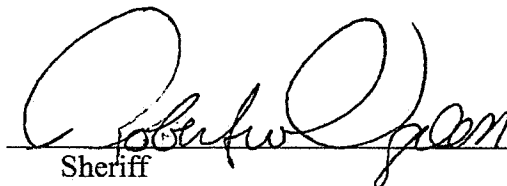
PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to establish Sheriff's Office policy to provide guidelines to address the following prohibited and/or illegal sexually abusive behavior involving:


- Inmate perpetrator against inmate victim; or
- Department staff, contractor or volunteer perpetrator against inmate victim, staff victim, contractor victim or volunteer victim.

Reference: M.G.L. c.124 - s.1, M.G.L. c.268 – s.21A  
Prison Rape Elimination Act ("PREA") of 2003  
28 CFR 115.11 through 115.89

EFFECTIVE DATE: This policy is effective upon the signature of the Sheriff, and supersedes any previous policy regarding Sexually Abusive Behavior.

APPROVED:

  
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Sheriff

  
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Date

## **POLICY:**

Dukes County Sheriff's Office (hereinafter 'Sheriff's Office') is committed to Zero Tolerance prevention and elimination of sexual abuse perpetrated against inmates by staff members or other inmates. Meeting the objectives set forth within the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 and the accompanying standards 28 CFR 115.11 through 115.89 is a major priority for the Sheriff's Office and an ongoing focus for staff efforts at all levels of this organization.

The Sheriff's Office is committed to investigating, disciplining and referring for prosecution, Sheriff's Office employees, contractors, volunteers and inmates who engage in sexually abusive behavior. This policy is intended to complement and not replace or contradict the DCSO Sexual Harassment Policy DCSO Policy regarding Staff Sexual Misconduct with Inmates.

The goals of this policy are to:

- Increase the timely reporting of incidents by Sheriff's Office employees, contractors or volunteers and inmates;
- Develop a process to identify and manage inmates who are potential predators or victims;
- Provide ongoing education to Sheriff's Office employees, contractors and volunteers regarding their responsibility toward prevention, intervention, and reporting when incidents are observed or made known to them;
- Provide effective and ongoing orientation to inmates regarding their right to be free from sexual abuse or harassment and how to report incidents of sexual abuse;
- Provide for a thorough investigation of reported incidents and certain discipline and /or prosecution of perpetrators when appropriate;
- Provide effective short- and long-term treatment for victims of sexually abusive behavior.

## **CANCELLATION:**

This policy cancels all previous Sheriff's Office policy statements, bulletins, directives, orders, notices, rules, or regulations, which are inconsistent with this policy.

## **APPLICABILITY:**

This policy applies to all Sheriff's Office managers, employees, volunteers/student interns and contracted personnel.

## **DEFINITIONS:**

Allegation: Any event that has been reported to a Sheriff's Office staff person, contractor or volunteer, but which not yet has been verified or investigated.

At Risk: Inmates who exhibit characteristics consistent with potential victims or perpetrators of sexually abusive behavior. .

Contractor: A person who provides services on a recurring basis, who has a contractual agreement with the agency.

Critical Incident Review Board: A multi-disciplinary panel of senior managers who routinely meet to review major incidents that occur inside the DCHOC/Jail and the Sheriff's Office.

Employee: Any staff member that works directly for the DCSO at the Jail/ House of Correction.

Exigent Circumstances: Any emergency situation requiring immediate action to protect inmate and staff safety.

Gender Expression: A person's outward expression of his/her gender identity including appearance, dress, mannerisms, speech and social interactions.

Gender Identity: A person's internal, deeply felt sense of being male/female, regardless of the person's sex at birth.

Gender Nonconforming: A person whose gender identity and/or expression do not conform to gender stereotypes generally associated with his or her biological sex.

Inmate: A person incarcerated or detained at the Dukes County Sheriff's Office.

Intersex: A condition usually present at birth that involves reproductive, genetic, or sexual anatomy that does not seem to fit the typical definitions of male and female.

Intimacy: Any behavior not defined as sexual contact or sexual abuse of an inmate including kissing, touching parts of the body or any other related acts including, but not limited to, sending and/or receiving letters/cards/gifts or receiving phone calls from an inmate that are not defined under sexual abuse. Intimate relationships between staff and inmates are expressly prohibited.

LGBTI Population: Acronym for lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender and intersex inmates.

Massachusetts Staff Sexual Misconduct Law: MGL c 268 § 21A – This law removes the ability of an inmate in any correctional institution to consent to engage in sexual relations with any Sheriff's Office employee, contractor or volunteer. Violation of this statute is a felony with a term of imprisonment of up to five years or a fine of up to \$10,000.00. Violation of this law constitutes rape and/or sexual assault.

Offender Fraternization: Prohibited activities with offenders and ex-offenders. Engaging in any non-professional association, contact, or personal relationship with offenders, ex-offenders, or members of their families, which compromises the employee's ability to effectively discharge their professional duties. Exceptions include family members and previously established relationships.

Physical Assault: Any action taken by an employee, staff member or inmate which is deemed as causing injury or potential injury to another individual. Any deliberate contact, either physical via an object or through bodily fluids, perpetrated by one individual toward another.

PREA: Prison Rape Elimination Act: Federal legislation (Public Law No. 108-79), enacted in 2003 to provide for the analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape in federal, state and local institutions and to provide information, resources, recommendations and funding to protect individuals from prison rape.

PREA COORDINATOR: A person assigned/appointed by the Sheriff who coordinates the DCSO's compliance with the Department of Justice's (DOJ) Rule on the National Standards to Prevent, Detect and Respond to Prison Rape pursuant to the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA).

PREA Task Force: A committee appointed by the Sheriff to provide ongoing advice and counsel.

Rape: The penetration, no matter how slight of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.

SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) Program: Delivers coordinated expert forensic and medical care necessary to increase successful prosecution of sex offenders and to assure essential medical intervention to victims of assault who are examined at a SANE designated emergency hospital.

Sexual Abuse: Shall include but not be limited to the subjecting of another person who is incapable of giving consent by reason of their custodial status to sexual contact by persuasion, coercion, inducement, enticement or forcible compulsion.

Sexual Contact: Shall include but not be limited to carnal knowledge, sodomy, sexual assault with an object or sexual fondling or molestation of a person. It does not matter whether or not it is against their will, rape, or otherwise sexually exploiting another person, e.g. compelling them to perform acts of prostitution.

Sexually Abusive Behavior: The term used in this policy to describe all prohibited sexual behavior. Sexually abusive behavior includes acts of intimacy, sexual contact, sexual abuse and staff sexual misconduct as defined in this policy. However, an activity that is not coerced shall not be deemed to constitute sexual abuse. Non-coercive sexual behavior falls under sexual contact.

Sexual Assault Investigator: Sheriff's Office employee assigned by the Superintendent and/or Assistant Superintendent to investigate allegations of sexually abusive behavior.

Staff: All employees of the Dukes County Sheriff's Office.

Staff Sexual Misconduct: Any verbal, physical or offensive conduct of a sexual nature by a Sheriff's Office employee, contractor or volunteer directed toward an inmate under the care, custody and supervision of the Sheriff's Office. Prohibited sexual acts include but are not limited to an attempt, threat, request or the completed act of the intentional act of touching of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks, either directly or through clothing, with the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire or occurrences of indecent exposure, invasion of privacy or staff voyeurism for sexual gratification. Sexual advances, requests for sexual favors or other verbal, physical or offensive conduct of a sexual nature are also expressly prohibited. Examples of sexual harassment include but are not limited to demeaning references to an inmate's gender, derogatory comments about an inmate's body or clothing, jokes about sex or gender specific traits, abusive, threatening, profane or degrading sexual comments, touching, attention or conduct of a sexual nature or threats of retaliation for refusing sexual advances. All sexual contact between an inmate and employee, contractor or volunteer is considered sexual misconduct even if the inmate seemingly "consents" because inmates are deemed incapable of "consent".

Standard of Proof: The level of evidence required to substantiate an allegation of sexual abuse in an administrative setting shall be by a preponderance of the evidence. This is defined as it is more likely to have occurred than not.



Gender Non-conforming: A term describing a person whose gender identity does not conform to the person's sex assigned at birth.

Victim Advocate: The staff member(s) assigned by the Superintendent to meet with inmates victimized by sexually abusive behavior in order to educate them as to the treatment services available to them and to inform them as to the status of the investigation, disciplinary and classification processes pertaining to the alleged claim of sexually abusive behavior. Training and vetting of victim advocates will be conducted by the RPEA Task Force.

Volunteer: A person who donates time and effort on a recurring basis to enhance the activities and programs of the DCSO.

## **GENERAL PROCEDURES**

All Sheriff's Office employees, contractors and volunteers are to immediately report to the Facility Shift Supervisor any knowledge, suspicion or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred either in the Dukes County Correctional Facility or any other facility. Any retaliation against inmates or staff who reported such an incident and any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation are also to be reported.

All allegations and incidents of inmate on inmate, staff on inmate, or inmate on staff sexually abusive behavior, whether reported verbally, in writing, anonymously or by 3<sup>rd</sup> parties, shall be immediately reported by Sheriff's Office employees, contractors or volunteers to the Facility Shift Supervisor verbally, and followed up with a report to the Superintendent before the end of their shift. During non-business hours, these allegations shall be reported to the Facility Shift Supervisor and Duty Officer who shall ensure that the Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent is immediately notified. Failure of any Sheriff's Office employee, contractor or volunteer to report these allegations may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

Staff shall not reveal any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone other than those involved in the investigation.

The Superintendent shall notify the Sheriff, and the Assistant Superintendent of any incident of alleged sexually abusive behavior. If the allegations involve a possible violation of state law, the Superintendent shall immediately notify the Sheriff who shall authorize the notification of the District Attorney's Office.

The facility shall report all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment including third party and anonymous reports to the facility's designated investigators.

## **PREVENTION**

All Sheriff's Office employees, contractors and volunteers, are responsible for contributing to the prevention of sexually abusive behavior perpetrated by staff on inmate, inmate on staff or by inmate on inmate as outlined in this policy.

The Sheriff's Office shall present orientation material on sexual abuse prevention and intervention to inmates through an orientation and the Inmate Handbook. Inmates shall be responsible for familiarizing themselves with the provided PREA information. Inmates are responsible for reporting allegations in a

timely fashion to an employee, contractor or volunteer, in order to ensure their safety and the safety of others.

The Sheriff's Office shall be responsible for planning and implementing measures to prevent sexually abusive behavior from occurring. The Sheriff's Office strives to create a safe environment for employees, contractors and inmates, which is free from sexual harassment, sexual abuse and exploitation. In this regard, the Sheriff's Office shall provide for the following resources and practices:

A. Training and Education

The Training Division in conjunction with the PREA Task Force shall develop and maintain a training plan to ensure that Sheriff's Office employees, contractors and volunteers are educated regarding their responsibilities to prevent and report incidents of sexually abusive behavior. The Training Division is responsible for educating employees, contractors and volunteers regarding their responsibilities to prevent and report incidents of sexually abusive behavior and documenting that all employees, contractors, and volunteers understand the training they received.

Training for employees, contractors and volunteers shall include, but not be limited to the following:

1. Sheriff's Office zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment.
2. Responsibilities in preventing, detecting, reporting and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment.
3. The right of inmates to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment.
4. The right of inmates and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment.
5. The dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement.
6. The common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims.
7. How to detect and respond to signs of the threat of sexual abuse and actual sexual abuse.
8. How to avoid inappropriate relationships with inmates.
9. How to communicate effectively and professionally with inmates, including LGBTI or gender non-conforming inmates.
10. How to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities.

Additional training for Health Services shall include, but not be limited to the following:

1. How to detect and assess signs of sexual abuse and harassment.
2. How to preserve physical evidence of sexual abuse.
3. How to respond effectively and professionally to victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.
4. How and to whom to report allegations or suspicions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

Training conforms to both male and female inmates.

B. Identification, Reporting, and Screening During Admission

All inmates are screened within 72 hours of arrival at DCHOC for potential vulnerabilities as victim or for potential sexually aggressive or predatory behavior (PREA Screening Instrument).

Inmates may not be disciplined for refusing to answer, or for not disclosing complete information in response to questions asked during the screening.

1. Inmates at risk or who have a history of inmate sexual abuse victimization:

- a. All inmates entering DCHOC and upon subsequent transfers from other institutions, shall be screened within twenty four (24) hours by a qualified medical professional for a history of and the risk for sexual abuse victimization in accordance with [Policy 932.06, Admission Medical Screening](#) and within 72 hours by Intake Officers and/or Classification staff using the PREA Screening Instrument. Inmates identified through the **PREA Screening Instrument**, self-reports, medical reports or other criminal record information as having a history of sexual abuse victimization and/or at risk of being a victim of inmate sexual abuse shall be referred to a mental health clinician for assessment, monitoring, and counseling for follow-up within 14 days of intake. Documentation will be made in the CorEMR chart notes. Medical and Mental Health practitioners shall obtain informed consent from inmates before reporting information about prior sexual victimization that did not occur in an institutional setting. The Facility Shift Supervisor shall be notified to ensure that appropriate steps (e.g., investigation, housing assignment) are taken.
- b. Upon learning that an inmate has been identified as having been a victim or is at risk for such, the Facility Shift Supervisor shall carefully assess the immediate needs and housing assignment of the inmate. Where double bunking is necessary, the staff members making cell assignments shall rely upon standard guidelines for cell matching and through the approval of the Assistant Deputy Superintendent of Human Services in selecting a cellmate for the inmate. Cell assignments shall be made by Classification, Facility Shift Supervisor and/or the Lieutenant of Operations.
- c. Inner Perimeter Security will be notified for monitoring purposes of those inmates identified as high risk for sexual abuse victimization.

2. Inmates with a history of engaging in predatory sexually abusive behavior:

- a. Intake Officers and/or Classification Staff shall screen inmates for a history of sexually abusive behavior by conducting PREA screening and a review of criminal record information, (e.g., judgment and commitment orders, institutional six part folder, board of probation). Inmates identified as having a history of sexually abusive behavior not previously identified shall be documented appropriately. The Facility Shift Supervisor shall be notified. Staff shall also ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening.
- b. Special Operations will be notified for monitoring purposes of those inmates identified as potential sexual predators.

C. Inmate Education

The Superintendent/designee shall assure that new inmates to the DCHOC receive written, verbal and/or video presentations about prisoner sexual violence in English and/ or Portuguese within 30 days of admission. All written orientation materials about sexually abusive behavior will be provided in Spanish when appropriate. When a literacy problem exists, a staff member shall assist the inmate in understanding the information.

Inmates who are transferred from one facility to another shall be educated on their right

to be free from sexual abuse and harassment and to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents.

D. Public Education

The Superintendent/designee shall work closely with the PREA Task Force to develop and implement a communication plan to inform agency constituents, other state agencies, work release employers and the general public regarding the PREA initiative undertaken by the Sheriff's Office and how they can support these efforts. This may include informational pamphlets, video presentations, discussion forums, postings on the Sheriff's Office internet page and news releases as appropriate.

E. Classification

1. The Sheriff's Office shall use all relevant information to make classification and programming decisions with the goal of keeping all inmates safe and free from sexual abuse. All relevant information includes the PREA screening instrument found at the conclusion of this policy.
2. LGBTI status shall not be an indicator of likelihood of being sexually abusive.
3. Within a set time period, but not to exceed 30 days from the inmate's arrival, the Sheriff's Office will reassess the inmate's risk of victimization or abusiveness based upon any additional, relevant information received by the facility since the intake screening.
4. An inmate's risk level shall be reassessed when warranted due to a referral, request, incident of sexual abuse, or receipt of additional information that bears on the inmate's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness.
5. Inmates at high risk for sexual victimization will be classified in the least restrictive environment that is operationally feasible.
6. Inmates at high risk for sexual victimization shall not be placed in involuntary segregated housing unless an assessment of all available alternatives has been made, and a determination has been made that there is no available alternative means of separation from likely abusers. If the facility cannot conduct such an assessment immediately, the facility may hold the inmate in involuntary segregated housing for less than 24 hours while completing the assessment.
7. Inmates placed in segregated housing for this purpose shall have access to programs, privileges, education and work opportunities to the extent possible. If the facility restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, the facility shall document:
  - a) The opportunities that have been limited;
  - b) The duration of the limitation; and
  - c) The reasons for such limitations
8. Inmates shall be segregated from other inmates only as a last resort when least restrictive measures are inadequate. This segregation shall only last until alternative measures can be arranged. A review will be conducted every 14 days to assess whether continued segregation from other inmates is necessary.

9. If an involuntary segregated housing assignment is made based on section E (6), the facility shall clearly document:
  - a) The basis for the facility's concern for the inmate's safety;
  - b) The reason why no alternative means of separation can be arranged; and
  - c) Every 14 days the facility shall afford each such inmate a review to determine whether there is a continuing need for separation from the general population
10. Inmates who are classified away from the general population into an At-Risk housing unit because of risk of victimization or abusiveness shall receive the opportunity to exercise/shower daily and shall receive any legally required educational programming.
11. Housing and program assignments for transgender and intersex inmates shall be made on a case by case basis.
12. LGBTI inmates shall not be classified based solely on identification or status.

### **DATA COLLECTION and ANALYSIS**

Documentation of all incidents of sexually abusive behavior is critical to the success of the Sheriff's Office's PREA initiative. All incidents of this nature shall be documented in a timely and accurate manner by the Assistant Deputy Superintendent of Human Services referencing specific definitions consistent with those found in the PREA policy and disciplinary charges found in [DCSO Policy 943.01 Inmate Rules and Discipline](#).

The PREA Compliance Manager shall collect accurate, uniform data from every allegation of sexual abuse and will review aggregated data on these allegations at least annually in order to assess the effectiveness of policies, procedures and training in combating sexual abuse, including:

- Identification of problem areas
- Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis
- Preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective action for the facility as well as the agency as a whole.

The annual report shall include:

- comparison of current years data and prior years and shall provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse
  - a review and approval by signature from the Sheriff or his/her designee
- safety and security of the facility shall be maintained through redaction of specific sensitive material, although the nature of the material shall be evident in the report.

Other sources may be queried to develop intelligence information which may become useful to prevent sexually abusive behavior. These may include but not be limited to inmate correspondence (not to include legal mail or correspondence between inmates and confidential support sources), inmate grievances and institution climate reports.

Any information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness that occurred in an institutional setting shall be strictly limited to medical and mental health practitioners and other staff, as necessary, to inform treatment plans and security and management decisions, including housing, bed, work, education, and program assignments or as otherwise required by Federal, State or local law.



## INTERVENTION

- A. The Superintendent shall ensure that reports by Sheriff's Office employees, contractors, and volunteers regarding suspicions of sexually abusive behavior or related activities are disseminated to the PREA Investigator and the PREA Manager. Local investigators should follow-up on such reports by interviewing staff and inmates and developing intelligence as appropriate.
- B. On an as needed basis the Superintendent and his/her designee shall ensure that all Sheriff's Office employees, contractors and volunteers' home phone numbers are checked against the inmate telephone database. Any positive matches/hits shall be reported to the Assistant Superintendent for appropriate action.
- C. The Sheriff's Office will maintain an MOU with community service providers (a third part entity) to provide inmates with confidential support services related to sexual abuse. CONNECT to End Violence operates a toll-free phone number for inmates to access outside confidential support services. The toll-free number (508-696-7233) and mailing address are listed in the Inmate Handbook, and the hotline number is also written on the PREA poster. All inmates within the DCHOC shall have universal and unimpeded access to this hotline number. The number shall be designated within the inmate telephone system, so inmates may use to alert appropriate staff about possible cases of sexually abusive behavior. Inmates will also have the option of reporting sexually abusive behavior to a designated staff member other than an immediate point of contact line officer. Allegations of sexual abuse may also be reported directly to the Massachusetts Prison Rape Elimination Act Division at their 24 hours hotline: (508) 422-3481. This number will be toll free and programmed into the inmate telephone system to be able to call directly.
- D. Inmates shall be able to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without non-medical staff of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks, or genitalia except in exigent circumstances which shall be documented in OMS. Shower doors are designed to prevent casual viewing of inmates showering, performing bodily functions and changing clothes.
- E. Staff of the opposite gender shall have their presence announced when entering an inmate housing area.
- F. Cross gender strip searches shall not be conducted except in exigent circumstances and shall be documented in the OMS. Security staff shall be trained accordingly.
- G. Cross gender pat searches may be conducted by a female Officers on a male inmate, however Male Officers shall not conduct a pat search on a female inmate except in exigent circumstances and shall be documented in OMS
- H. The Command Staff, Captains, Lieutenants and/or Sergeants shall make unannounced rounds to identify and deter sexual misconduct and sexual abuse on all three shifts. Staff will not alert staff of such unannounced rounds. These rounds will be documented in the electronic inmate management system after they have been conducted.
- I. Transgender and intersex inmates shall be given the opportunity to shower separately from other inmates.

- J. The Sheriff's Office shall not physically exam a transgender or intersex inmate for the sole purpose of determining the inmate's genital status unless it is done as part of a broader medical examination conducted in private by a medical practitioner.
- K. The Sheriff's Office shall take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities and limited English proficiency have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the Sheriff's Office efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Steps include but are not limited to providing inmates with disabilities and limited English proficiency access to the ADS of Human Services as determined during the intake process as well as interpretive services.
- L. Use of inmate interpreters, inmate readers or other types of inmate assistants is prohibited except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an interpreter would compromise the inmate's safety, performance of medical duties or investigation of the inmate's allegation.

**PROCEDURE:**

The security and safety of all persons, whether Sheriff's Office employees, contractors, volunteers or inmates, is a fundamental objective of the Sheriff's Office. As such, it is an integral part of every employee's job to report and respond to sexually abusive behavior.

A. Immediate Response to Sexually Abusive Behavior Complaints or Threats of Imminent Sexual Abuse

In the event that an inmate reports that they have been sexually abused or they are subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse by an inmate, employee, and contractor or volunteer, the Sheriff's Office employee, contractor, or volunteer receiving such a complaint shall take the following steps:

1. Immediately separate the victim from the assailant or potential abuser.
2. Immediately notify the Facility Shift Supervisor.
3. If the inmate reports they have been sexually abused when no medical or mental health services staff are available, the Shift Supervisor will assign a First Responder Security Staff to respond to the location and also contact the DCSO Communications Center for the Emergency Medical Services to transport to the Martha's Vineyard Hospital for examination and treatment.
4. Request that the Facility Shift Supervisor secure the scene if warranted, for subsequent crime scene processing.
5. The Facility Shift Supervisor shall notify the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent.
6. During non-business hours these allegations shall be reported to the Facility Shift Supervisor who shall ensure that the Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent is immediately notified.
7. Make note of the behavior and appearance of all parties and identify any witnesses to the event.
8. Ensure that the inmate victim is immediately taken to the facility medical department for emergency medical care/mental health treatment.

9. If the abuse occurred within 5 days which still allows for the collection of physical evidence, request the victim and assure the alleged abuser will be allowed to take any action that could destroy physical evidence including washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking or eating.
10. Complete a detailed report in OMS to include documentation of immediate separation of the victim and the assailant by the end of their business day. You must check off the box that indicates "Private" in order to ensure its confidentiality. It is imperative that you do not save the document until you CHECK OFF this box and until the Facility Shift Supervisor reviews the report content.
11. Upon submission of the Confidential Incident Report to the Superintendent, the Facility Shift Supervisor must e-mail the following staff: Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent to immediately alert them of notification of said incident.

B. Medical Response to Sexually Abusive Behavior Complaints:

1. At the initiation of services, medical and mental health practitioners shall inform the sexual abuse victim of the practitioner's duty to report, and the limitations of confidentiality.
2. A qualified health care professional shall evaluate the extent of the physical injury and provide medical treatment as needed. Appropriate notifications shall be made if the victim is an elderly to include filing a report with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs electronically via their website at: <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/report-elder-abuse> or via their hotline at: **(800) 922-2275**. If the individual is a person with a disability, a report must be filed with the Massachusetts Disabled Persons Protection Commission via their hotline at: **800-426-9009**.
3. An emergency mental health referral to the on-site mental health professional shall be made following the completion of the medical evaluation. Both medical and mental health services shall be consistent with the community level of care.
4. Upon completion of the medical and mental health evaluation, the Superintendent or their designee in consultation with medical and/or Mental Health personnel shall determine whether a referral to an outside hospital with a rape crisis unit is warranted. Factors to be considered are the time frame between the alleged assault and the complaint, as well as the extent and nature of the allegation.
5. If the determination is made that the inmate victim should be sent to an outside hospital and if the inmate victim consents, the inmate victim shall be transported to the Martha's Vineyard Hospital and their SANE or TELESANE program where they shall receive essential medical intervention to include preventative treatment for HIV, sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy if appropriate. If pregnancy results from the described sexually abusive behavior, the victim will receive timely and comprehensive information about and timely access to all lawful pregnancy related medical services.
6. Upon return from the outside hospital, the inmate victim shall be seen by a medical staff member for appropriate follow-up care to include a Mental Health Screening by qualified health care personnel. If during this screening there are any indications that the inmate victim is at risk to hurt themselves or others, a Mental Health professional shall be immediately notified.



Otherwise, the inmate victim shall be seen by a Mental Health professional no later than the next business day to assess the need for crisis intervention and long-term counseling.

7. To avoid the potential for secondary victimization, an inmate victim may be allowed to refuse rape crisis intervention treatment at an outside hospital. Before the refusal is accepted, the Sheriff's Office's medical and mental health provider shall attempt to persuade the inmate to go to the outside hospital for treatment.

In cases where the inmate victim continues to refuse, the inmate shall be required to sign a Refusal of Medical Treatment Form (attached). Provisions shall be made for testing for sexually transmitted diseases (e.g., HIV, gonorrhea, hepatitis) and pregnancy as well as for prophylactic treatment, follow-up care and counseling pursuant to [DCSO Policy for Communicable and Infectious Diseases](#).

8. Once cleared by the medical and mental health staff, the ADS of Human Services shall determine an appropriate housing assignment for the inmate victim by the next business day.
9. A victim advocate will be assigned to meet with the inmate. The advocate will keep the inmate victim informed of the status of the investigation and as appropriate, the disciplinary and criminal prosecution of the alleged perpetrator. The advocate shall make the inmate victim aware of the short and long term services available to them.
10. Inmate victims of sexual abuse shall be offered referrals for continued care even when the inmate is no longer incarcerated in the facility.
11. Treatment services including forensic medical exams are offered without financial cost to the victim.

#### C. Security Response to Sexually Abusive Behavior Complaints:

1. If the Sheriff and/or his designee believe that a felony may have been committed, the District Attorney's Office and the Inner perimeter Security Unit shall be notified and the Sheriff's Office shall seek assistance and begin a cooperative investigation with these agencies. In the event the felony is believed to be committed by a staff member, the Sheriff's Office shall seek assistance from the Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit in conjunction with the District Attorney's Office. Criminal investigations shall be documented in a written report that contains a thorough description of physical, testimonial, and documentary evidence and attached copies of all documentary evidence where feasible.
2. The Assistant Superintendent shall ensure that all evidence collected at any hospital (Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit/Rape Kit) is transported to the State Police Laboratory as soon as possible. All evidence shall be handled in accordance with [DCSO Policy 924.06, Searches](#). Evidence retained in excess of twenty-four (24) hours (weekends/holidays), shall be properly refrigerated in a secure refrigerator.
3. Any State entity or Department of Justice component that conducts such investigations shall do so pursuant to the requirements of PREA.
4. When outside agencies investigate sexual abuse, the facility shall cooperate with outside investigators and shall endeavor to remain informed about the progress of the investigation. Any

relevant information from the investigative agency shall be used to inform the inmate via the victim advocate liason.

5. If an inmate's involvement in the alleged sexually abusive behavior is suspected, they shall be placed in a secure setting pending investigation.
6. The Superintendent shall ensure that the incident is appropriately documented.
7. Any potential witnesses shall be interviewed by the PREA investigator in an attempt to corroborate the victim's statements or to identify any suspect(s). Care should be taken to ensure the safety and security of potential witnesses from retribution and retaliation. If necessary and warranted, potential inmate witnesses shall be afforded opportunities for changes in housing placement, more secure housing and/or accelerated classification for transfer.

D. Classification Response to Sexually Abusive Behavior Complaints:

The Superintendent shall ensure that the Classification Supervisor is notified of sexually abusive behavior complaints. The Classification Supervisor upon such notification shall schedule an Internal Classification Status Review of the inmate predator and/or inmate victim, when sufficient facts are known, in order to determine appropriate classification in accordance with [DCSO Policy 942.01-06 Classification](#).

## **INVESTIGATION OF SEXUALLY ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR COMPLAINTS**

The Sheriff's Office shall use all available means to fully investigate and address all allegations and incidents of sexually abusive behavior.

If an inmate makes an allegation that they were sexually abused while confined at another facility, the Sheriff or his/her designee shall notify within 72 hours the head of the facility or appropriate office of the agency where the alleged sexual abuse occurred. This notification shall be documented.

A. Sexually Abusive Behavior Between Inmates:

1. Investigations of reported incidents of sexually abusive behavior between inmates shall be initiated by the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent. The Assistant Superintendent shall be responsible for producing an investigative report within seven business days unless the time is extended by the Superintendent.
2. A report of sexual abuse made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred, shall not constitute falsely reporting an incident or lying, even if an investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation.
3. Following an inmate's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another inmate, the agency shall subsequently inform the alleged victim whenever;
  - a) The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility; or
  - b) The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual Abuse within the facility; and
  - c) All such notifications or attempted notifications shall be documented.

B. Staff Accused of Sexually Abusive Behavior with Inmates:

1. If a staff member is accused of sexually abusive behavior with an inmate, the Superintendent shall initiate an investigation. The staff member may be placed by the Sheriff or Superintendent on a "no inmate contact status" or "suspended with or without pay status" pending an investigation of the matter. Contractors who are accused of sexually abusive behavior may be removed from the facility until the investigation is completed. All volunteers who are accused shall be barred from entering the correctional facility until the investigation is completed.
2. Following an inmate allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the inmate, the ADS of Human Services shall subsequently inform the inmate whenever;
  - a) The staff member is no longer posted within the inmates unit;
  - b) The staff member is no longer employed at the facility
  - c) The agency learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility; or
  - d) The agency learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility; and
  - e) All such notifications or attempted notifications shall be documented.

C. Investigation:

1. There shall be two or more DCSO investigators trained to conduct investigations in confinement settings. Appropriate non-legal investigators shall include both male and females staff who are trained and familiar with PREA standards. In the event of an outside agency investigation, the facility will cooperate with the investigators and endeavor to remain informed about the progress of the investigation.
2. After receiving the complaint, the allegation will be investigated promptly in a fair, impartial and expedient manner. The level of evidence required to prove sexual abuse shall be by a preponderance of the evidence. The credibility of an alleged victim, suspect or witness shall be assessed on an individual basis and shall not be determined by the person's status as inmate or staff. No inmate who alleges sexual abuse shall be required to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth telling devices as a condition for proceeding with the investigation of such an allegation.
3. The investigation will be conducted in such a way as to maintain confidentiality to the extent practicable under the circumstances.
4. The investigation will include a private interview with the person filing the complaint, the harasser and/or alleged abuser (alleged to have committed sexual harassment, harassment, and/or discrimination) and any witness(es). Prior complaints and reports of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator shall also be reviewed.
5. When the investigation is completed, the person filing the complaint and the person alleged to have committed the inappropriate conduct shall be informed as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded. Notification shall be documented.
6. Throughout the investigation, as well as at the conclusion of the investigation, the investigator will deliver the report(s) to the Superintendent who will review the investigation and determine what action to take based upon the investigation.



7. If an inmate from the Dukes County Jail / House of Correction is housed at another facility and is sexually abused, the ADS of Human Services will work with that agency to ensure the investigation is conducted in accordance with the PREA standards. Such notification shall be made as soon as possible but no later than 72 hours after receiving the notification and shall be documented.
8. The departure of the alleged abuser or victim from the employment or control of the facility shall not provide a basis for terminating an investigation.
9. In the event the inmate is released from custody, the Sheriff's Office will no longer be under obligation to report to the inmate the status of the allegation.
10. Investigators shall gather and preserve direct and circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence, and any available electronic monitoring data.
11. Administrative investigations shall include an effort to determine whether staff actions or failures to act, contributed to the abuse and shall be documented in written reports that include a description of the physical and testimonial evidence, the reasoning behind credibility assessments and investigative facts and findings.

D. Retaliation:

The Dukes County Sheriff's Office shall take appropriate measures to protect any individual who cooperates with an investigation and expresses a fear of retaliation.

Retaliation by any employee against another employee, contractor, volunteer or an inmate for reporting complaints of sexually abusive behavior, for assisting in making such a report, or for cooperating in the investigation of such a complaint, regardless of the merits or disposition of the complaint, is prohibited. Any such occurrence is a very serious matter that may result in discipline up to and including termination in accordance with [DCSO Policy 914.08, Sexual Harassment, Harassment](#)

For at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, Special Operations PREA investigators or their designee shall monitor the conduct and treatment of inmates or staff who reported the sexual abuse. They shall also monitor the conduct and treatment of inmate victims of sexual abuse or sexual harassment to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by inmates or staff and shall act promptly to remedy any such retaliation. In the case of inmates, such monitoring shall also include status checks weekly for 90 days once it is brought to the attention of the ADS of Human Services. The agency shall continue such monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need. Monitoring obligation terminates if allegation is unfounded.

Housing changes or transfers for inmate victims or abusers shall be considered as protective measures for inmates who fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations. Other measures that will be considered include the removal of alleged staff or inmate abusers from contact with victims and emotional support services for inmates or staff who may fear retaliation.

## **DISCIPLINARY**

1. All intentional acts of sexually abusive behavior, sexual harassment, or intimacy between an inmate and a Sheriff's Office employee, contractor or volunteer, regardless of consensual status, are prohibited. The perpetrator shall be subject to administrative and criminal and/or disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination. Inmate on inmate sexually abusive behavior, sexual harassment, or intimacy between inmates are prohibited. The perpetrator shall be subject to administrative, criminal and/or disciplinary sanctions according to inmate discipline practices and policies.
2. Disciplinary sanctions for violation of agency policies relating to sexual abuse or sexual harassment (other than actually engaging in sexual abuse) shall be commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the acts committed, the staff member's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other staff with similar histories.
3. Termination shall be the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who has engaged in sexual abuse.
4. All terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, shall be reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal, and to any relevant licensing bodies.
5. Any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse shall be prohibited from contact with inmates and shall be reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal, and to any relevant licensing bodies.
6. The facility shall take appropriate remedial measures, and shall consider whether to prohibit further contact with inmates in the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies.

## **CASE RECORDS**

All case records associated with claims of abuse, including incident reports, investigative reports, offender information, case disposition, medical and counseling evaluation findings, and recommendations for post-release treatment and/or counseling are retained for 10 years or five years after the length of incarceration, whichever is greater.

All written reports related to administrative and criminal investigations involving staff members are retained for as long as the alleged abuser is employed by the agency, plus five years.

## **GRIEVANCES**

The Sheriff's Office does not impose a time limit on when an inmate may file an institutional grievance regarding an allegation of sexual abuse or harassment. An inmate may use an informal grievance process or otherwise attempt to resolve an alleged incident of sexual abuse.

An inmate who alleges sexual abuse may file a grievance without submitting the grievance to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint. The grievance will not be referred to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint.

A final agency decision on the merits of any portion of a grievance alleging sexual abuse shall be issued within 90 days of the initial filing of the grievance. Computation of the 90-day time period shall not include time consumed by inmates in preparing any administrative appeal. The Sheriff's Office may claim an extension of time to respond, of up to 70 days, if the normal time period for response is insufficient to make

an appropriate decision. The agency shall notify the inmate in writing of any such extension and provide a date by which a decision will be made. At any level of the administrative process, including the final level, if the inmate does not receive a response within the time allotted for reply, including any properly noticed extension; the inmate may consider the absence of the response to be a denial at that level.

Third parties, including fellow inmates, staff members, family members, attorneys and outside advocates may assist inmates in filing requests for administrative remedies relating to allegations of sexual abuse and shall also be permitted to file such requests on behalf of inmates.

If a third party files such a request on behalf of an inmate, the facility may require—as a condition of processing the request—that the alleged victim agree to have the request filed on his or her behalf, and may also require the alleged victim to personally pursue any subsequent steps independently. If an inmate declines third-party assistance, this decision will be documented.

An inmate may file an emergency grievance alleging they are subject to substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse.

When an emergency grievance alleging substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse is received, it shall be immediately forwarded to the Facility Shift Supervisor for immediate corrective action to be taken. The response shall be within 48 hours and the grievance is to provide a final decision within 5 calendar days. The initial response and the final decision shall document the determination whether the inmate was in substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse and the action taken in response to the emergency grievance.

### **FALSE ALLEGATIONS**

If the Sheriff's Office investigation reveals that an inmate, Sheriff's Office employee, contractor or volunteer has knowingly made false allegations or made a material statement which they could not have believed to be true, then the Sheriff's Office may take appropriate disciplinary action, and/or criminal action under the Massachusetts General Laws as appropriate. This information shall be included in any orientation booklet, the inmate Handbook as well as within the training to Sheriff's Office employees, contractors or volunteers and inmates.

### **CRITICAL INCIDENT REVIEW BOARD**

A sexual abuse incident review shall be conducted at the conclusion of every sexual abuse investigation, including where the allegation has not been substantiated, unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded. This review shall ordinarily occur within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation.

The review team shall include upper-level management officials with input from line supervisors, investigators and medical or mental health practitioners.

The review team shall:

- Consider whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse;
- Consider whether the incident or allegation was motivated by race, ethnicity, sexual gender, identity biases, status or perceived status or gang affiliation; or was motivated/otherwise caused by other group dynamics at the facility.
- Examine the area in the facility where the alleged incident occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area of the alleged incident occurred may have enabled abuse,
- Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts;
- Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or improved to assist staff supervision;

- Prepare a report of its findings not necessarily limited to determinations made with above considerations and any recommendations for improvement. The report will be submitted to the Superintendent and PREA Compliance Manager.

The facility shall implement the recommendations for improvement, or shall document its reason for not doing so.

## **EMERGENCIES**

Whenever, in the opinion of the Sheriff, an emergency exists which requires the suspension of all or part of this policy, the Superintendent may order such suspension. However, any such suspension lasting beyond forty-eight (48) hours must be authorized by the Sheriff.

## **RESPONSIBLE STAFF:**

The Sheriff, Special Sheriff, Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and the Assistant Deputy Superintendents shall be responsible for implementing and monitoring this policy.

## **ANNUAL REVIEW DATE:**

The Policy and Procedure Office shall ensure that this policy is reviewed annually.

## **SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, contrary to statute, in excess of the authority of the Sheriff or otherwise inoperative, such decision shall not affect the validity of any other article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of these regulations. in an accurate manner by referencing specific definitions consistent with those found in the PREA policy and disciplinary charges found in [DCSO Policy 943.01 Inmate Rules and Discipline](#).

## **DATA COLLECTION and ANALYSIS**

Documentation of all incidents of sexually abusive behavior is critical to the success of the Sheriff's Office's PREA initiative. All incidents of this nature shall be documented in a timely and accurate manner by the Assistant Deputy Superintendent of Human Services referencing specific definitions consistent with those found in the PREA policy and disciplinary charges found in [DCSO Policy 943.01 Inmate Rules and Discipline](#).

The PREA Compliance Manager shall collect accurate, uniform data from every allegation of sexual abuse and will review aggregated data on these allegations at least annually in order to assess the effectiveness of policies, procedures and training in combating sexual abuse, including:

- Identification of problem areas
- Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis
- Preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective action for the facility as well as the agency as a whole.

The annual report shall include:

- comparison of current years data and prior years and shall provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse
  - a review and approval by signature from the Sheriff or his/her designee
- safety and security of the facility shall be maintained through redaction of specific sensitive material, although the nature of the material shall be evident in the report.

Other sources may be queried to develop intelligence information which may become useful to prevent sexually abusive behavior. These may include but not be limited to inmate correspondence (not to include legal mail or correspondence between inmates and confidential support sources) inmate grievances and institution climate reports.

Any information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness that occurred in an institutional setting shall be strictly limited to medical and mental health practitioners and other staff, as necessary, to inform treatment plans and security and management decisions, including housing, bed, work, education, and program assignments or as otherwise required by Federal, State or local law.



# Dukes County Jail / House of Correction

149 Main Street, Edgartown, MA 02539

Phone 508.627.5173 Fax: 508.627.8496

## PREA ASSESSMENT / Transfer Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Classification Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Inmate Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MSA#: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How was the inmate classified upon intake\*? (Check as appropriate)

\*Attach Initial Assessment

\_\_\_\_\_ Known Victim

\_\_\_\_\_ Potential Victim

\_\_\_\_\_ Known Predator

\_\_\_\_\_ Potential Predator

\_\_\_\_\_ None of the Above

2. Was the inmate involved in any PREA related incidents during their incarceration at DCSO?

Yes/No (circle one)

If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

3. Were there any other incident reports involving this inmate? Yes/No (circle one)

If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

4. Did the inmate file any grievances? Yes/No (circle one)

If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

5. Did the inmate have any Disciplinary Reports? Yes/No (circle one)

If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

6. Would you classify the inmate in any of the following categories:

\_\_\_\_\_ Known Victim

\_\_\_\_\_ Potential Victim

\_\_\_\_\_ Known Predator

\_\_\_\_\_ Potential Predator

\_\_\_\_\_ None of the Above

Please explain classification:

\_\_\_\_\_

Referral to PREA Manager: Yes or No

Classification Signature & Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## PREA ASSESSMENT / 30-Day Review

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Classification Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Inmate Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MSA#: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How was the inmate classified upon intake\*? (Check as appropriate)

\*Attach Initial Assessment

\_\_\_\_\_ Known Victim

\_\_\_\_\_ Potential Victim

\_\_\_\_\_ Known Predator

\_\_\_\_\_ Potential Predator

\_\_\_\_\_ None of the Above

2. Was the inmate involved in any PREA related incidents during their incarceration at DCSO?

Yes/No (circle one)

If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

3. Were there any other incident reports involving this inmate? Yes/No (circle one)

If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

4. Did the inmate file any grievances? Yes/No (circle one)

If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

5. Did the inmate have any Disciplinary Reports? Yes/No (circle one)

If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

6. Would you classify the inmate in any of the following categories:

\_\_\_\_\_ Known Victim

\_\_\_\_\_ Potential Victim

\_\_\_\_\_ Known Predator

\_\_\_\_\_ Potential Predator

\_\_\_\_\_ None of the Above

Please explain classification:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Classification Signature & Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# **PREA Incident Check-List**

## **Facility Shift Supervisor's Immediate Response to Sexually Abusive Behavior Complaints**

- 1. Ensure the victim was immediately separated from the assailant.**
- 2. Ensure the scene is secured, if warranted, for subsequent crime scene processing.**
- 3. During business hours, notify the Superintendent , the Assistant Superintendent, the PREA Manager and the Health Services Administrator of the complaint of sexually abusive behavior.**
- 4. During non-business hours, these allegations shall be reported to the Duty Officer who shall ensure that the Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent and the PREA Coordinator are immediately notified.**
- 5. Make note of the behavior and appearance of all parties and identify any witnesses to the event.**
- 6. Ensure the inmate victim is immediately taken to the Medical Department for emergency medical care/mental health treatment (\*see Medical Response Checklist). If Medical is not on duty, the inmate shall be taken to Martha's Vineyard Hospital and will be processed by a SANE-trained nurse. The Shift Supervisor must notify Martha's Vineyard Hospital of the need for a SANE nurse.**
- 7. Notify CONNECT of the need for a victim advocate by calling 1 508-696-7233. Document this in the incident overview to be submitted to the Superintendent.**
- 8. The Officers transporting the inmate shall also make sure they communicate to Martha's Vineyard Hospital staff when they arrive of the need for a SANE nurse.**
- 9. If the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence, ask the victim not to eat , drink or take a shower until given the okay to do so, and prevent the alleged abuser**

**from eating, drinking and/or taking a shower until given the order to do so.**

- 10. Direct the reporting party to complete a detailed INCIDENT REPORT. The detailed report is to include documentation of immediate separation of the victim and the assailant by the end of their business day. The reporting party MUST CHECK OFF BOX INDICATING "PRIVATE" in order to assure its confidentiality. It is imperative the reporting party DOES NOT SAVE the document until the Facility Shift Supervisor reviews the report content. After the Facility Shift Supervisor reviews the report, the reporting party shall Check off the "PRIVATE" BOX, and then save the report.**
- 11. Write an overview report to include name/date/location/circumstances reported/visual details/physical details/actions taken/notifications made including CONNECT and MV Hospital. Check off the "PRIVATE" box, then save report.**
- 12. After the Confidential Incident Report to the Superintendent is saved, the Facility Shift Supervisor must e-mail the following staff: Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent and the PREA Coordinator.**

# DUKES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## CLASSIFICATION: PREA RISK ASSESSMENT

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Human Svcs: \_\_\_\_\_

Inmate Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

When completing this form: a "Yes" answer is an affirmation by the inmate to the question. "No", the inmate claims that he has never had any of the listed questions be true. The "SD" column is to be used when "Supporting Documentation" is available that answers the question in the affirmative. The totals of the "Yes" answers and the "SD" answers are to be tallied together to score if the inmate is Vulnerable or Predatory.

VULNERABILITY IDENTIFIERS		Yes	No	SD
1.	Have you previously experienced sexual victimization?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Are you or have you ever been a victim of a sexual assault or rape while incarcerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Have you ever been placed in protective custody for sexual acts against you while incarcerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Do you have any mental health limitations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Do you have any Physical Disabilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	Do you have any Developmental Disabilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.	Are the inmate's crimes exclusively non-violent?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.	Do you claim to be homosexual or bi-sexual?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.	Are you a member of the LGBTI Community or Gender non-conforming?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10.	Have you ever been sexually abused or victimized outside the correctional setting?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.	Have you ever been placed in protective custody for violent acts against you while incarcerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12.	Have you ever been involved in or been victimized by the sex industry?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13.	Do you perceive yourself as vulnerable or easily taken advantage of?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14.	Is the inmate being detained for Civil Immigration status only?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Observational Identifiers</i>				
15.	Is the inmate small in stature? (Defined as less than 5'6" tall and less than 140 lbs.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16.	Is this a first time incarceration? (If no, did the inmate serve less than 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17.	What is your current age? _____ Is the inmate under 18 years of age or over 65 years of age?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<i>KV = Inmate is identified and designated as a "Known Victim" for a yes answer to either question 1, 2 or 3.</i> <i>PV = Inmate is identified and designated as a "Potential Victim" for yes answers to four (4) or more questions (questions 4-17).</i> <i>ND = No Designation Note: A YES answer to question 1,2,3 requires an automatic referral to Mental Health</i>	<b>DESIGNATION</b>
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PREDATORY IDENTIFIERS		Yes	No	SD
1.	Does the inmate have a history of predatory sexual behavior while incarcerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Have you ever touched someone sexually, against their will or forced anyone into sexual activity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Do you have any STG / Gang affiliation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Have you ever physically assaulted anyone while incarcerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Do you have a history of intimidating others while incarcerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	Do you have an institutional history of violence?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.	Have you ever been placed in restrictive housing for violent acts while incarcerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.	Are you a registered sex offender?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.	Do you have any prior convictions for rape or child abuse?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10.	Have you ever been charged with rape or child abuse?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.	Do you have any prior convictions for domestic violence?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12.	Do you have any documented violations of a 209A order?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13.	Do you have a history of sexual activity while incarcerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14.	Have you ever been placed in restrictive housing for sexual acts while incarcerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<i>KP = Inmate is identified and designated as a "Known Predator" for a yes answer to either question 1 or 2.</i> <i>PP = Inmate is identified and designated as a "Potential Predator" for yes answers to four (4) or more questions (questions 3-14).</i> <i>ND = No Designation Note: A YES answer to question 1 or 2 requires an automatic referral to Mental Health</i>	<b>DESIGNATION</b>
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**Inmate Confirmation**

I confirm my answers to the above questions.

Inmate's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Case Manager's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# **PREA Incident**

## **Medical Check-List**

### **Medical Response to Sexually Abusive Behavior Complaints**

- 1. At the initiation of services, medical and mental health practitioners shall inform the sexual abuse victim of the practitioner's duty to report, and the limitations of confidentiality.**
- 2. If an inmate refuses to go to a hospital for a sexual assault forensic medical exam, Medical shall attempt to persuade the inmate to go to an outside hospital. If they still refuse, the inmate must sign a Refusal of Treatment Form.**
- 3. At the initiation of services, medical and mental health practitioners shall inform the sexual abuse victim of the practitioner's duty to report, and the limitations of confidentiality.**
- 4. A qualified health care professional shall evaluate the extent of the physical injury and provide medical treatment as needed**
- 5. An emergency mental health referral to the on-site mental health professional shall be made following the completion of the medical evaluation.**
- 6. Upon completion of the medical and mental health evaluation, the Superintendent or their designee in consultation with medical and/or mental health personnel shall determine whether a referral to an outside hospital with a rape crisis unit is warranted. Factors to be considered are the time frame (within or outside of 5 days) between the alleged assault and the complaint, as well as the extent and nature of the allegation.**
- 7. If the consultation between the Superintendent and medical and/or mental health personnel determines the inmate victim should be sent to an outside hospital and if the inmate consents, the inmate victim shall be transported to Martha's Vineyard Hospital where they shall be seen by a SANE nurse. They shall receive essential medical intervention to include preventative treatment for HIV, sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy if appropriate. If pregnancy**

**results from the described sexually abusive behavior, the victim will receive timely and comprehensive information about and timely access to all lawful pregnancy related medical services.**

- 8. Upon return from Martha's Vineyard Hospital the inmate victim shall be seen by a member of the facility's Medical Staff for appropriate follow-up care to include a Mental Health Screening by qualified health care personnel. If during this screening there are any indications that the inmate victim is at risk to hurt themselves or others, a Mental Health professional shall be immediately notified. Otherwise, the inmate victim shall be seen by a Mental Health professional no later than the next business day to assess the need for long-term counseling.**
- 9. To avoid the potential of a secondary victimization, an inmate victim may be allowed to refuse rape crisis intervention treatment at an outside hospital. Before the refusal is accepted, the Sheriff's Office's medical and mental health provider shall attempt to persuade the inmate to go to the outside hospital for treatment. In cases where the inmate continues to refuse, the inmate shall be required to sign a Refusal of Treatment Form. Provisions shall be made for testing sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy as well as prophylactic treatment, follow-up care and counseling.**
- 10. Once cleared by the medical and mental health staff, the Classification Supervisor shall determine an appropriate housing assignment for the inmate victim by the next business day.**
- 11. A victim advocate will be assigned to meet with the inmate victim within seventy-two (72) hours of the reported incident. The advocate will keep the inmate victim informed of their status and as appropriate, the disciplinary and criminal prosecution of the alleged perpetrator. The advocate shall make the inmate victim aware of the short and long term services available to them.**
- 12. Inmate victims of sexual abuse shall be offered referrals for continued care even when the inmate is no longer incarcerated in the facility.**
- 13. Forensic medical exams are offered without financial cost to the victim.**





# **PREA Incident Check-List**

## **Superintendent's Immediate Response to Sexually Abusive Behavior Complaints**

- 1. Upon notification of a PREA incident, determine if the alleged incident has just occurred or if it is recent past or past 5 days.**
- 2. If the incident has just occurred, verify Medical has been notified and are on the scene or, if Medical is not on duty, that the inmate is being transported to Martha's Vineyard Hospital to meet with a SANE nurse and CONNECT has been notified (508-696-7233). Or verify that the inmate has refused these services and signed a Refusal of Treatment form.**
- 3. Verify the PREA Coordinator has been notified.**
- 4. Verify the inmate involved has been asked not to take any actions that could destroy physical evidence if the alleged incident has just occurred (e.g., washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, using the toilet, drinking, or eating).**
- 5. Notify Special Operations to assign a PREA Investigator to the case.**
- 6. Review confidential reports**
- 7. If the PREA incident requires criminal investigation, verify Special Operations has notified the State Police.**
- 8. Verify the PREA Coordinator has assembled a Sexual Abuse Incident Review Team to include upper-level management, input from line supervisors, investigators and medical or mental health practitioners.**