

Kids' home worker jailed for sex abuse

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A FORMER children's home residential worker has been jailed for six years after being found guilty of indecent assault and indecency with a child.

Barrie Pick, 74, worked at Beechwood Children's Home, in Mapperley, at the time of the offences in the 1970s.

Pick denied the offences but was yesterday found guilty by a jury at Nottingham Crown Court of two charges of indecent assault on a child and two charges of indecency with a child.

The convictions relate to the same victim – a boy under the age of 14.

Pick, of [DPA] Nottingham, was found [DPA] guilty of one charge of indecency with a child.

Detective Constable Richard Jones, of Operation Equinox, said: "Pick abused his position of authority at the children's home to target this boy. "He should have been en-



suring the children under his care were given the best possible start in life. Instead, he subjected this boy to these horrendous offences.

"I want to praise the survivor for showing real bravery in coming forward to talk about what happened to him."

Pick had previously admitted six charges of possessing indecent photographs of children.

Yesterday, he received a six-month prison sentence for

each of those offences, all of which will run concurrently with the six-year sentence.

Operation Equinox is Nottinghamshire Police's dedicated team investigating allegations of historical abuse of children at children's homes and other institutions in the county.

Chief Superintendent Rob Griffin, strategic lead for Operation Equinox, said: "Thirteen people have now been charged in connection with Operation Equinox, and so far six of these have been convicted.

"There are a number of other investigations ongoing into allegations of historical abuse of children and we are determined to seek justice for anyone who has been affected.

"This case demonstrates that we take this issue extremely seriously and even though these offences happened many years ago, our dedicated team's meticulous investigations can lead to prison sentences for those responsible."