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What goes on behind the trees at Cedars?

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- Cedars staff have used violence against children.
- Cedars staff have been caught assaulting a pregnant woman, dragging another woman by her hair, and using "unacceptable force".
- Family members have self-harmed.
- Families are only supposed to be held there for 7 days: but Cedars have got round this by detaining them repeatedly.
- Half (49%) of families had no legal representation.
- Two members of staff have already been suspended for inappropriate behaviour.
- Unlike in other prisons and detention centres, there are no clear rules about the use of force.

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