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New report shows unresolved problems at CVH, Whiting



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HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A disability rights group has released a report outlining unresolved problems with the treatment of patients at Connecticut's two state-run psychiatric hospitals.

The Disability Rights Connecticut report found what it called “pervasive” problems at Whiting Forensic Institute and Connecticut Valley Hospital, both in Middletown. Those included staff using restraints for discipline in lieu of treatment, or for convenience.

Their investigation came in the wake of the arrest of 10 Whiting staff members and the firing of 35 employees in 2017 after a video was released showing the abuse of a 62-year-old patient.

The statewide nonprofit also offered 12 recommendations to address their concerns, including the removal of Connecticut Valley Hospital's exemption from state licensing and inspection requirements.

A telephone message was left with state mental health officials.

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