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Report Shows 'Pervasive' Problems At Connecticut Psychiatric Hospitals

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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.

The investigation came in the wake of the arrest of 10 Whiting staff members and the firing of 35 employees in 2017. A video showing the abuse of a 62-year-old patient led to the arrests.

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