A New Chapter For Whiting Forensic, Connecticut’s Maximum Security Unit

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This hour: following reports of abuse by staff at Connecticut’s maximum-security psychiatric unit — news of an order separating Whiting Forensic from Connecticut Valley Hospital.

Coming up, we discuss the significance of the split — including what it means for the safety and oversight of patients.

Plus: deserted at the ER.

What happens when a 21-year-old autistic man is left to the supervision of a local hospital? We take a closer look.

GUESTS:

- Dr. Miriam Delphin-Rittmon - Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
- Sen. Heather Somers - Republican from Groton and co-chair of the legislature’s Public Health Committee
- Dr. Karen Kangas - Recovery advocate and co-conservator for William Shehadi
- Nancy Alisberg - Legal Director of Disability Rights Connecticut

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