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Children's Rights Group Demands Full Review of Youth Forensic Psychiatric Services in BC

Justice for Girls is pleased that the Representative for Children and Youth has found that Phallometric (PPG) testing and the exposure of youth to child pornography in Youth Forensic Psychiatric Services facilities should not be reinstated in the province. The girls' advocacy organization is demanding a full review of Youth Forensic Psychiatric Services in BC.

"The fact that this abuse went on for 25 years before anyone found out makes us question what other abuses of children may be happening in youth forensic psychiatric facilities. Clearly, we need more independent oversight of youth prisons and Youth Forensic Psychiatric Services" Asia Czapska, Advocacy Director at JFG states.

"It is shocking that until a few years ago PPG testing was mandatory within the treatment program. What else is going on in Youth Forensic Psychiatric Services in this province?" Czapska asks.

In 2007, the Ministry of Children and Family Development banned Justice for Girls from having any contact with teen girl prisoners in BC when the organization discovered that a doctor at Youth Forensic Psychiatric Services was conducting breast and gynaecological exams on girls as young as 13 during forensic psychiatric assessment.

Justice for Girls is a federally funded non-profit organization that was established over a decade ago to promote support, justice, and equality for teenage girls who have experienced violence and live in poverty. Justice for Girls has engaged law and policy makers at local, provincial, federal, and international levels and has appeared before numerous human rights bodies domestically and internationally to address the human rights of teenage girls who live in poverty.

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