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Contraception not the answer

FamilyVoice Australia is appalled by revelations that contraceptives are implanted in a 13-year old handicapped girl in State care, following multiple instances of sexual abuse.

“We raise very serious concerns about this appalling situation, including the level of supervision, where the offending has taken place, and who has perpetrated the offending,” said FamilyVoice spokesman David d’Lima.

“Contraception is clearly not the answer, and appallingly it presumes that sexual activity will be continuing. This is totally unacceptable.”

FamilyVoice Australia also raises deeper concerns about the loss of esteem for marriage, the role of parents as the primary caregivers, and the value of the wider family (including grandparents, aunts and uncles) to take up responsibility and provide support whenever needed.

“We desperately need to restore marriage as the right context for sexual intimacy and the raising of children, and we greatly need a culture of care and concern not so much from the State but from the extended family.”

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