



The Primary Legal and Procedural Barriers Encountered in Child Sexual Abuse Cases in Malaysia: An Analysis of Implementation Gaps and Systemic Challenges

Despite progressive laws such as the Sexual Offences Against Children Act 2017, Child Act 2001, and specialised courts, implementation gaps remain the biggest obstacles. Key barriers include underreporting due to stigma and cultural taboos, court-induced trauma from delays and intimidating procedures, weak enforcement from poor coordination and resource shortages, and limited victim support. Strong laws on paper are undermined by systemic, cultural, and resource constraints, calling for urgent improvements in training, coordination, and victim-centred practices



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