

### Abstract

The present study aimed at exploring child sexual abuse in Hong Kong. Using archive data of 158 case in newspaper court case reports, this study examined the pattern of local child sexual abuse, characteristics of victims and perpetrators and forensic analysis of child sexual abuse cases in Hong Kong. The finding showed that victims were predominately female while perpetrators were predominately male. In addition, there were significant differences between intrafamilial and extrafamilial abuses in duration of abuses in duration of abuses, total number of abuses and disclosure. In addition, it was found that duration of imprisonment was significantly longer when the sentence was made by male magistrates and perpetrators who had sexual intercourse with victims. Comparison with western and local findings would be discussed.