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Child sex abuse cases jump by a fifth



Donna Wong (left) says the government should set up a mandatory treatment programme for sex offenders. Photo: RTHK

A children's rights group said on Thursday it suspects many child sex abuse cases are going unreported because of people's reluctance to talk about the subject.

"Talking about sex abuse is still a taboo in Chinese societies", said Donna Wong, acting director of "Against Child Abuse".

The organisation said despite this they recorded 36 suspected cases in the past year – a 20 percent increase compared to the previous 12 months.

"The number of sexual abuse cases is increasing from year to year, even according to the statistics of the Social Welfare Department," said Wong.

She told RTHK's Candice Wong that there should be a mandatory sex conviction record check system and a compulsory treatment programme for sex offenders.

The organisation said it received more than 1,000 requests for help and nearly 200 of them were linked to abuse.

The charity also recommended that corporal punishment should be completely banned.

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