

Human Rights in BARBADOS

UPR Info Pre-sessions

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Situation in BARBADOS

Issue 1: Sexual Offences

- Legislative Reform:
 - Child Protection Bill
 - Sexual Offences Act
 - Updates to the National Youth Policy
- New Needs:
 - Closing gaps in the legislative disparity
 - Adequate processing of rape kits
 - Resources for alternative processing

Recommendations

Issue 1: Sexual Offences

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Amend the law to reflect the disparity of age vs. definition of rape.

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In the short-term establish a process for utilising regional hubs to process rape kits, and place resources behind shortening the processing times.

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Immediately allocate resources for a new lab to be up and running.

Situation in BARBADOS

Issue 2: Domestic Violence

- Legislative Reform:
 - Domestic Violence Act
- New needs:
 - Greater emphasis on aftercare
 - Better court structures
 - Mental wellness priorities
 - Ongoing and intentional training
 - Stiffer penalties

Recommendations

Issue 2: Domestic Violence

1. The identification and selection of a Domestic Violence Court – a specific court to address the areas of domestic violence and sexual offences
2. At least specially assigned magistrates, fully trained in domestic violence law, and competent in the administration of such, to oversee cases in this court
3. Training of staff of such court in domestic violence law and in the administration of such
4. Mandatory counselling for perpetrators of domestic violence

Recommendations

Issue 2: Domestic Violence

5. Mandated counselling for victims of domestic violence (especially after court appearances)
6. Legislation as it relates to house calls in connection with domestic violence
7. Stiffer penalties for sexual offenses against children especially as it relates to incest and molestation

Thank you



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