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Question 5.5: Extending the special rule to all child sexual offences (1) Should the special rule be extended to all child sexual offences? Why or why not?

No good character reference should be taken into account for child sexual offences. It doesn't matter if you are a good neighbour or a good samaritan, if you are charged with sexual offences, it is irrelevant.