

Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill

Page 2: About you

Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

an individual

Which of the following best describes you? (If you are a professional or academic, but not in a subject relevant to the consultation, please choose "Member of the public".)

Professional with experience in a relevant subject

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No Response

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I am content for this response to be attributed to me or my organisation

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Please provide details of a way in which we can contact you if there are queries regarding your response. Email is preferred but you can also provide a postal address or phone number. We will not publish these details.

Page 7: Your views on the proposal

Q1. Which of the following best expresses your view of the proposal of giving children equal protection from assault by prohibiting all physical punishment of children?

Fully Supportive

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Please explain the reasons for your response

In a modern context it is ludicrous that Children do not share protection from all forms of assault. Physical punishment is held as unacceptable for adults and must be for children too.

Q2. Could the aims of the proposal be better delivered in another way (without a Bill in the Scottish Parliament)?

No

Please explain the reasons for your response

A bill is the best logical approach to having this vital issue debated

Q3. What do you think would be the main advantages, if any, of giving children equal protection from assault by prohibiting all physical punishment of children?

The main advantage is in the question. Children require a safe nurturing environment to grow and develop without fear of physical punishment.

Q4. What do you think would be the main disadvantages, if any, of giving children equal protection from assault by prohibiting all physical punishment of children?

There are many positive punishment techniques which allow a child to safely learn from their mistakes without the psychological fear of physical assault

Page 11: Financial implications

Q5. Taking account of both costs and potential savings, what financial impact would you expect the proposed Bill to have?

Broadly cost-neutral

Please explain the reasons for your response

This is an area of physical assault. Costs must be legislative and police related in terms of upholding the law which develops.

Page 12: Equalities

Q6. What overall impact is the proposed Bill likely to have on the following protected groups (under the Equality Act 2010): race, disability, sex, gender re-assignment, age, religion and belief, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity?

Positive

Please explain the reasons for your response

The bill demonstrates Scotland's commitment to equality across the spectrum and should demonstrate to already protected groups that Scotland is still taking steps to be a fair and equal society

Q7. Could any negative impact of the proposed Bill on any of these protected groups be minimised or avoided?

I do not see how any effects of the bill could possibly be negative for already protected groups. The bill seems to extend protection not minimise it

Page 14: Sustainability of the proposal

Q8. Do you consider that the proposed Bill can be delivered sustainably i.e. without having a disproportionate economic, social and/or environmental impact?

Yes

Please explain the reasons for your response:

Absolutely. The social benefits to this bill are enormous.

Page 15: General

Q9. Do you have any other comments or suggestions on the proposal?

The proposal appears open ended enough to encourage debate and suggestion in the Scottish Parliament.
Good luck!