

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".)

Member of the public

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

No Response

Please choose one of the following; if you choose the first option, please provide your name or the name of your organisation as you wish it to be published.

I would like this response to be anonymous (the response may be published, but no name)

Please insert your name or the name of your organisation. If you choose the first option above, this should be the name as you wish it to be published. If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

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

That children get less protection than adults from assault is shocking and unjust. Children need protecting not attacking! Taps, smacking, hitting, assaulting children whatever you call it , whoever does it and to whatever degree is downright wrong and infringes the child's human rights. I was hit as a child, I have never forgotten it. Nothing positive came out of being hit, instead of having a close loving relation with my parents I was not close to them and I did not trust them. It often gets passed on from one generation to the next. Smacking doesn't work it makes children defiant, angry, sad, destroys their self esteem and confidence.

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

Needs to be enshrined in Law to protect children.

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?

Happier more confident children, resulting in happy, capable adults and society benefits.
Justice would be served and children protected by the Law.

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?

None

Page 11: Financial implications

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

Some increase in cost

Please explain the reasons for your response

The well-being of children more important than costs.

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?

Neutral (neither positive nor negative)

Please explain the reasons for your response

I'm not sure why this question has been asked.

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

No negative impact.

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:

The safety and well-being of children is what is important here not just financial concerns

Page 15: General

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

This Bill is great and I like the way it's introduced by the MP. I think we (UK) are one of only four countries in Europe left with legislation that doesn't fully protect children. This Bill is well overdue. And I would like to see the rest of the UK bring in a similar Bill that fully protects children from assault.