

# 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

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*No Response*

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## 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**

People get arrested for assaulting adults who are sometimes strong enough to defend themselves ...children are more vulnerable and it's everyone's place to make sure every child in their community is looked after

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

Unsure

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?

I think we would see happier children and teenagers going into adulthood more able to deal with whatever life has to offer ...children should feel safe with their parents/carers and in their community. ..they shouldn't fear the people bringing them up

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?

The same as adults ..you'll get a few children making false accusations

## 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**

Because you'd need to employ more people in authority to oversee the changes happening

## 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

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The 'protected' groups aren't protected 24/7 ...and I know people will say that it's impossible to do so and people will disagree and say of course they're protected ...bullies are everywhere ...nursery...school...workplaces ..'care' homes ...absolutely everywhere .. communities need to join together the way it was in the 70's ..we need to look out for each other and that's the positive way forward

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

I think in some cases it would be avoided and in most cases minimised ..but hopefully any negative impact would be stamped out altogether ..it isn't going to happen overnight but over time everyone in and out of these categories would have a safer future to look forward to

## 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:**

It's a positive bill which needs recognition and that's got to be good for social environment and economical as fewer people would be living better ( hmp) .. than our elderly people

## Page 15: General

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

I hope your Bill is successful ...  
Children need to be heard and they are growing up so fast nowadays and not being allowed to be children long enough ..childhood should be fun ..educational and safe ...not scared of what's going to happen next