

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.

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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

I lived in fear of my father growing up as he used physical violence to discipline my sister, my mother and I, this has scared me for life and I have sometimes found it difficult to control my own anger. I have had mental health problems since I was a teenager and have come to terms with it now as an adult child of 2 alcoholic parents. I have struggled with negative emotions and behaviors in the past and have spent many years hating my parents. I don't have any children myself but I still find it hard and believe physical punishment of children is unacceptable. Violence breeds violence, Love breeds love.

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?

Children are just younger people, they are the future generation, they should be treated as equals. I believe adults should teach by example. As with most mammals adult human beings are the first teachers of the young mind. Before they even enter into the Scottish education system. If a child believes that it's okay to hit someone if they do something wrong, if this behavior is learned at home like previous generations who were physically punished as a child, who then go on to do the same when they bring up their own children, the cycle of learned violent behaviors will continue unless it becomes 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?

It would create more happy children that would grow up without fears of getting physically punished. In my experience my father hitting me didn't stop me from doing anything, instead it made me angry, shy, and anti-social.

Page 11: Financial implications

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

Unsure

Please explain the reasons for your response

I don't know how much it will cost

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
i believe we should create an equal society for all

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

Not sure

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?

Unsure

Page 15: General

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

No Response