

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

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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

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?

Please explain the reasons for your response

Don't agree with hitting children. Don't think mums should be prosecuted for occasionally slapping their child as tho its not desirable it teaches children that mums are human beings and do things they don't wish to occasionally. DO agree to people being looked at by social workers if they hit child frequently. I would say more than once a month.

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

Spoke to Social work about a child hit 3 times a week for a while and they could not do anything. I would have chosen the mother to get counselling but "you cant force someone to get help"

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?

Social workers get involved and keep an eye on the child and if they display any other problems - cant sit still, develop tics etc. then get more involved with the family.

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?

Cant think of any for the child or the parent. Many parents just need some support and help.

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

Perhaps a family social worker to talk to people and get them help, run parenting classes, anger management classes, etc.

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

Some children bullied because of difference. Can happen with parents too.

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

Cant think of any. The focus should be on whats best for the child. Hitting children is bad whoever does 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:

Already have a social worker dept. And other childrens organisations.

Page 15: General

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

Don't think the police should be involved unless there is obviously abuse. Bruising, fear, intimidation of children. Fear of talking in front of parents.