

# 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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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**

It s a loaded question, but one I am happy to support.

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**

If it is through the justice system that it is actionable to hit an adult, then the same processes, at least, should apply to a child.

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?

Well, what do you, or anyone else, think are disadvantages? Compared to adults, children are nigh defenceless; there is no excuse whatsoever of perpetrating violence on those who are defenceless. Any society which sanctions that does not deserve to be included in a family of nations.

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?

What are the disadvantages of prohibiting physical assault on adults? If there are none, then why should more defenceless humans be different, unless, as a society, we are perverted?

## Page 11: Financial implications

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

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

I don't want to live in a country where the pain of our children boil down to money.

## 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?

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I do not understand this question. Is the implication that it might be alright to assault someone because of

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race, disability etc. Alternatively, if lots of people are protected already, why should we not extend it? Anyone who wants to assault a child should not be in care of a child, natural parents included.

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

Let's grow up here. We either allow adults to assault defenceless children, or, as a society, we say "no", that is never permissible, whoever you are. Not in my name, not in my country.

## 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:**

What price a child's pain?

## Page 15: General

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

If Scotland wishes to become the progressive country some people wish it to, then the absolute, fundamental, moral, imperative, is to prohibit grown adults inflicting pain upon children.