

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 am content for this response to be attributed to me or my organisation

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

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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

Children are more vulnerable than adults and deserve more protection from assault rather than less.

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

No

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?

Less physical and emotional damage to both children and parents/carers. Therefore, less damage to future generations: breaking the cycle of violence and misery.

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?

Some parents/carers might find it difficult to adjust to new methods of communicating with children, but only in the same way as people have already had to adjust to not hitting their animals or their spouses. Replacing violence with reasoned communication will be a good thing.

Page 11: Financial implications

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

Significant reduction in cost

Please explain the reasons for your response

Costs of implementation will be minimal, but long term mental health benefits will be great, therefore saving on mental and physical care 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?

Positive

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Please explain the reasons for your response

It would create a safer society for all, especially protected groups.

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

There is unlikely to be any 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:

It's just an extension of existing laws - it's a further stage in human rights development, and one that many other countries have already taken without significant negative impacts.

Page 15: General

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

It ought to be easier to access this consultation - it was very hard to find. It ought to be easy to google it.