

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".)

Professional with experience in a relevant subject

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

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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

This legislation demonstrates that Scotland is fully committed to UNCRC providing children and young people with the same rights as adults in relation to assault.

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?

Demonstrates that there are other methods of resolving conflict

Provides role models in all of us to show how we manage emotions and feelings

Helps to learn strategies on self -regulation in moments of intensity/anxiety

Give children and young people a voice and let's them know how important they are to society

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?

None

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

May incur more support services as adults try to find help to manage their behaviour in challenging times with their children

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

More accepted, less punitive response is the law whereas before adults may have lashed out. Now they need a considered response to something they may not agree with/have issues with

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

No naming/shaming of protected groups - this bill is for everyone

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:

If we already have the processes/mechanisms in place from what we have learned in delivering other bills to minimise the factors above, then it follows that this bill will be delivered in the same way?

Page 15: General

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

Thank you to everyone involved in bringing this to this point. It is a huge piece of work, long overdue, but gratefully acknowledged.