Consultation on the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill

About you
Individual

1  The Bill’s general principles

1.1  Do you support the principles of the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill?

— No

1.2  Please outline your reasons for your answer to question 1.1

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 1000 words)

The parent-child relationship is unique and as such loving parents know their children best and they know that a mild smack as a form of discipline is not the same as abuse. A light infrequent smack of a loving parent to their child is not harmful.

Criminalising parental smacking is unreasonable state interference in family life and undermines parents.

The European Court of Human Rights has upheld the legal defence of reasonable chastisement in principle.

1.3  Do you think there is a need for legislation to deliver what this Bill is trying to achieve?

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 1000 words)

No I do not.

Our existing laws protect children from abuse as any punishment which is excessive is already against the law.......the existing laws need to be enforced.
2 The Bill’s implementation

2.1 Do you have any comments about any potential barriers to implementing the Bill? If no, go to question 3.1

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 1000 words)

2.2 Do you think the Bill takes account of these potential barriers?

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 1000 words)

3 Unintended consequences

3.1 Do you think there are any unintended consequences arising from the Bill? If no, go to question 4.1

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 1000 words)

YES!

Parents disciplining their children with a mild infrequent smack will be accused of assault turning them into criminals!!

As criminals they would potentially lose employment and possibly custody of their children.

4 Financial implications

4.1 Do you have any comments on the financial implications of the Bill (as set out in Part 2 of the Explanatory Memorandum)? If no, go to question 5.1

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 1000 words)

5 Other considerations

5.1 Do you have any other points you wish to raise about this Bill?

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 1000 words)

Hugely disappointed and astonished that our public officials are even considering such policy.