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

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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)

Parents who love and seek to correct their children in a loving and caring way should not have the threat of legal action hanging over them.

Discipline begins in the home in a nurturing way, and is not child abuse.

Devoted parents must be allowed to bring up their children without State intervention.

Adequate safeguards already exist to protect children from genuine abuse.

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, leave responsible parents to decide what is best in their home, not state legislation.
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)

Children are already treated differently under law to an adult. Parents impose sanctions on their children, eg. confined to their bedroom, confiscation of their mobile phone etc. which would be against the law to do to an adult.

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)

No

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)

Genuine child abuse would be missed as social workers etc are overwhelmed with these 'so called child abuse' cases

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)

Cost of needless supervision / policing etc.

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)