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

Evidence submitted to the Children, Young People and Education Committee for Stage 1 scrutiny of 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 care about their children may need, from time to time, to correct them using a smack - not hitting or thrashing them.

Our own children have been disciplined in this way and have proved to be well balanced, members of civil society. They now, in

their turn, are taking a similar course.

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)

There is, I understand, a law which protects children against violence. A smack is not violence.
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)

Society will suffer unintended consequences if children are not corrected when it is necessary that they should be.

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)

Parents know their own children better than anyone else does. They therefore should be left with the responsibility to train/teach them to behave in a civilised manner. Children become confident members of society when they are safe and secure in the care of their loving parents.