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?**

— Yes

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)*

Quite simply physical chastisement is abuse. If I made a mistake at work it would not be considered reasonable for my manager to slap me, whether a mark was left or not. We have an erroneous belief that hurting children teaches them something. In a way I suppose it does, it teaches them that the person they rely on for shelter, love, food and security, will also hurt them. Other vulnerable people, like adults with learning disabilities, or the elderly, are protected from being hit, yet children, who are vulnerable can be hit because it is parents right?

this must, must stop.

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)*

yes, until it is law we will not be able to change this, people erroneously perhaps, link legal to ok, illegal to not ok. By making it illegal people will gradually see physical chastisement as not ok, and it will protect children in the meantime.
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)

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)

this in the long term will save money, it will force better parenting.

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)