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?

— Partly

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)

I support the bill as I feel it’s unfair that children don’t have the same protection in the law as adults. However I feel that if the bill is introduced there needs to be more support for parents to help them not to break the new law e.g. Parenting courses. The reason I put partly is because I believe there has to be funding for places like social services to help support the parents.

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. I think the current legislation is ridiculous and vague. It gives parents an excuse when there should be none.

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)

I think that maybe some parents might be penalised for what they've always done with no help on how to change their discipline style. I think that a lot of parents will still try to ‘fight the system’ and continue hitting their kids as they may still feel it is their right as a parent.

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)

There needs to be more funding to be able to support parents to follow the new law. So funding for family support services and social services.

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)

I think it should have been brought in a long time ago.