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 was beaten by my dad as a kid. It would be classed as abuse, these days. He didn’t smack us. It was an adult force against a child.

I support the need to give a smack in some circumstances. But not when it becomes more than say 2 short smacks. It’s when they are done relentlessly and with force.

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)

Possibly? Not sure.

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)
Will the authorities be able to prove a smacking took place if it allegedly happens behind closed doors.

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)

Proving it.

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)

No

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)

Find a better way to achieve these aims. Using the law doesn’t always work.