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

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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?

— 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)

I believe that children do not benefit from being smacked or hit in any way. There are far better ways of controlling children by using logical talk and kindness. No human being should be punished by physical methods involving corporal punishment. If a parent needs advice on how to control or help their children these should and are available from many authorities. Wales should stop this old fashioned and outdated method of abuse of children immediately. We are a civilised country and not living in the dark ages. Children should be loved and cared for with kindness and tolerance, not beaten or smacked which is the same thing. I fully support the bill to outlaw the practice of smacking children, of any use of such methods.

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, of course. People will not stop their outmoded methods of punishment unless forced to by law. Adults are protected from physical abuse by law and children deserve the same protection.
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)

The only barriers may come from people who enjoy punishing children in the name of correction. These people have to be stopped, by law.

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)

I hope and believe it does. But if it does not then these barriers have to corrected in the bill.

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 do not think so.

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 comment.

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)

Get the bill passed and implemented as soon as possible. We have to save children from further punishment as soon as possible.