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)*

I believe that hitting children is an assault. It teaches the child that violence is the way to getting what you want. It is humiliating and breeds anger and resentment. A child can grow up believing that hitting/assault is the best way to control others.

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. It is the only way to bring it home to parents that hitting children is wrong. Some people believe that hitting a child is the only way to stop or control "bad" behaviour. They need to be helped to develop alternative strategies to guide their children.

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)

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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)

There should be, alongside the bill, plans to provide more parenting support in a way that does not stigmatise parents. Eg through health visiting.

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)

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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)

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