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

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)

Currently, children do not have equal protection due to the existence of the defence. I believe this is not right and must change.

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, to ensure that Wales complies with Article 19 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

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)

I am concerned that there has been scaremongering surrounding the Bill and, consequently, a great deal of misinformation.
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 am glad that there will be a concerted effort to provide accurate information regarding the Bill and address any misinformation.

3 Unintended consequences

3.1 Do you think there are there 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)

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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)

There was a time, when domestic abuse was seen as something that just happened in our society and was the norm. But attitudes have changed and we now have domestic abuse legislation. Similarly, we need legislation to protect our children. It is the very least they deserve and should expect.

I believe children in Wales deserve to be respected and to have equal protection in law as adults.