#### In the Family Division of the High Court



Case number: FA-2025-000089

The Children Act 1989

After hearing from Dr Charlotte Proudman for the mother, Mr Carl Geary for the father and Ms Rachel Chapman for the children's guardian

After consideration of the documents lodged by the parties

# TRANSPARENCY ORDER MADE BY THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE PEEL ON 9 APRIL 2025 SITTING IN PUBLIC AT AN OPEN HEARING

WARNING: IF YOU DO NOT COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER, YOU MAY BE HELD TO BE IN CONTEMPT OF COURT AND YOU MAY BE SENT TO PRISON, BE FINED, OR HAVE YOUR ASSETS SEIZED.

# The parties

The appellant is Ms Stephanie Day
 The respondent is Mr Simon Day
 The second respondent is the child through her Guardian

# **Notice and Definitions:**

- 2. This order is an injunction, which means that you must do what the order says.
- 3. In this order, "reporters" means duly accredited representatives of news gathering and reporting organisations and duly authorised lawyers attending for journalistic, research or public legal educational purposes (legal bloggers) (together referred to in this order as 'a reporter') who are entitled to attend a hearing under r.27.11 of the Family Procedure Rules 2010 ('FPR').

4. Section 12 of the Administration of Justice Act 1960 continues to operate save and insofar as this Order varies it. This means that any publication of information relating to the proceedings which is not permitted by this Order is a contempt of court.

# Who does this order apply to?

- 5. This order applies:
  - a. The parties and their lawyers;
  - b. Any witnesses in the case;
  - c. Anybody who attends some or all of a hearing in the case;
  - d. Any authority, body or organisation (and their officers, employees, servants and agents) for whom any such person works, is employed, engaged or is giving evidence.
  - e. Any person who is served with a copy of this order or is aware of its contents.
- 6. This Order will be served on the parties and their lawyers, and any reporter who attends a hearing and wishes to report on what they see, read, or hear.

#### It is ordered that:

- 7. This Order will remain in force until 29<sup>th</sup> November 2034, or further order, but the duration will be kept under review by the court at each hearing.
- 8. Except where allowed by this Order, no person is permitted to publish, or to communicate information relating to the proceedings except as already permitted under Family Procedure Rules 2010 12.73, 12.75 or Practice Directions 12G (para 2.1) and 12E to the Family Procedure Rules 2010, or by discussion between a party to the proceedings (or their legal representative) and a reporter as permitted under the terms of this order.

### What may and may not be published?

- 9. A reporter may publish any information relating to the proceedings save to the degree restricted below.
- 10. No person may publish any information relating to the proceedings to the public or a section of it, which includes:
  - a. The name or date of birth of any subject child in the case.

- b. The name of any parent or family member who is a party or who is mentioned in the case, or whose name may lead to the child(ren) being identified.
- c. The name of any person who is a party to, or intervening in, the proceedings.
- d. The address of any child or family member.
- e. The name or address of any foster carer.
- f. The school/hospital/placement name or address, or any identifying features of the school of the child.
- g. Photographs or images of the child, their parents, carer or any other identifying person, or any of the locations specified above in conjunction with information relating to the proceedings.
- h. The names and addresses of the parties (including any intervenors) and their children and any photographs of them;
- i. The names of any medical professional who is or has bene treating any of the children or family member.
- j. The identity of the employers, the name of the business or the place of work of any of the parties except that the father may be identified as a serving member of the armed forces;
- k. The address of any real property owned by the parties;
- 1. The identity of any account or investment held by the parties;
- m. The identity of any private company or partnership in which any party has an interest;
- n. The name and address of any witness or of any other person referred to in the hearing save for an expert witness.
- o. In cases involving child sexual abuse, the details of such alleged abuse.
- p. For the purposes of s97(2) Children Act 1989, any other information likely to identify the child as a subject child or former subject child.
- 11. This order does not disapply s97(2) Children Act 1989 unless expressly stated.
- 12. For the avoidance of doubt, no body, agency or professionals may be identified in any information relating to the proceedings published to the general public or a section of it by a reporter, save for:
  - a. The local authority/authorities involved in the proceedings.
  - b. The director and assistant director of Children's Services within the LA (but not the social workers working directly with the family, including the Team Manager).
  - c. Cafcass (but not the reporting officer, or a Guardian appointed for the child).
  - d. Any NHS Trust.
  - e. Court appointed experts (but not treating clinicians or medical professionals).
  - f. Legal representatives and judges.
  - g. Anyone else named in a published judgment.

#### **Documents**

- 13. A reporter who attends a hearing in family proceedings in accordance with FPR r.27.11, or who indicates in advance that they wish to attend a hearing, is entitled to see, quote from, or publish:
  - Documents drafted by advocates (or litigants if a party is self-representing): i.e.
     Case outlines, skeleton arguments, summaries, position statements, threshold documents and chronologies.
  - b. Any indices from the Court bundle.
  - c. Any suitably anonymised Orders within the case.
- 14. Parties to the proceedings and their representatives may not disclose documents from the proceedings to reporters, except as specified above, or with the specific permission of the court. This includes where a document is referred to or quoted from in court that the reporter would not otherwise have access to.
- 15. Any requests for copy documents referred to at paragraph 13 above must be made at or before a hearing which the reporter has attended pursuant to FPR r.27.11.
  - a. Upon a request being made, the author of the document shall as soon as practicable provide a copy of the document to the reporter.
  - b. The reporter may quote from or publish the contents of the document, save that the details at paragraph 10 of this Order may not be published. Where any document referred to above quotes from a document to which the reporter would not be entitled to see (such as source evidence), the passage quoted may not be reproduced or reported without permission of the court.
- 16. No other document may be provided to a reporter without permission of the court.
- 17. A reporter may share documents or information with their editorial team or legal advisor responsible for the publication of their proposed report of the case, providing that they also provide any such person with a copy of this order which will be binding upon that editorial team or legal advisor.
- 18. Any documents provided to a reporter pursuant to this Order
  - b. Must be held securely and confidentially by the reporter.
  - c. Must be kept for no longer than is necessary whereupon it must be securely destroyed or deleted.

#### Discussions between pilot reporters and parties and their representatives

- 19. The parties to the proceedings and their representatives may disclose information from proceedings, and share any hearing dates, with a reporter for the purpose of discussing the case and informing the reporter of the circumstances of the case.
- 20. Where the parties or their representatives have invited reporters to attend a hearing, permission is given retrospectively for any discussions that took place with reporters.

#### **Other Orders**

- 21. Permission for this Order to be served by email. Email shall be effective service for the purposes of FPR Part 6 and FPR Part 37.
- 22. Liberty to the parties and any reporter to apply on notice to vary or discharge this Order.
- 23. Any application to vary or discharge this Order should be made by way of a C2 application with the fact and nature of any objection being clearly set out in an accompanying position statement.

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