

CASE NUMBER: FD25P00427

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FAMILY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE SENIOR COURTS ACT 1981
IN THE MATTER OF THE INHERENT JURISDICTION
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE CHILDREN'S ACT 1989**

B E T W E E N

GUY'S AND ST THOMAS' NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Applicant

-and-

(1) J (A MINOR) (BY HER GUARDIAN)

(2) MJ (MOTHER)

(3) FJ (FATHER)

(4) ROYAL BOROUGH OF WINDSOR AND MAIDENHEAD COUNCIL

Respondents

ORDER

BEFORE the Honourable Mr Justice Hayden on 23rd, 24th and 25th July 2025 in a hybrid hearing using Microsoft Teams

UPON HEARING Leading Counsel for the Applicant (Miss Nageena Khalique KC), Solicitor from Cafcass Legal (Mr Osborne) for the First Respondent on 23rd and 24th July 2025 and (Mr Niven-Phillips) from Cafcass Legal on 25th July 2025, Leading Counsel for the Second Respondent (Mr Ian Wise KC), the Third Respondent attending remotely with the assistance of an Urdu/Pathwari interpreter, Counsel for the Fourth Respondent (Mr Paget)

AND UPON the court having made a Transparency Order on 16th July 2025, which was revised on 24th July 2025 to include (inter alia) anonymisation of the Hospice and named individuals in the Schedule attached thereto

AND UPON the court reading the position statements filed by the parties, the hearing bundle and having heard oral submissions made on behalf of the parties including the Children's Guardian, Ms Kay Demery

AND UPON the court having heard oral evidence from Dr Lumsden, Consultant Paediatric Neurologist, the Mother and Father and J's cousin ("K")

IT IS DECLARED THAT:

1. It is lawful and in the best interests of J that the following interventions shall be withdrawn or withheld:
 - a. Chin lifts and jaw thrusts (airway manoeuvres);
 - b. Intubation including ventilatory support;
 - c. A Nasopharyngeal Airway (NPA).
2. It is further declared that:
 - a. The DBS system shall not be replaced or revised;
 - b. Palliative care be provided, as clinically indicated by the treating doctors, in accordance with the “The Plan: Ceilings of Treatment and Palliative Care Options” annexed hereto, approved by the Court.
3. The above plan with ceilings of care and palliative treatment will take effect immediately, save that in the case of withholding of chin lifts and jaw thrusts, these will no longer be provided from 0700 hours on Wednesday, 30th July 2025 (this date was selected upon Counsel for the Trust informing the Court that the hospital would not be able to implement the plan earlier, due to unavailability of a full complement of clinicians in the palliative care team during the present strike by resident doctors).

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. For the purposes of any published judgment or any other publication:
 - a. The clinicians treating the Child shall be anonymised; and
 - b. The clinicians in the Ethics Advisory committee and the Hospice shall be anonymised.
2. Any court orders made in the course of this hearing shall be placed within J's medical records.
3. This Order shall take effect forthwith, notwithstanding that it has not yet been sealed by the Court.
4. Permission is granted to the Second Respondent to disclose the judgment, the Transparency Order and the final Order in these proceedings into the case before the Administrative Court (case no AC-2025-LON-002225), in which there is an Anonymity Order.
5. No order as to costs, save for legal aid assessment of the Second Respondent's costs.

Dated: 24th July 2025

