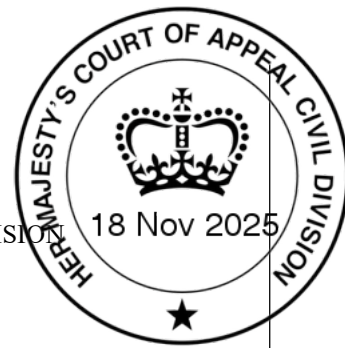




Tuesday 18 November 2025



IN THE COURT OF APPEAL

ON APPEAL FROM THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE - FAMILY DIVISION

FD25P00732

BEFORE LADY JUSTICE KING

CA-2025-002760

In the matter of re: R (A CHILD)

REPORTING RESTRICTIONS ORDER

IMPORTANT

Any person who disobeys this Order may be found guilty of contempt of court and may be sent to prison or be fined or have his, her or its assets seized. Anyone who is potentially affected by this order should read the Order carefully and is advised to consult a solicitor as soon as possible. Anyone who is potentially affected by this order has the right to ask the Court to vary or discharge the order.

UPON READING the Appellants' Permission to Appeal application documents, the Respondent's Response to the permission to appeal application documents, the Respondent's Notice and Respondent's Skeleton Argument and upon Permission to Appeal having been granted on limited grounds by Order dated 13 November 2025

AND UPON the Court being satisfied that it is just and proportionate to make a Reporting Restrictions Order ("RRO") having regard to the competing Article 8 and Article 10 Convention rights

AND PURSUANT to section 6 of the Human Rights Act 1998 and CPR rules 5.4C, 5.4D and 39.2(4)

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Duration

1. This Order shall remain in force until 10am on **Monday 5 January 2026.**

Who is bound

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2. This Order binds all persons (whether acting by themselves or in any other way) and all companies (whether acting by their directors, employees, or agents or in any other way) who know that the Order has been made or who could, with reasonable diligence, have found out that the order has been made, or who reasonably should know the Order has been made, or who have unreasonably failed to ensure as to whether this Order has been made.

Identification

3. For the purposes of these proceedings:
 - a. The Applicants shall be referred to as “Mrs and Mr R”
 - b. The Child shall be referred to as “R”
 - c. The health care professionals who have undertaken or observed brain stem testing and provided care for the child and who are referred to in the evidence or case papers shall be referred to as:
 - i. Dr A, Consultant in Paediatric Intensive Care
 - ii. Dr B, Consultant Paediatric Neurologist
 - iii. Dr C, Consultant in Paediatric Intensive Care
 - iv. Dr D, Consultant Adult Intensivist
 - v. Dr E, Locum Consultant Paediatric Intensivist
 - vi. Dr F, Paediatric Speciality Registrar
 - vii. Dr G , Clinical Fellow in Paediatric Intensive Care
 - viii. Nurse H, SNOD

The names of those persons listed in paragraph 3 are set out in **Schedule 1** to this Order.

Publishing Restrictions

4. This Order prohibits the publishing or broadcasting, in any newspaper, magazine, public computer network, internet site, social network or media including Twitter (now known as X), Facebook, WhatsApp, SnapChat, YouTube, TikTok, Instagram and any other sound or television broadcast or cable or satellite programme service or public computer network, of:
 - a. any information that is likely to lead to or could reasonably lead to the identification (by name, address and/or geographical location in England or Wales) of any of the following:

- i. the child who is the subject of these proceedings;
 - ii. the Appellants' and any member of the child's family;
 - iii. the health care professionals listed in paragraph 3c. above;
 - iv. any person caring for and/or involved in delivering or withdrawing any medical or nursing interventions to the child who is the subject of these proceedings.
 - v. the name of the hospital at which the child who is the subject of these proceedings is receiving care;
- details of who and which appear in the Schedule to this Order;
- b. any picture of any of the above
 - c. any other material that is likely to lead to or is calculated to lead to the identification of the child who is the subject of these proceedings, including any reference that links or may link these current proceedings to proceedings in other courts that have been or may be in the future held in public and concern matters relating to the child's welfare
5. The order at paragraph 4 shall apply if but only if such publication is likely to lead to the identification of any of the persons/hospital listed at paragraphs 4 (a) above as being a party to these proceedings or a person/hospital concerned with these proceedings, or connected with the substance of this application whether such identification be to the public at large or to those who know them or as being a party to these proceedings or a person/hospital concerned with these proceedings.

Other restrictions:

6. This Order further prohibits any publication of the text or a summary of this Order (except for service of the Order under paragraph 10 below) which includes any of the matters referred to in paragraph 4 above and for the dissemination of the contents of the Order amongst solicitors or agents of the organisations upon which service of the Order is affected.

7. This Order further prohibits any person bound by the Order (including by instructing or encouraging or permitting any other person) from:

- i. communicating with any persons outlined in paragraph 4a above, whether orally in person, or by telephone, text message, e-mail or any other means;
- ii. approaching within 20 metres of the child who is the subject of these proceedings;
- iii. approaching within 50 metres of the child who is the subject of these proceedings's residential or, for the duration of these proceedings, any temporary, address for the purpose of seeking information about the child who is the subject of these proceedings and/or these proceedings.

Provided that nothing in this paragraph prevents the Respondent or its staff, any other healthcare or social care professional, any lawyers instructed by the Respondent, or any person authorised by Orders in these proceedings to undertake any step in relation to the child who is the subject of these proceedings, from undertaking their professional duties in relation to her.

Schedules

8. No publication of the text or a summary of this Order (except for service of the Order under paragraph 10 below) shall include any of the information restricted by paragraph 4 above, or any information in **Schedule 1**.

What is not restricted by this Order

9. Nothing in this Order shall prevent any person from:
- a. publishing information contained in the public judgement given in this case;
 - b. Publishing the identity of the Respondent NHS Trust
 - c. Publishing information relating to any part of a hearing in a court in England and Wales (including a coroner's court) in which the court was sitting in public and did not itself make any order restricting publication (subject to any order made in those proceedings under Section 11 Contempt of Court Act 1981).

- d. Seeking or publishing information which is not restricted by Paragraph 4 above.
- e. Inquiring whether a person or place falls within paragraph 4 above or is protected by this Order.
- f. Seeking information relating to those who fall within paragraph 4 above while acting in a manner or exercising any function authorised by statute or by any court in England and Wales.
- g. Seeking information from the responsible solicitor acting for any of the parties or any appointed press officer, whose details are set out in **Schedule 2** to this Order.
- h. Seeking or receiving information from anyone who before the making of this Order had previously approached that person with the purpose of volunteering information (but this paragraph will not make lawful the provision or receipt of private information which would otherwise be unlawful).
- i. Publishing information which before the service on that person of this Order was already in the public domain in England and Wales as a result of publication by another person in any newspaper, magazine, sound or television broadcast or cable or satellite programme service, or on the internet website of a media organisation operating within England and Wales.

Service

10. Copies of this Order endorsed with a notice warning of the consequences of disobedience shall be served by the Appellants (and may be served by any other party to the proceedings):

- a. By service on such newspaper and sound or television broadcasting or cable or satellite or programme services or journalism agency or internet service providers as they think fit, by email or fax or first-class post addressed to the editor (in the case of a newspaper) or senior news editor (in the case of a broadcasting or cable or satellite programme service) or website administrator or internet service provider (in the case of an internet service) or the administrator of any social network or media sites and/or to their respective legal departments; and/or

- b. On such other persons as the parties may think fit, by personal service.

Further applications about this Order

11. The parties and any person affected by any of the restrictions in paragraphs 4 - 5 above may make application to vary or discharge it to a Judge of the Court of Appeal on not less than *48 hours'* notice to the parties provided that such application is made prior to the expiry of this Order.
12. This Order shall take effect immediately notwithstanding it does not bear the Court seal.