

CHAPTER 9: Long-term planning for children

Higgins, M (2018) The Judgment in *Re W (A child)*: National and International Implications for Contemporary Child and Family Social Work *British Journal of Social Work* bcy018. This thoughtful article explores the implications for social work of the judgement in *Re W (A Child)*.

D. Kirton, “‘Kinship by design’ in England: reconfiguring adoption from Blair to the coalition’ (2013) *Child and Family Social Work* 18(1): 97. This article analyses recent efforts to reform adoption in England, arguing that they represent an attempt to curtail the powers of adoption professionals and their established practices of assessing and responding to risk.

J. Doughty *Where nothing else will do’: judicial approaches to adoption in England and Wales* *Adoption and Fostering* Volume: 39 issue: 2, page(s): 105-118. This article argues that the unintended outcome of the *re:B-S* judgment was greater influence by the courts over the increased rate of adoptions.

K. Holt and N. Kelly, ‘When adoption without parental consent breaches human rights: implications of *Re B-S (Children)* [2013] EWCA Civ 963 on decision making and permanency planning for children’ (2015) *Journal of Social Welfare and Family Law* 37(2): 228.

The authors are concerned that following the decision in *Re B-S* the courts appear to be more willing to grant leave to appeal an adoption order, especially where parents are not legally represented. Members of the judiciary may be concerned to uphold the Article 6 rights of parents, but this must be carefully balanced against the welfare of the child.

Brexit and Adoption

R. Lamont (2017) Not a European family: implications of ‘Brexit’ for international family law. *Child and Family Law Quarterly* 29(3). This article provides a thorough discussion of the implications of Brexit on family law in Europe and in the UK.