

Decision to allow termination of pregnancy overturned by Court of Appeal

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P's obstetrician and psychiatrists believed that termination would be in P's best interests, as there was a risk of P's psychiatric health if her pregnancy continued. They were also concerned that P could pose a risk to her baby due to her mental illness and behaviour.

The court authorised a termination as being in P's best interests. This decision was appealed by P's mother, who was against abortion and said she could care for the child. This position was supported by a social worker who had worked with P and believed she should give birth.

On 24 June 2019, the Court of Appeal upheld this appeal and overturned the decision to allow the termination. An official judgement is still awaited.

This case serves as a reminder of the importance of making applications to the Court of Protection, especially in sensitive and controversial cases like this.

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