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In this update John Tughan QC considers:

- A further update to some already discussed authorities relating to the issue of whether to make adoption orders when there is a natural family member available and the child has been placed for adoption;
- A case on the evidential weight to be afforded an ABE process that was seriously flawed;
- An example of the judicial reasoning not meeting the necessary "holistic" approach;
- An appeal from an order in which the mother was ordered to pay the costs of the intervenor in the care proceedings;
- An overview of adoption law generally and adoption law in relation to international issues more specifically;
- A successful civil claim for damages against a local authority following breach of the s20 process, with damages assessed.

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