

Re F (A Child) (Placement Order: Proportionality)

[2018] EWCA Civ 2761

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Barristers

Rex Howling KC

Court

Family Division

Practice Areas

Public Children Law

A judge, in deciding to place a 15-month-old child for adoption, had left key questions unanswered. While the child's mother was vulnerable to abusive relationships, had placed the child at clear risk of significant harm, and had lied about her drinking and contact with the father, who himself presented a risk, the mother and the child had a good relationship and she had looked after his daily needs well for the 11 months that she had had him at home. The evidence did not meet the exacting standard necessary for an adoption order.

The appellant mother appealed against care and placement orders made in respect of her 15-month-old son (F).

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