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PRESS RELEASE

Appeal court endorsement of a court of protection ruling in relation to a vulnerable adult spells danger for anyone a local authority deems 'vulnerable'.

In a landmark hearing Friday 2nd march, from 10.30, at the Royal Courts of Justice in London, a 32 year old downs syndrome woman will request permission to appeal / appeal against the ruling last summer of a Royal Courts of Justice Family Division judge that she lacked 'capacity' to make litigation decisions for herself about her life.

The family division judge to whom the young woman's local authority had applied for endorsement of its care-plan for her, declared from her bench that the young woman in front of her did not have capacity, despite no medical evidence having been produced to substantiate this assessment and despite it being on state and medical record that she does have capacity.

The justice went on to issue an interim care order under court of protection rules, of which a corollary was that the official solicitor should from henceforth represent the young woman, not her own legal representative.

Effectively, in a swoop, this young woman was stripped of her fundamental human and legal rights by the local authority and family court, hence her appeal in the high court tomorrow. Three justices will decide if it is in order in the second decade of the 21st century for a UK local authority and a family court to intervene to take over a vulnerable adults life with no need to produce justification for doing so, in much the same way as many LAs these days appropriate children on the flimsiest of grounds. And it begs the question as to

what criteria may from henceforth be applied to deem any adult, disabled or otherwise as 'vulnerable' and requiring of state care.

A large crowd is expected to forgather at the RCJ tomorrow, showing the deep level of public concern over this issue.

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Notes for Editors

1) The Hollie Demands Justice campaign was founded in November 2007. The campaign website can be found at:

<http://holliedemandsjustice.org>

2) Further details to the background of the campaign can be found in About Hollie:

http://holliedemandsjustice.org/about_hollie_greig/

3) Further information can be requested by using the 'Contact Us' form on the campaign website

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