

Neon Roberts – Russell-Cooke on BBC Radio 5 Live

Samantha Little, Partner in our Children Department, appeared on BBC Radio 5 Live to comment on the case concerning Neon Roberts.

The case concerns a disagreement between Neon's parents as to the medical treatment that he should receive following his diagnosis of a brain tumour. The hospital needed approval from the Court to pursue the treatment that the father wanted his son to have.

The BBC Radio 5 Live Drive show hosted by Peter Allen asked Sam to comment on the latest decision by Mr Justice Bodey. Sitting in the High Court on the 21st December Mr Justice Bodey's decision allowed Neon to receive radiotherapy treatment following an operation earlier that week. Samantha was asked to comment on the mother's ability to put her case to the court and the appeal process that the mother might take when the decision went against her.

These decisions are very difficult for the family court and when they arise, usually need to be taken quickly. Ultimately the Court's task is to make the decision that is in the child's best interests, taking into account each parent's views, but with the child's interests being paramount. The case shows that either way, the decisions for each parent and the child are of the utmost difficulty and sensitivity.

Russell-Cooke's [Children Department](#) advises and help parents when disagreements arise in relation to parenting children, including medical issues and the arrangements that are made for children on relationship breakdown.

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