

Mother begs judge to make doctors keep treating baby

A mother has begged a judge to give her severely disabled baby a chance of life by preventing doctors from ending his treatment. Specialists said that the two-month-old boy, who weighs 7lb 8oz, was suffering near-continuous seizures and should be allowed to die. They said he had a very severe brain abnormality, was in a poor condition and should be given only palliative care. His mother begged Ms Justice Russell not to allow doctors to stop providing life support and said her son should have

“every chance he can”. The dispute was heard in the Family Division of the High Court in London on Friday and the judge is expected to give her decision soon. The baby is being treated at a hospital in the north of England and cannot be identified. One doctor told Ms Justice Russell that the child had a low level of awareness but could feel pain and had been seen to grimace. Specialists said the burdens of treatment outweighed the benefits but the woman said her son responded to her and his father.

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