

# Judge takes life of sick boy out of parents' hands

Doctors can stop providing life-support treatment to a severely ill baby against his parents' wishes, a High Court judge has ruled.

Mr Justice Hayden said specialists could lawfully move the eight-week-old boy, who has a severe liver condition, to a palliative care regime.

The boy's parents said stopping life-support treatment was against their Muslim beliefs, and argued that while there was life there was hope.

But, Judge Hayden agreed with Sheffield NHS Trust that there was no prospect of the boy, who has been in intensive care since he was three days old, ever recovering. He told the parents: "I'm so sorry."

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