CHAPTER 8: Applying to court

Social Work Practice and the legal context


The work of the courts


Threshold criteria
There has been a wave of commentary on the *Re B* case which you will find helpful. For example, see A. Gupta and E. Lloyd Jones, ‘Re B-S: a glass half full? An exploration of the implications of the Re B-S judgment on practice in the family courts’ (2014) *Child and Family Social Work*.

Similar commentary has emerged in the MA, SA and HA (Children, by their Children’s Guardian) v MA, HA, *The City and County of Swansea Court of Appeal* case which appears at the beginning of this chapter and makes for interesting reading.


Protecting babies


Historical overview

J. Eekelaar, ‘Then and now—family law’s direction of travel’ (2013) *Journal of Social Welfare and Family Law* 35(4): 415. This article explores similarities and differences between cases from the 1960s and those of the present day to examine the direction of travel in family law.