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**The strengths and limitations of the English approach to supporting child wellbeing following parental separation**

This paper explores the effectiveness of the English approach to supporting child wellbeing following parental separation. It outlines briefly the broad approach to policy and practice adopted in England and Wales, highlighting the importance of private ordering and rational/legal interventions in conflicted cases. It then reviews the empirical evidence for the effectiveness of this approach in supporting children, including recent studies by the author. The paper concludes by considering whether some of the approaches adopted elsewhere in Europe, particularly in Germany, might be a useful way forward.

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