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Mother loses 'abortion' case



Sue Axon.

A mother has lost her court battle for a parent's "right to know" if girls are being advised on abortion.

Sue Axon, 51, of Baguley, Manchester, wanted the law changed to prevent girls under 16 getting confidential advice.

Mrs Axon said she regretted having an abortion 20 years ago that caused her "guilt, shame and depression".

However, the High Court rejected a review of guidelines which state terminations do not need parents' consent and doctors should respect girls' confidentiality. Mr Justice Silber, sitting in London, said Mrs Axon, or any other parent, had no right to know unless the child decided otherwise.

Forcing a girl to tell her parents "may lead her to make a decision that she later regrets or seek the assistance of an unofficial abortionist", he added.

Mrs Axon believes current guidelines "undermine" her role as a parent and infringe her parental rights under the European Convention on Human Rights.

But Philip Sales, appearing for the health secretary, had told the judge her arguments had "absolutely no foundation in law".

At a hearing in November, he said the UK had "a very serious problem" with high teenage pregnancy rates - and confidentiality was a key component of government policies to reduce conception rates and improve sexual health.

Every day, over 500 babies are aborted in Great Britain, with over 5 million babies having been wilfully murdered since the passing of the Abortion Act in 1967.

The moral madness that grips this country may be seen in the tide of public sympathy and concern regarding the wellbeing of a whale which inadvertently entered the Thames river and subsequently died, despite efforts to have it return to the open sea. That sympathy contrasts dreadfully with the indifference to the fact that in the period during which the story of the whale was headline news, well over 1000 babies died, under the direction of medical doctors within hospitals, supposedly dedicated to the treatment of the sick and weak.