

## **Transparency in the Family Courts: Publicity and Privacy in Practice**

Julie Doughty of Cardiff Law School and her colleagues Lucy Reed and Paul Magrath from the Transparency Project have co-authored an excellent new book published by Bloomsbury.

Lord Justice Macfarlane in his Foreword to the book refers to the Transparency Project as 'ground-breaking' and 'inspired' work and this work has now been brought centre stage with the publication of the book.

The work of the Transparency Project has been critical to defining transparency in the family courts. MacFarlane LJ sees this work as moving the understanding of transparency from a 'binary' view of 'either letting the press and the public into the Family Court or keeping them out' to a 'more subtle, sophisticated and flexible concept'. In this book, Doughty and her colleagues clarify what transparency means for professionals and families in the family courts.

This book is essential reading for family law practitioners in private practice, local authorities and other public bodies, as well as media lawyers, journalists and social workers.

More information on the book is available through the link to Cardiff University website ([click here to access this](#)) and the Bloomsbury Professional website ([click here to access this](#)).