

**Appendix as a supplementary on-line material for “Children’s and parents’ involvement in care order proceedings: a cross-national comparison of judicial decision makers’ views and experiences”**

**Table A Q1:** “ In your experience with decision making in care order proceedings in court, would you say that typically parents: a-e”. Mean table, involvement of parents. 1= strongly disagree, 5=strongly agree. Mean Values, std. deviation and N by country.

In your experience with decision making in care order proceedings in court, would you say that typically parents:		a. are well informed about their rights?	b. are well informed about the care order proceedings?	c. have their views well presented?	d. have sufficient opportunity for them or their legal representative to ask questions?	e. have legal representation that properly safeguards their interests?
<b>England</b>	Mean	3,648	3,811	4,245	4,3773	4,307
	Std. Dev.	0,9144	0,878	0,551	0,489	0,728
	N	54	53	53	53	52
<b>Finland</b>	Mean	3,703	3,5	4,125	4,349	3,796
	Std. Dev.	0,885	0,796	0,786	0,743	0,839
	N	64	64	64	63	64
<b>Norway</b>	Mean	4,063	4,001	4,282	4,320	4,057
	Std. Dev.	0,717	0,736	0,726	0,740	0,813
	N	1330	1322	1322	1324	1323
<b>CA (USA)</b>	Mean	3,947	4,055	4,25	4,270	4,378
	Std. Dev.	0,838	0,826	0,603	0,804	0,594
	N	38	36	36	37	37
<b>Total</b>	Mean	4,030	3,974	4,273	4322,	4,063
	Std. Dev.	0,744	0,753	0,7213	0,7338	0,811
	N	1486	1475	1475	1477	1476

**Table B.** Differences between countries on Q1: " In your experience with decision making in care order proceedings in court, would you say that typically parents:"

	a. are well informed about their rights?	b. are well informed about the care order proceedings?	c. have their views well presented?	d. have sufficient opportunity for them or their legal representative to ask questions?	e. have legal representation that properly safeguards their interests?
	Asymp. Sig. (2-tailed)	Asymp. Sig. (2-tailed)	Asymp. Sig. (2-tailed)	Asymp. Sig. (2-tailed)	Asymp. Sig. (2-tailed)
England vs. Finland	,909	,047	,350	,812	,0008***
England vs. Norway	,000***	,067	,7139	,576	,029
England vs. CA (USA)	,113	,191	,967	,433	,626
Finland vs. Norway	,0001***	,000***	,092	,761	,012***
Finland vs. CA (USA)	,172	,0013***	,410	,619	,0003***
Norway vs. CA (USA)	,328	,665	,7934	,686	,0173***

p-value & \*\*\* significant difference at 1 % level

**Table C. Q6: In your experience with decision making in care order proceedings in court, taking children's age and understanding into account, would you say that typically, children, a-e:** Mean table, involvement of children. 1= strongly disagree, 5=strongly agree. Mean Values, std. deviation and N by country.

In your experience with decision making in care order proceedings in court, taking children's age and understanding into account, would you say that typically, <u>children</u> :		a. are well informed about their rights?	b. are well informed about the care order proceedings?	c. have their views well presented?	d. have sufficient opportunity for them or their legal representative to ask questions?	e. have legal representation that properly safeguards their interests?
<b>England</b>	Mean	3,2777	3,3703	4,2777	4,1481	4,5925
	Std. Dev.	0,9400	0,9172	0,5290	0,8104	0,4959
	N	54	54	54	54	54
<b>Finland</b>	Mean	3,2615	3,1692	3,4126	3,9846	3,3230
	Std. Dev.	1,0043	0,99324	1,0260	0,9098	0,9372
	N	65	65	63	65	65
<b>Norway</b>	Mean	3,6247	3,4854	3,7159	3,5184	3,8295
	Std. Dev.	0,778306	0,76958	0,8672	0,93927	0,8753
	N	1311	1304	1306	1304	1291
<b>CA (USA)</b>	Mean	3,6216	3,4722	4,3513	4,4054	4,4054
	Std. Dev.	1,0097	1,0277	0,7533	0,5507	0,6437
	N	37	36	37	37	37
<b>Total</b>	Mean	3,5957	3,4667	3,7397	3,5849	3,8500
	Std. Dev.	0,80275	0,7957	0,8758	0,9462	0,8849
	N	1467	1459	1460	1460	1447

**Table D.** Differences between countries on Q6: “In your experience with decision making in care order proceedings in court, taking children’s age and understanding into account, would you say that typically, children”:

	a. are well informed about their rights?	b. are well informed about the care order proceedings?	c. have their views well presented?	d. have sufficient opportunity for them or their legal representative to ask questions?	e. have legal representation that properly safeguards their interests?
	Asymp. Sig. (2-tailed)	Asymp. Sig. (2-tailed)	Asymp. Sig. (2-tailed)	Asymp. Sig. (2-tailed)	Asymp. Sig. (2-tailed)
England vs. Finland	,928	,257	,000***	,307	,000***
England vs. Norway	,001***	,2856	,000***	,000***	,000***
England vs. CA (USA)	,099	,624	,585	,096	,121
Finland vs. Norway	,0003***	,001***	,007***	,0001***	,000***
Finland vs. CA (USA)	,085	,150	,000***	,012	,000***
Norway vs. CA (USA)	,981	,920	,000***	,000***	,0001***

p-value & \*\*\* significant difference 1 % level

**Table E.** Mean and N by types of decision makers, parents. Mean table, involvement of parents. 1= strongly disagree, 5=strongly agree. Mean Values and n by country and type of judiciary decision makers.

In your experience with decision making in care order proceedings in court, would you say that typically parents:			a. are well informed about their rights?	b. are well informed about the care order proceedings?	c. have their views well presented?	d. have sufficient opportunity for them or their legal representative to ask questions?	e. have legal representation that properly safeguards their interests?
* England	Judge	Mean	3,7714	4,0000	4,2941	4,3235	4,3939
		N	35	34	34	34	33
	Layperson/magistrate	Mean	3,4211	3,4737	4,1579	4,4737	4,1579
		N	19	19	19	19	19
	Total	Mean	3,6481	3,8113	4,2453	4,3774	4,3077
		N	54	53	53	53	52
** Finland	Judge	Mean	3,8148	3,5185	4,2963	4,4815	3,7778
		N	27	27	27	27	27
	Expert	Mean	3,5333	3,4000	4,0000	4,2414	3,8000
		N	30	30	30	29	30
	Legal advisor/assistant judge	Mean	4,0000	3,8571	4,0000	4,2857	3,8571
		N	7	7	7	7	7
	Total	Mean	3,7031	3,5000	4,1250	4,3492	3,7969
		N	64	64	64	63	64
*** Norway	Judge	Mean	4,0250	3,9250	4,4000	4,5000	3,9000
		N	40	40	40	40	40
	Expert	Mean	3,9791	3,9149	4,2311	4,2152	3,8771
		N	239	235	235	237	236
	Lay Judges	Men	4,0847	4,0239	4,2893	4,3381	4,1041
		N	1051	1047	1044	1047	1047
	Total	Mean	4,0639	4,0015	4,2821	4,3209	4,0574
		N	1330	1322	1322	1324	1323
CA (USA)	Judge	Mean	3,9474	4,0556	4,2500	4,2703	4,3784
		N	38	36	36	37	37
	Total	Mean	3,9474	4,0556	4,2500	4,2703	4,3784
		N	38	36	37	37	37
Total	Judge	Mean	3,900000	3,897810	4,313869	4,391304	4,124088
		N	140	137	137	137	137
	Expert	Mean	3,929368	3,856604	4,205224	4,218045	3,868421
		N	269	265	268	266	266
	Layperson/magistrate	Mean	4,0728	4,015	4,286	4,3405	4,1050
		N	1070	1066	1063	1066	1066
	Legal advisor/assistant judge	Mean	4,000000	3,857143	4,000000	4,285714	3,857143
		N	7	7	7	7	7
	Total	Mean	4,0302	3,974	4,2732	4,3229	4,0630
		N	1486	1475	1475	1477	1476

Testing for significant difference at 1 % level between decisions within each country for statements a.-f. (using Zigne, a data tool that facilitate testing of significance within and between samples. We used a two-tailed-test. The data tool is available at: <https://www.sv.uio.no/isv/forskning/prosjekter/valgforskning/zigne-signifikanstesting.html> (accessed October 24<sup>th</sup> 2017).

**\*England:**

- **No significant difference between Judge and Layperson/Magistrate**

**\*\*Finland:**

- **No significant difference between Judge and Legal Advisor**
- **No significant difference between Judge and Expert**
- **No significant difference between Expert and Legal Advisor**

**\*\*\*Norway:**

- **Significant difference at a 1% level between Expert and Layperson/Magistrate for statement e.**
- **No significant difference between Judge and Expert**
- **No significant difference between Judge and Layperson**

**Table F.** Mean and N by types of decision makers, involvement of children. 1= strongly disagree, 5=strongly agree. Mean Values and n by country and type of decision makers.

In your experience with decision making in care order proceedings in court, taking children's age and understanding into account, would you say that typically, children:			a. children's right to express their views ....	b. .... a child-sensitive time frame	c. .... child friendly environment	d. .... child-friendly language	e. evidence and statements ....
<b>* England</b>	Judge	Mean	3,4	3,542	4,3428	4,1714	4,5428
		N	35	35	35	35	35
	Layperson/magistrate	Mean	3,0526	3,0526	4,1578	4,1052	4,6842
		N	19	19	19	19	19
	Total	Mean	3,2777	3,3703	4,2777	4,1481	4,5925
		N	54	54	54	54	54
<b>** Finland</b>	Judge	Mean	3,3571	3,1785	3,4230	4,0714	3,1428
		N	28	28	26	28	28
	Expert	Mean	3,0333	3,033	3,3333	3,8	3,433
		N	30	30	30	30	30
	Legal advisor/assistant judge	Mean	3,8571	3,7142	3,7142	4,4285	3,5714
		N	7	7	7	7	7
	Total	Mean	3,261	3,1692	3,4126	3,9846	3,3230
		N	65	65	63	65	65
<b>*** Norway</b>	Judge	Mean	3,775	3,4358	4,05	2,9	3,825
		N	40	39	40	40	40
	Expert	Mean	3,5624	3,3502	3,7333	3,3125	3,7198
		N	240	237	240	240	232
	Lay Judges	Mean	3,6333	3,5184	3,698	3,5908	3,8547
		N	1031	1028	1026	1024	1019
	Total	Mean	3,624	3,4854	3,7159	3,5184	3,8295
		N	1311	1304	1306	1304	1291
<b>CA (USA)</b>	Judge	Mean	3,6216	3,4722	4,3513	4,4054	4,4054
		N	37	36	37	37	37
	Total	Mean	3,6216	3,4722	4,3513	4,4054	4,4054
		N	37	36	37	37	37
<b>Total</b>	Judge	Mean	3,5571	3,4202	4,0869	3,85	4,0214
		N	140	138	138	140	140
	Expert	Mean	3,5037	3,3146	3,6888	3,3666	3,6870
		N	270	267	270	270	262
	Layperson/magistrate	Mean	3,6228	3,5100	3,7071	3,6001	3,8699
		N	1050	1047	1045	1043	1038
	Legal advisor/assistant judge	Mean	3,8571	3,7142	3,7142	4,4285	3,5714
		N	7	7	7	7	7
	Total	Mean	3,5957	3,4667	3,7397	3,5849	3,8500
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**\*England:**

- No significant difference between Judge and Layperson/Magistrate

**\*\*Finland:**

- No significant difference between Judge and Legal Advisor
- No significant difference between Judge and Expert
- No significant difference between Expert and Legal Advisor

**\*\*\*Norway:**

- Significant difference at a 1% level between Judge and Expert for statement c. and d.
- Significant difference at a 1% level between Judge and Layperson for statement c. and d.
- Significant difference at a 1% level between Expert and Layperson/Magistrate for statement d.