

Questionnaire

Name of State or territorial unit: ^[1]	England and Wales
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For the purpose of the 13 to 15 February 2023 meeting of the EG, Members are invited to report on consideration given to and / or implementation of the following arrangements in their jurisdiction:

- a. Developments in general regarding the international transfer of maintenance funds:

[No new developments since Experts Group - February 2022.](#)

- b. Elimination of the use of cheques (see Report and C&R 2022 No 1)

Not being considered. Please explain:

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Is being considered. Please explain:

[Please insert text here](#)

Has already been implemented. Please explain:

[No new developments since Experts Group - February 2022.](#)

- c. Solutions with regard to increased transparency and cost reduction of transfers and currency conversion (see Report and C&R 2022 Nos 2 and 10)

Not being considered. Please explain:

[Please insert text here](#)

Is being considered. Please explain:

[Please insert text here](#)

^[1] In this questionnaire, references to the term "State", where relevant, are to be considered as also applicable to a territorial unit.

Has already been implemented. Please explain:

No change since Experts Group - February 2022.

d. Solutions where creditors would not bear the costs related to the transfer of funds (see Report and C&R 2022 Nos 2 and 11)

Not being considered. Please explain:

Please insert text here

Is being considered. Please explain:

Please insert text here

Has already been implemented. Please explain:

No change since Experts Group - February 2022.

e. Requested Central Authority arrangements with their bank to cover transfer fees or other arrangements to that effect (see Report and C&R 2022 No 3)

Not being considered. Please explain:

This is not being considered. The Central Authority does not deal with financial arrangements - not part of the role of the Central Authority.

Is being considered. Please explain:

Please insert text here

Has already been implemented. Please explain:

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f. Requesting Central Authority providing confirmation to the requested Central Authority that the amounts received are the same as the amounts sent and, where applicable, information on the reasons for any difference (see Report and C&R 2022 No 3)

Not being considered. Please explain:

No change since Experts Group - February 2022.

Is being considered. Please explain:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

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- g. Establishment of a centralised point (e.g., bank account, central bank) for international transfers dedicated to both incoming and outgoing transfer of funds (see Report and C&R 2022 Nos 4 and 5)

Not being considered. Please explain:

[We do not intend to set up additional bank accounts for international transfers.](#)

Is being considered. Please explain:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

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- h. Use of the possibilities afforded by the *Universal Postal Union Postal Payment Services Agreement* of 6 October 2016 (see Report and C&R 2022 No 4)

Not being considered. Please explain:

[This is not being considered. This is outside the responsibility of the Maintenance Payments Business Centre.](#)

Is being considered. Please explain:

[Please insert text here](#)

Has already been implemented. Please explain:

[Please insert text here](#)

- i. Provision of payment transfer services to any debtors transferring payments within the scope of the HCCH 2007 Child Support Convention (see Report and C&R 2022 No 5)

Not being considered. Please explain:

[Our systems work in GBP, any changes would require operational consultation.](#)

Is being considered. Please explain:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

[Please insert text here](#)

- j. Implementation of payment transfer monitoring systems (see Report and C&R 2022 No 6)

Not being considered. Please explain:

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Is being considered. Please explain:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

[No change since Experts Group - February 2022.](#)

k. Implementation of unique case references, known to both the requesting and requested States, attached to each transfer of funds (see Report and C&R 2022 No 7)

Not being considered. Please explain:

[No change since Experts Group - February 2022.](#)

Is being considered. Please explain:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

[Please insert text here](#)

l. Implementation of currency conversion of payments done by the relevant authority in the requested State at the time of transfer (see Report and C&R 2022 No 8)

Not being considered. Please explain:

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Is being considered. Please explain:

[Please insert text here](#)

Has already been implemented. Please explain:

[No change since Experts Group - February 2022.](#)

m. Provision of information about international banking to creditors and debtors (see Report and C&R 2022 No 12)

Not being considered. Please explain:

[Please insert text here](#)

Is being considered. Please explain:

[Please insert text here](#)

Has already been implemented. Please explain:

[On Registration or making of Orders - Payment information provided to debtors.](#)

- n. Implementation of a legal framework enabling the Central Authority, acting both as requesting and requested Central Authority, to handle the transfer of funds – or at least major parts of the process – in as automated a manner as possible (see Report and C&R 2022 No 13)

Not being considered. Please explain:

[This is not being considered. The Central Authority does not handle the transfer of funds. Consideration would need to be given to how accessible the arrangements are for the creditor.](#)

Is being considered. Please explain:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

[Please insert text here](#)

- o. Implementation of an arrangement with banks that are transparent in relation to their fees and / or are part of the SWIFT Global Payment Initiative (GPI) (see Report and C&R 2022 No 14)

Not being considered. Please explain:

[This is not being considered. Banking is centralised and is carried out by the Bank of England. The Ministry of Justice/His Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service bears the cost of the fees and bank charges incurred by the Maintenance Payments Business Centre.](#)

Is being considered. Please explain:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

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- p. Would your State consider contributing to iSupport ITMF in terms of expertise and experience?

Yes

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No

This is not being considered. If pressed we would need to take this back and confer with colleagues in HMCTS and MOJ.

- q. Any other developments in your State including bilateral solutions put in place between States and ongoing trials between States:

We are always open to conversations with any other member states to eliminate the use of cheques whilst focusing on the needs of the customer.

Thank you!