

Questionnaire in preparation of the Experts' Group meeting of 7 to 10 February 2022 on international transfers of maintenance funds

Survey response 1

Identification

For follow-up purposes. This information will not be published as part of the questionnaire response. The term "State" in this Questionnaire includes a territorial unit, where relevant. [Name of State or territorial unit:]
--

Scotland

Questionnaire

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

No developments. The Scottish Central Authority does not transfer payments
--

b. Elimination of the use of cheques (see C&R 2019 No 1; aide-mémoire 2021, paras 11-14)
--

Not being considered.

Please explain:

The Scottish central authority does not process payments.

c. Solutions with regard to increased transparency and cost reduction of transfers and currency conversion (see C&R 2019 Nos 2 and 10; aide-mémoire 2021, paras 24-25)
--

Not being considered.

Please explain:

The Scottish central authority is not involved in the process of currency conversion or transfer of payments. It is understood that the solicitor assigned to the case applies to the bank for a currency conversion certificate.

d. Solutions where creditors would not bear the costs related to the transfer of funds (see C&R 2019 No 2; aide-mémoire 2021, paras 26-29)
--

Not being considered.

Please explain:

The Scottish central authority is not involved in the transfer of maintenance payments.

e. Requested Central Authority arrangements with their bank to cover transfer fees or other arrangements to that effect (see C&R 2019 No 3; aide-mémoire 2021, para. 32)
--

Not being considered.

Please explain:

The Scottish central authority does not communicate with banks as it does not process payments.

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 C&R 2019 No 3; aide-mémoire 2021, paras 15-17)

Not being considered.

Please explain:

The Scottish central authority does not send or receive payments. However if the creditor informs us that they have received less than the amount they are due to receive, we will contact the requested central authority to advise.

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 C&R 2019 Nos 4 and 5; aide-mémoire 2021, paras 33-35)

Not being considered.

Please explain:

The Scottish central authority does not handle incoming and outgoing payments.

h. Provision of payment transfer services to any debtors transferring payments within the scope of the HCCH 2007 Child Support Convention (see C&R 2019 No 5; aide-mémoire 2021, para. 18)

Not being considered.

Please explain:

The Scottish central authority is not involved in transferring payments. Payments are made directly from the debtor to the creditor, as arranged by the solicitor assigned to the case.

i. Implementation of payment transfer monitoring systems (see C&R 2019 No 6; aide-mémoire 2021, paras 36-37)

Not being considered.

Please explain:

This is not required as the Scottish central authority does not process payments.

j. Implementation of unique case references, known to both the requesting and requested State, attached to each transfer of funds (see C&R 2019 No 7; aide-mémoire 2021, para. 20)

Not being considered.

Please explain:

This would not be applicable to the Scottish central authority as we do not transfer funds.

k. Implementation of currency conversion of payments done by the relevant authority in the requested State at the time of transfer (see C&R 2019 No 8; aide-mémoire 2021, paras 21-23)

Not being considered.

Please explain:

The Scottish central authority does not process payments.

l. Implementation of bundled payments to reduce costs of transfers (see C&R 2019 No 11; aide-mémoire 2021, paras 38-40)

Not being considered.

Please explain:

We are unable to comment on this question as the Scottish central authority does not transfer funds.

m. Any other developments including bilateral solutions put in place between States and ongoing trials between States:

The Scottish central authority is not involved in any bilateral solutions or trials as it does not process payments.