**SCOTLAND**

Article 3 - Designation of competent authorities

**In Scotland any court** that can issue a domestic measure of a type covered by the Directive can issue a EPO, namely:

* High Court
* Sheriff Court
* Justice of the Peace Court

The Sheriff Court can recognise and give effect to an incoming protection order request received from another EU member state.

Magistrates courts are competent to recognise European Protection Orders issued in other Member States.

Article 4 - Recourse to a central authority

Scotland has not designated a central authority. All communications with Scotland should be directed in the first instance to the Sheriff Court in whose jurisdiction the protected person will reside. The appropriate Sheriff Court can be found on the Link opens in new window[Scottish Courts website](https://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/home) under  “Find your local Sheriff Court”.

Article 17(3) – Languages

English