

Sheriffdom of Grampian, Highland and Islands

Coronavirus

Guidance in respect of the Resumption of Summary Criminal Business

No 2 of 2020

[1] This guidance applies to all summary criminal business in all the Sheriff Courts and Justice of the Peace Courts in the Sheriffdom.

[2] The arrangements set out in 'Guidance in respect of Summary Criminal Business (No 1 of 2020)' will no longer have effect from and including 15 June 2020 in the following courts: Aberdeen, Inverness, Peterhead, Elgin and Banff Sheriff Courts and all Justice of the Peace Courts.

[3] The arrangements set out in 'Guidance in respect of Summary Criminal Business (No 1 of 2020)' will no longer have effect from and including 1 July 2020 in the following courts: Fort William, Portree, Stornoway, Lochmaddy, Lerwick, Kirkwall, Tain and Wick Sheriff Courts.

[4] Excluding cases where the accused is in custody or is required to attend in terms of an undertaking, all accused are excused physical attendance within a sheriff court or justice of the peace court in respect of all diets, unless otherwise directed by the court.

[5] For the avoidance of doubt, it is expected that the Crown and the Defence make full use of the detailed arrangements set out in the 'Guidance on Facilitating Pleas of Guilty in Summary Criminal Proceedings' dated 5 June 2020¹, with effect from 11 May 2020, the Lord Justice General's 'Practice Note No 2 of 2020, Re-introduction of Summary Criminal Business'², dated 1 June 2020 and the

¹ Available on the website: www.scotcourts.gov.uk.

² Available on the website: www.scotcourts.gov.uk.

remote or virtual presentation facilities as now available or as will become available in due course.

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