



SHERIFFDOM OF LOTHIAN AND BORDERS

PRACTICE NOTE

NO 3 OF 2018

MEDICAL CERTIFICATES

I, MHAIRI MARGARET STEPHEN, QC, Sheriff Principal of Lothian and Borders by virtue of the power conferred upon me by section 27(2) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 hereby direct that as follows:-

1. In connection with any proceedings, civil or criminal, in the Sheriffdom of Lothian and Borders, a medical certificate which certifies that a person is unfit to attend court on a particular date whether as a party or a witness may bear either the words "I certify this on soul and conscience" or "I certify and solemnly and sincerely affirm this to be true".
2. This Practice Note has effect from 1 October 2018.

I APPOINT this Practice Note to be inserted in the Act Books of all the sheriff courts in the Sheriffdom of Lothian and Borders and to be posted on the notice boards in said sheriff courts for publication to the lieges.

Mhairi M. Stephen

Sheriff Principal Mhairi M Stephen QC
Sheriff Principal of Lothian and Borders
Edinburgh, 25 September 2018