



# Vulnerable Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2004

## 2004 asp 3

### PART 2

#### CIVIL PROCEEDINGS

##### *Evidence of children and other vulnerable witnesses: special measures*

#### **20 Live television link**

- (1) Where the special measure to be used is a live television link, the court must make such arrangements as seem to it appropriate for the vulnerable witness in respect of whom the special measure is to be used to give evidence by means of such a link.
- (2) Where—
  - (a) the live television link is to be used in proceedings in a sheriff court, but
  - (b) that court lacks accommodation or equipment necessary for the purpose of receiving such a link,the sheriff may by order transfer the proceedings to any sheriff court in the same sheriffdom which has such accommodation or equipment available.
- (3) An order may be made under subsection (2) above—
  - (a) at any stage in the proceedings (whether before or after the commencement of the proof or other hearing at which the vulnerable witness is to give evidence), or
  - (b) in relation to a part of the proceedings.

#### **Commencement Information**

- 11** S. 20 in force at 1.4.2005 for specified purposes by [S.S.I. 2005/168, art. 2, Sch.](#) (with [art. 4](#))
- 12** S. 20 in force at 30.11.2005 for specified purposes by [S.S.I. 2005/590, art. 2, Sch.](#) (with [art. 4](#))
- 13** S. 20 in force at 1.4.2006 for specified purposes by [S.S.I. 2006/59, art. 2, Sch.](#) (with [art. 4](#))
- 14** S. 20 in force at 1.11.2007 in so far as not already in force by [S.S.I. 2007/447, art. 3, Sch.](#) (with [art. 4](#))

**Changes to legislation:**

Vulnerable Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2004, Section 20 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 26 May 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 11A11B inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 4\(3\)](#)
- s. 12(3A) inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 4\(4\)](#)
- s. 12(6A) inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 5\(2\)](#)
- s. 22B-22D inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 4\(5\)](#)