

**Office of the Public Guardian Scotland and Scottish Courts and Tribunal  
Service submission, dated 5 April 2023**

Dear Convener,

**UK Power of Attorney Bill**

Thank you for your recent letter seeking the views of the Public Guardian on the LCM for the above Bill and in particular, whether or not the Committee should recommend its approval by the Scottish Parliament.

I respond in my role as Public Guardian and on behalf of the SCTS acting in its role to provide efficient and effective administration to the courts, tribunals and the Office of the Public Guardian (Scotland) and does not include the views of the Judiciary. I have previously indicated, to Scottish Government policy officials, that the proposals of the Bill would have minimal impact on my functions under statute.

On the basis of the above, I would have no concerns if the Committee were to recommend the approval of the LCM to the Scottish Parliament.

I hope this is of assistance

Yours faithfully,

***Fiona Brown***

Public Guardian & Accountant of Court