

How might parenting coordination be used in Scotland?

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Scotland's Courts' current options to assist high conflict parents

- Mediation
- Child Welfare Hearings
- Child Welfare Reporters
- Curator *ad litem*
- Social work Reports
- Court orders

Other options for family law practitioners

- A “without prejudice” joint meeting
- A Minute of Agreement
- Mediation
- Collaboration
- Arbitration

Limitations on current options

- No education or parenting coaching
- Mediation is voluntary for the entire process whereas signing up to parenting coordination binds the parties for 2 years
- Time consuming whereas a parenting coordinator can work to a short turn around time and be more reactive and nimble

Options for taking the child's views

- Form F9
- Going to Court
- Welfare Reporter
- Curator

Conclusion

The parenting coordinator combines mediation, arbitration and decision making



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