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Scheme Area Guide:

Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme Area: Birmingham,
Herefordshire & Worcestershire

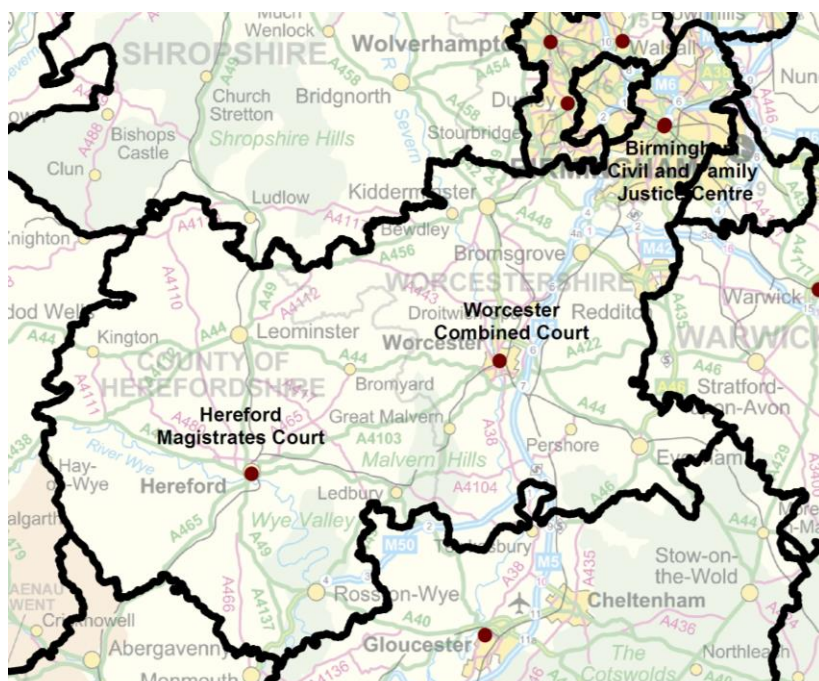
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Introduction

1. This guide is designed to provide information on the HPCDS Scheme Area of Birmingham, Herefordshire & Worcestershire for HPCDS work from October 2018. It provides information on the area and court locations covered.

About the court locations in this Scheme Area

2. The court locations to be served in this Scheme Area are Birmingham Civil and Family Justice Centre, Hereford Magistrates Court and Worcester Combined Court.



Local Authority	Population ¹
Birmingham	1,111,307
Herefordshire, County of	188,099
Wychavon	121,520
Worcester	101,328
Wyre Forest	99,503
Bromsgrove	95,768
Redditch	84,743
Malvern Hills	75,731
Total	1,877,999

Main settlements (30k+) ²
Birmingham
Bromsgrove
Great Malvern
Hereford
Kidderminster
Redditch
Worcester

Alternative Hearing Venues

3. It is possible that some listings may be allocated by courts in the Scheme Area to Alternative Hearing Venues (e.g. another non-court venue). The use of Alternative Hearing Venues may begin or change throughout the life of the Contract. It is expected that Alternative Hearing Venues will be located either within or close to the Scheme Area. Currently, Worcester Combined Court will use Kidderminster Justice Centre and Redditch Magistrates Court as Alternative Hearing Venues.

¹ ONS Mid-Year Ward Level Statistics 2015 – released 26 October 2016. (Refreshed Annually) <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationestimates/datasets/wardlevelmidyearpopulationestimatesexperimental>

² 2011 Population: All Usual Residents". Neighbourhood Statistics. Office for National Statistics. 2011-03-27. Retrieved 2017-02-12.

Court locations covered by this scheme	Address	Contact details and Opening times	Parking Information
Birmingham Civil and Family Justice Centre Court location/tribunal no. 127	Birmingham Civil and Family Justice Hearing Centre Priory Courts 33 Bull Street Birmingham West Midlands B4 6DS	Civil and family: 0300 123 5577 Court building open: Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4pm Court counter open: By prior appointment only	There is no parking available at this venue.
Hereford Magistrates Court Court location/tribunal no.220	The Magistrates Court Bath Street Hereford Herefordshire HR1 2HE	Enquiries: 01905 730800 Court building open: Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm Telephone Enquiries from: 9am to 5pm Court counter open: By appointment only. County court appointments line to book in see below.	
Worcester Combined Court Court location/tribunal no. 380	The Shirehall Foregate Street Worcester Worcestershire WR1 1EQ	Enquiries: 01905 730 800 Court building open: Monday to Friday 8:30am to 5:30pm Court counter open: by appointment only.	There are disabled parking facilities at this venue.

Projected HPCDS Scheme volumes in the Scheme Area

4. The tables below indicate historical information surrounding the HPCDS Schemes in the Scheme Area.

Birmingham, Herefordshire & Worcestershire Scheme Area Key Facts³

Number of courts in area	Three			Busiest days for Acts of Assistance				Birmingham	Thursday (24%)			
								Hereford	Tuesday (30%)			
								Worcester	Tuesday 931%			
Most common day for sessions	Birmingham	Thursday (21%), Wednesday (20%), Friday (20%)			Most common types of claimant				Birmingham	Social Landlord (56%)		
	Hereford	Tuesday (30%), Thursday (30%)							Hereford	Social Landlord (57%)		
	Worcester	Tuesday (26%), Wednesday (23%), Monday (23%)							Worcester	Social Landlord (58%)		
Most common time for sessions	Birmingham	Morning (54%)			Most common types of hearing				Birmingham	Claims (43%)		
	Hereford	Morning (100%)							Hereford	Claims (43%)		
	Worcester	Morning (93%)							Worcester	Claims (35%)		
Number of Sessions						Fees paid						
Court	2014	2015	2016	Court	2014	2015	2016					
Birmingham	472	456	456	Birmingham	£300,510.00	£281,835.45	£279,188.10					
Hereford	23	12	12	Hereford	£2,432.70	£1,073.25	£1,574.10					
Worcester	112	118	107	Worcester	£12,163.50	£11,519.55	£11,662.65					
Total	607	586	575	Total	£315,106.20	£294,428.25	£292,424.85					
Acts of assistance by day of the week												
Court	Monday	%	Tuesday	%	Wednesday	%	Thursday	%	Friday	%		
Birmingham	2503	21%	2305	19%	2880	24%	2235	19%	2037	17%		
Hereford	5	9%	17	30%	15	27%	15	27%	4	7%		
Worcester	83	21%	120	31%	82	21%	58	15%	45	12%		
Total	2591	21%	2442	20%	2977	24%	2308	19%	2086	17%		
Acts of Assistance				Distribution of sessions by day of the week						Length of session		
Court	2014	2015	2016	Court	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	All Day	Morning	Afternoon
Birmingham	4163	3903	3897	Birmingham	19%	19%	20%	21%	20%	0%	54%	46%
Hereford	23	12	21	Hereford	9%	30%	23%	30%	9%	0%	100%	0%
Worcester	141	120	127	Worcester	23%	26%	23%	16%	12%	0%	93%	7%
Total	4327	4035	4045	Total	19%	21%	21%	20%	18%	0%	63%	37%

³ Sessions, fees and acts of assistance data is drawn from the Legal Aid Agencies internal Management Information data. Listing information is taken from HMCTS court listing data

Number of Nil Sessions				Listing Information																											
Court	2014	2015	2016	2014								2015								2016											
				Type of hearing				Type of claimant				Type of hearing				Type of claimant				Type of hearing				Type of claimant							
				A	B	C	D	E	1	2	3	4	A	B	C	D	E	1	2	3	4	A	B	C	D	E	1	2	3	4	
Birmingham	21	20	9	7147	2617	1725	2387	4214	1767	4211	1672	10440	5460	2116	1438	1668	3397	2017	2072	1382	8608	5599	2133	1332	1450	3141	2112	1710	1126	8707	
Hereford	11	3	1	379	152	0	134	202	111	216	64	476	261	98	0	126	148	66	123	28	416	240	85	0	104	111	59	91	27	363	
Worcester	29	44	41	1580	592	395	754	959	248	1130	241	2661	1209	430	344	576	770	209	506	189	2425	1167	467	356	546	725	244	450	207	2360	
Total	61	67	51	9106	3361	2120	3275	5375	2126	5557	1977	13577	6930	2644	1782	2370	4315	2292	2701	1599	11449	7006	2685	1688	2100	3977	2415	2251	1360	11430	

1. Accelerated Landlord 2: Mortgage. 3: Private Landlord 4: Social Landlord: A: Claims B: Outright Orders C: Repossessions D: Suspended Orders E: Warrants

Please note that Hereford County Court relocated to the same venue as Hereford Magistrates Court in December 2015.

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