



Legal Aid
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Scheme Area Guide:

Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme Area: West Sussex, East
Sussex, and City of Brighton and Hove

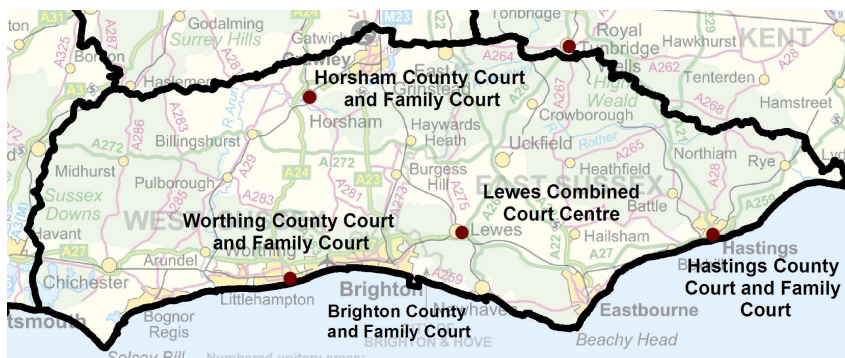
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Introduction

1. This guide is designed to provide information on the HPCDS Scheme Area of West Sussex, East Sussex, and City of Brighton and Hove 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 Brighton County and Family Court, Hastings County Court and Family Court, Horsham County Court and Family Court, Lewes Combined Court Centre and Worthing County Court and Family Court.



Local Authority	Population ¹
Brighton and Hove	285,276
Wealden	156,501
Arun	155,732
Mid Sussex	145,651
Horsham	135,868
Chichester	116,976
Crawley	110,864
Worthing	107,736
Eastbourne	102,465
Lewes	100,693
Rother	92,908
Hastings	91,497
Adur	63,429
Total	1,665,596

Main Settlement Areas ²			
Bexhill-on-Sea	Bognor Regis	Brighton and Hove	Burgess Hill
Crawley	Eastbourne	Hastings	Haywards Heath
Horsham	Littlehampton	Shoreham-by-Sea	Worthing

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 Locations will be located either within or close to the Scheme Area. At present, adhoc listings in Worthing Court for residents in Chichester are being heard in Havant on Judicial direction. In addition, we are aware of two Alternative Hearing Venues. Tunbridge Wells Town Hall, Mount Pleasant Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS, which will be used for one day a week to hear cases listed at Hasting County Court. The Eastbourne Traffic Commissioners Office, Ivy House Ivy Terrace, Eastbourne, BN21 4QT will be used for up to two days a week, hearing cases listed in Hastings.

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
Brighton County and Family Court Court location code:150	William Street Brighton East Sussex BN2 0RF	Enquiries: 01273 674421 Appointments: 01273 388421 Fax: 0870 3240319 Court building open: Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm Telephone Enquiries from: 9am to 5pm Court counter open: Appointments only	Paid off-site parking is available within 500m of this venue.
Hastings County Court and Family Court Court location/tribunal No.551	The Law Courts Bohemia Road Hastings East Sussex TN34 1QX	Enquiries: 01424 710280 Court building open: Monday to Friday 9am to 4:30pm. Court counter open: For urgent appointments only	On road parking or nearby sports centre car park is available.
Horsham County Court and Family Court Court location/tribunal No.227	The Law Courts Hurst Road Horsham West Sussex RH12 2ET	Enquiries: 01273 674421 Court building open: Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm. Court counter open: Appointments only	There is free public parking at or nearby this Court.
Lewes Combined Court Centre Court location code:431	The Law Courts High Street Lewes East Sussex BN7 1YB	County Court: 01273 674 421 County Court fax: 01273 602 138 Court building open: 8:30am to 4:30pm Crown Court enquiries: 8:30am to 4:30pm Telephone Enquiries from: 8:30am to 4:30pm	No parking facilities are available at this court.
Worthing County Court and Family Court Court location/tribunal No.383	The Law Courts Christchurch Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 1JD	Appointments: 01903 221929 Enquiries: 01903 221 920 Court building open: Monday to Friday 8:45am to 4:30pm. Court counter open: Counter service from 10am until 4pm is by appointment only for urgent matters	There is no public parking available at the Court site

Projected HPCDS Scheme volumes in the Scheme Area

- The graphs below indicate historical information surrounding the HPCDS Schemes in the Scheme Area.

West Sussex, East Sussex and the City of Brighton and Hove Scheme Area Key Facts³

Number of courts in area	Five			Busiest days for Acts of Assistance				Brighton	Monday (40%), Friday (38%)
								Chichester	Wednesday (99%)
								Eastbourne	Tuesday (56%)
								Hastings	Friday (79%)
								Horsham	Monday (98%)
								Lewes	Wednesday (100%)
								Worthing	Monday (98%)
Most common day for sessions	Brighton	Friday (25%), Monday (22%)	Most common types of claimant				Brighton	Social Landlord (33%)	
	Chichester	Wednesday (96%)					Chichester	Social Landlord (37%), Mortgage (36%)	
	Eastbourne	Tuesday (50%)					Eastbourne	Mortgage (41%)	
	Hastings	Friday (79%)					Hastings	Mortgage (33%)	
	Horsham	Monday (97%)					Horsham	Social Landlord (49%)	
	Lewes	Wednesday (98%)					Lewes	Mortgage (43%)	
	Worthing	Monday (96%)					Worthing	Mortgage (38%)	
Most common time for sessions	Brighton	Morning (100%)	Most common types of hearing				Brighton	Claims (43%)	
	Chichester	All Day (100%)					Chichester	Claims (44%)	
	Eastbourne	Morning (100%)					Eastbourne	Claims (39%)	
	Hastings	Morning (99%)					Hastings	Claims (40%)	
	Horsham	All Day (97%)					Horsham	Claims (41%)	
	Lewes	Morning (100%)					Lewes	Claims (44%)	
	Worthing	All Day (97%)					Worthing	Claims (42%)	

Number of Sessions				Fees paid			
Court	2014	2015	2016	Court	2014	2015	2016
Brighton	244	232	154	Brighton	£34,129.35	£31,911.30	£21,178.80
Chichester	32	25	21	Chichester	£7,011.90	£10,947.15	£8,299.80
Eastbourne	18	19	17	Eastbourne	£2,146.50	£2,218.05	£2,361.15
Hastings	39	36	42	Hastings	£3,362.85	£3,434.40	£4,221.45
Horsham	26	24	23	Horsham	£6,868.80	£8,156.70	£8,943.75
Lewes	47	51	46	Lewes	£3,434.40	£3,792.15	£3,434.40
Worthing	27	23	21	Worthing	£6,439.50	£4,650.75	£4,650.75
Total	433	410	324	Total	£63,393.30	£65,110.50	£53,090.10

Acts of assistance by day of the week										
Court	Monday	%	Tuesday	%	Wednesday	%	Thursday	%	Friday	%
Brighton	413	40	97	9	93	9	34	3	395	38
Chichester	2	1	1	0	368	99	0	0	0	0
Eastbourne	2	3	42	56	12	16	8	11	10	13
Hastings	1	1	12	12	3	3	6	6	82	79
Horsham	337	98	6	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lewes	0	0	0	0	48	100	0	0	0	0
Worthing	223	98	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
Total	978	44	159	7	528	24	48	2	487	22

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

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																			
Brighton	394	365	273	Brighton	22%	19%	19%	17%	23%	0%	100%	0%																			
Chichester	99	155	117	Chichester	3%	1%	96%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%																			
Eastbourne	24	23	28	Eastbourne	9%	50%	11%	13%	15%	0%	100%	0%																			
Hastings	28	34	42	Hastings	3%	9%	3%	6%	79%	0%	99%	1%																			
Horsham	99	120	125	Horsham	97%	1%	1%	0%	0%	97%	3%	0%																			
Lewes	12	20	16	Lewes	0%	0%	98%	0%	2%	0%	100%	0%																			
Worthing	91	69	67	Worthing	96%	1%	3%	0%	0%	97%	1%	1%																			
Total	394	365	273	Total	25%	14%	30%	10%	22%	19%	81%	0%																			
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	
Brighton	84	81	23	1120	528	220	257	594	849	503	301	1066	1055	515	224	214	513	724	262	360	1175	821	420	221	187	428	654	240	288	895	
Chichester	0	0	0	635	255	149	196	325	408	318	203	631	520	228	118	144	245	425	133	140	557	454	222	152	102	260	413	123	136	518	
Eastbourne	6	8	5	460	222	119	124	253	305	280	192	401	405	249	122	105	232	467	134	144	368	377	232	129	70	242	428	130	178	314	
Hastings	19	15	17	627	317	174	135	327	561	358	243	418	577	321	150	131	290	499	163	304	503	765	378	189	172	385	546	219	340	784	
Horsham	0	0	0	510	230	91	185	244	272	291	89	608	429	162	85	143	194	212	126	86	589	404	183	65	122	162	239	116	88	493	
Lewes	36	33	32	143	53	29	43	83	35	114	39	163	129	44	16	42	57	40	59	34	155	120	40	19	34	58	44	39	39	149	
Worthing	0	0	0	429	212	122	106	225	368	249	164	313	359	180	105	64	193	363	126	131	281	305	161	92	70	157	292	79	158	256	
Total	145	137	77	3924	1817	904	1046	2051	2798	2113	1231	3600	3474	1699	820	843	1724	2730	1003	1199	3628	3246	1636	867	757	1692	2616	946	1227	3409	

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 Chichester Combined Court is due to close at a date to be confirmed and Housing Possession cases previously listed here will be listed at Worthing. In addition, Eastbourne County Court is due to close in October 2017. Housing Possession cases previously listed at Eastbourne will be listed at Hastings and Brighton County Courts. The data for closed courts is included for illustrative purposes and does not represent the actual volume or value of HPCDS work being transferred.

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