



Legal Aid
Agency

Procurement of HPCDS Services in England and Wales from 1 October 2018

Scheme Area Guide:

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Introduction

1. This guide is designed to provide information on the HPCDS Scheme Area of Barnsley, Doncaster & Sheffield in advance of the tender launch for HPCDS work from October 2018. It provides information on the area and the court locations covered.

About the court locations in this Scheme Area

2. The court locations to be served in this Scheme Area are Barnsley Law Courts, Doncaster Justice Centre North and Sheffield Combined Court Centre.



Local Authority	Population ¹
Sheffield	569,737
Doncaster	304,813
Barnsley	239,319
Total	1,113,869

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. At present, there are no known Alternative Hearing Venues in this Scheme Area.

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

Court locations covered by this scheme	Address	Contact details and Opening times	Parking Information
Barnsley Law Courts Court location/tribunal no. 2770	The Court House Westgate Barnsley South Yorkshire S70 2HW	Enquiries: 01226 320 000 Court building open: Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm Court counter open: By prior appointment only, please contact enquiries	There is a paid car park nearby.
Doncaster Justice Centre North County Court location code:187	College Road Doncaster South Yorkshire DN1 3HS	Enquiries: 01302 366 711 Civil fax: 01264 347 925 Court building open: Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm Court counter open: 9am to 5pm County Court enquiries counter: By prior appointment only Telephone Enquiries from: 9am to 5pm	Limited public parking is available in College Road.
Sheffield Combined Court Centre Court location/tribunal no 320	The Law Courts 50 West Bar Sheffield South Yorkshire S3 8PH	Enquiries: 0114 281 2400 Fax: 0114 281 2425 Court building open: Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm Court counter open: 10am to 2pm (by prior appointment only)	There are no parking facilities at this court.

Projected HPCDS Scheme volumes in the Scheme Area

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

Barnsley, Doncaster & Sheffield Scheme Area Key Facts²

Number of courts in area	Three		Busiest day for Acts of Assistance	Barnsley	Wednesday (94%)
				Doncaster	Monday (98%)
				Sheffield	Monday (75%)
Most common day for listing	Barnsley	Wednesday (91%)	Most common types of claimant	Barnsley	Social Landlord (65%)
	Doncaster	Monday (98%)		Doncaster	Mortgage (49%)
	Sheffield	Monday (61%), Tuesday (31%)		Sheffield	Social Landlord (52%)
Most common time for listing	Barnsley	Afternoon (92%)	Most common types of action	Barnsley	Claims (40%)
	Doncaster	Morning (74%)		Doncaster	Claims (39%)
	Sheffield	Morning (53%), All Day (36%)		Sheffield	Claims (39%)

Number of Sessions				Fees paid			
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Court	2014	2015	2016	Court	2014	2015	2016
Barnsley	52	45	42	Barnsley	£12,163.50	£12,521.25	£11,376.45
Doncaster	63	55	54	Doncaster	£19,747.80	£13,666.05	£15,597.90
Sheffield	85	91	59	Sheffield	£57,812.40	£49,154.85	£38,422.35
Total	200	191	155	Total	£89,723.70	£75,342.15	£65,396.70

Acts of assistance by day of the week										
Court	Monday	%	Tuesday	%	Wednesday	%	Thursday	%	Friday	%
Barnsley	12	2%	11	2%	472	94%	2	0%	0	1%
Doncaster	670	98%	15	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Sheffield	1521	75%	487	24%	4	0%	8	0%	4	1%
Total	2203	68%	513	16%	476	15%	10	0%	4	0%

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
Barnsley	169	176	156	Barnsley	1%	7%	91%	1%	1%	1%	7%	92%
Doncaster	276	191	218	Doncaster	98%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	74%	26%
Sheffield	806	688	537	Sheffield	61%	31%	2%	3%	3%	36%	53%	11%
Total	1251	1055	911	Total	58%	16%	24%	1%	2%	16%	48%	36%

² 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	
Barnsley	1	0	3	895	314	177	367	524	79	674	114	1410	603	220	135	267	400	91	314	107	1113	499	238	107	228	327	84	288	136	891	
Doncaster	0	0	0	1106	465	307	432	693	164	1242	293	1304	825	339	207	346	526	210	656	196	1181	776	361	191	286	514	183	552	262	1131	
Sheffield	2	1	0	1971	698	652	1108	1284	169	1175	217	4152	1817	687	572	897	1102	426	563	210	3876	1904	657	744	927	1090	422	769	276	3855	
Total	3	1	3	3972	1477	1136	1907	2501	412	3091	624	6866	3245	1246	914	1510	2028	727	1533	513	6170	3179	1256	1042	1441	1931	689	1609	674	5877	

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 in June 2016 Doncaster County Court relocated to Doncaster Justice Centre North.

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