



Legal Aid
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Scheme Area Guide:

Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme Area: Berkshire,
Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

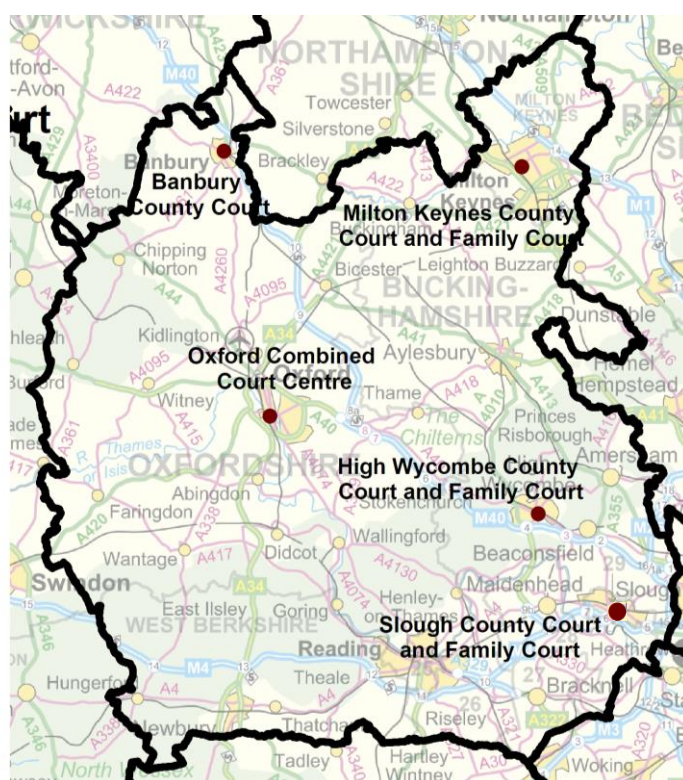
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Introduction

1. This guide is designed to provide information on the HPCDS Scheme Area of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire for HPCDS work from October 2018. It provides information on the area and courts covered.

About the court locations in this Scheme Area

2. The court locations to be served in this Scheme Area are Banbury County Court, High Wycombe County Court and Family Court, Milton Keynes County Court and Family Court, Oxford Combined Court Centre and Slough County Court and Family Court.



Local Authorities	Population ¹
Milton Keynes	261,762
Aylesbury Vale	188,707
Wycombe	176,028
Reading	161,739
Wokingham	160,409
Oxford	159,574
West Berkshire	156,020
Windsor and Maidenhead	147,708
Slough	145,734
Cherwell	145,550
South Oxfordshire	137,412
Vale of White Horse	126,663
Bracknell Forest	118,982
West Oxfordshire	108,611
Chiltern	94,545
South Bucks	69,120
Total	2,358,564

Main settlements (30k+) ²			
Abingdon	Aylesbury	Banbury	Bicester
Bracknell	High Wycombe	Maidenhead	Milton Keynes
Newbury	Oxford	Reading	Slough
Wokingham	Woodley		

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

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.

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.

Independent Scheme Areas

- This Scheme Area includes an Independent housing possession scheme for Reading County Court and Family Court. This is currently funded by other sources and is not intended to be covered by this Tender.

Court locations covered by this scheme	Address	Contact details and Opening times	Parking Information
Banbury County Court Court location/tribunal no. 114	The Court House Warwick Road Banbury Oxfordshire OX16 2AW	Enquiries: 01295 452 090 Bailiffs: 01865 264 221 Fax:01264 785029 Court building open: Monday to Friday 9:30am to 4pm	This venue has disabled parking facilities.
High Wycombe County Court and Family Court Court location/tribunal no. 223	The Law Courts Ground Floor Easton Street High Wycombe Buckinghamshire HP11 1LR	Enquiries: 01753 690 300 Fax: 0870 3240013 Court building open: Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm Court counter open: By prior appointment only	This venue has disabled parking facilities.
Milton Keynes County Court and Family Court Court location/tribunal no. 388	351 Silbury Boulevard Witan Gate East Central Milton Keynes Buckinghamshire MK9 2DT	Court building open: Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4pm Court counter open: by prior appointment only	Council car parking bays are situated around the Court building and are subject to local pay and display rates
Oxford Combined Court Centre Court location/tribunal no. 291	St Aldates Oxford Oxfordshire OX1 1TL	County Court enquiries counter: By prior appointment only Court building open: Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm	There are no parking facilities at the Court.
Slough County Court and Family Court Court location/tribunal no. 327	The Law Courts Windsor Road Slough Berkshire SL1 2HE	Court building open: Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm Court counter open: By prior appointment only. See Further Information for details.	There are limited public car parking facilities. This venue has disabled parking facilities.

Projected HPCDS Scheme volumes in the Scheme Area

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

Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Scheme Area Key Facts³

Number of courts in area	Five			Busiest days for Acts of Assistance			Banbury	Tuesday (99%)
							High Wycombe	Tuesday (56%)
							Milton Keynes	Monday (76%)
							Oxford	Tuesday (61%)
							Slough	Tuesday (48%)
Most common day for sessions	Banbury	Tuesday (97%)	Most common types of claimant			Banbury	Social Landlord (46%)	
	High Wycombe	Thursday (80%)				High Wycombe	Social Landlord (47%)	
	Milton Keynes	Monday (79%)				Milton Keynes	Social Landlord (50%)	
	Oxford	Tuesday (60%)				Oxford	Social Landlord (53%)	
	Slough	Tuesday (47%)				Slough	Social Landlord (42%)	
Most common time for sessions	Banbury	Morning (87%)	Most common types of hearing			Banbury	Claims (43%)	
	High Wycombe	All Day (66%)				High Wycombe	Claims (43%)	
	Milton Keynes	Morning (69%)				Milton Keynes	Claims (44%)	
	Oxford	Morning (100%)				Oxford	Claims (44%)	
	Slough	Morning (100%)				Slough	Claims (41%)	

Number of Sessions				Fees paid			
Court	2014	2015	2016	Court	2014	2015	2016
Banbury	29	26	20	Banbury	£5,509.35	£4,436.10	£3,505.95
High Wycombe	51	31	34	High Wycombe	£7,727.40	£6,725.70	£6,224.85
Milton Keynes	0	8	72	Milton Keynes	£0.00	£2,289.60	£9,015.30
Oxford	42	43	37	Oxford	£9,516.15	£8,514.45	£7,870.50
Slough	25	18	19	Slough	£2,790.45	£3,362.85	£2,790.45
Total	147	126	182	Total	£25,543.35	£25,328.70	£29,407.05

Acts of assistance by day of the week										
Court	Monday	%	Tuesday	%	Wednesday	%	Thursday	%	Friday	%
Banbury	0	0	186	99	0	0	1	1	1	1
High Wycombe	0	0	56	19	4	1	230	78	3	1
Milton Keynes	120	76	5	3	0	0	29	18	4	3
Oxford	0	0	224	61	135	36	7	2	4	1
Slough	20	16	60	48	46	37	0	0	0	0
Total	140	12	531	47	185	16	267	24	12	1

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
Banbury	77	62	49	Banbury	0%	97%	0%	1%	1%	9%	87%	4%
High Wycombe	115	95	89	High Wycombe	0%	17%	2%	80%	1%	66%	31%	3%
Milton Keynes	0	32	126	Milton Keynes	79%	5%	0%	14%	3%	0%	69%	31%
Oxford	137	124	114	Oxford	0%	60%	39%	1%	1%	0%	100%	0%
Slough	40	47	39	Slough	18%	47%	35%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%
Total	369	360	417	Total	16%	44%	16%	23%	1%	18%	75%	7%

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	
Banbury	0	0	0	266	90	48	126	155	115	158	49	363	267	83	65	108	120	147	76	52	368	208	83	34	71	84	92	67	39	282	
High Wycombe	4	1	1	631	246	81	208	322	251	332	209	696	472	182	83	134	259	275	130	147	578	432	201	110	124	249	214	122	156	624	
Milton Keynes	0	0	0	1212	438	234	472	651	411	739	278	1579	1088	556	265	334	555	706	390	304	1398	1226	657	257	293	576	855	339	366	1449	
Oxford	2	2	1	1235	499	283	422	679	696	521	427	1474	1012	437	264	348	533	670	272	353	1299	959	432	198	261	450	591	229	343	1137	
Slough	0	0	0	1313	641	422	360	838	1162	655	447	1310	1044	526	398	220	629	1183	303	355	976	897	498	360	215	533	951	241	355	956	
Total	6	3	2	4657	1914	1068	1588	2645	2635	2405	1410	5422	3883	1784	1075	1144	2096	2981	1171	1211	4619	3722	1871	959	964	1892	2703	998	1259	4448	

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

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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