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Scheme Area Guide:

Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme Area:
Mid & South West Kent, North Kent & Medway, and the Kent Coast

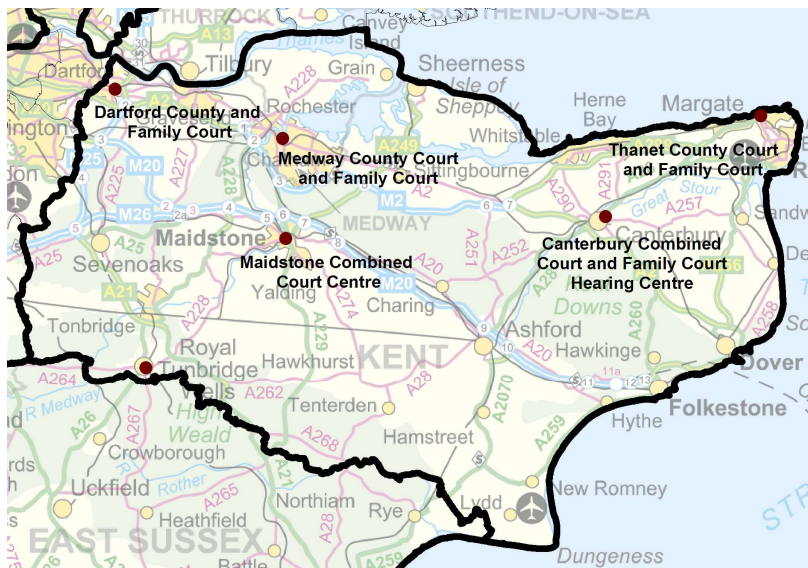
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Introduction

1. This guide is designed to provide information on the HPCDS Scheme Area of Mid & South West Kent, North Kent & Medway, and the Kent Coast 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 Canterbury Combined Court and Family Court Hearing Centre, Dartford County and Family Court, Maidstone Combined Court Centre, Medway County Court and Family Court and Thanet County Court and Family Court.



Local Authority	Population ¹
Medway	276,492
Maidstone	164,499
Canterbury	159,965
Swale	142,417
Thanet	139,772
Tonbridge and Malling	125,713
Ashford	124,250
Sevenoaks	118,409
Tunbridge Wells	116,241
Dover	113,228
Shepway	110,034
Gravesham	106,299
Dartford	103,892
Total	1,801,211

Main Settlements (30k+) ²			
Ashford	Canterbury	Chatham	Dartford
Deal	Dover	Folkestone	Gillingham
Gravesend	Herne Bay	Maidstone	Margate
Ramsgate	Rochester	Royal Tunbridge Wells	Sittingbourne
Tonbridge	Whitstable		

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.

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.

Court locations covered by this scheme	Address	Contact details and Opening times	Parking Information
Canterbury Combined Court and Family Court Hearing Centre Court location No.163	The Law Courts Chaucer Road Canterbury CT1 1ZA	Enquiries: 01227 819200 Appointments: 01227 819267 Court building open: 8am to 6pm Civil counter open: For urgent matters only, by prior appointment	There is no public parking available at the Court site, but there are numerous car parks in close proximity.
Dartford County Court and Family Court Court location/tribunal No 184	Home Gardens Dartford Kent DA1 1DX	Enquiries: 01322 627600 Appointments: 01322 627612 Court building open: Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. Court counter open: For Urgent Matters Only: by prior appointment	There is no public parking available at the Court site, but there are numerous car parks in close proximity.
Maidstone Combined Court Centre Court location No.434	The Law Courts Barker Road Maidstone Kent ME16 8EQ	Enquiries: 01622 202 000 Appointments: 01622 202095 Court building open: 7:45am to 5pm. County Court enquiries counter: By prior appointment only.	There is no public parking available at the Court site, but there are numerous car parks in close proximity.
Medway County Court and Family Court Court location No.267	Anchorage House 47-67 High Street Chatham Kent ME4 4DW	Enquiries: 01634 887 900 Appointments: 01634 887916 Court building open: Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm. Court counter open: For urgent matters only by prior appointment	There is no public parking available at the Court site, but there are numerous car parks in close proximity.
Thanet County Court and Family Court Court location No.348	The Court House 2nd Floor Cecil Square Margate Kent CT9 1RL	Enquiries: 01843 221722 Appointments: 01843 222736 Court building open: Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm. Court counter open: For urgent matters only, by prior appointment.	There is no public parking available at the Court site, but there are numerous car parks in close proximity.

Projected HPCDS Scheme volumes in the Scheme Area

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

Mid & South-West Kent, North Kent & Medway and the Kent Coast Scheme Area Key Facts³

Number of courts in area	Five*		Busiest days by Acts of Assistance	Canterbury	Wednesday (97%)
				Dartford	Tuesday (77%)
				Maidstone	Wednesday (41%)
				Medway	Monday (66%)
				Thanet	Tuesday (100%)
Most common day of listing	Canterbury	Wednesday (95%)	Most common types of claimant	Canterbury	Mortgage (38%), Social Landlord (35%)
	Dartford	Tuesday (76%)		Dartford	Social Landlord (38%), Mortgage (37%)
	Maidstone	Wednesday (36%)		Maidstone	Social Landlord (49%)
	Medway	Monday (72%)		Medway	Mortgage (44%)
	Thanet	Tuesday (100%)		Thanet	Mortgage (37%)
	Tunbridge	Tuesday (99%)		Tunbridge	Social Landlord (53%)
Most common time of listing	Canterbury	Morning (55%)	Most common types of hearing	Canterbury	Claims (43%)
	Dartford	Morning (54%)		Dartford	Claims (40%)
	Maidstone	Morning (85%)		Maidstone	Claims (44%)
	Medway	Morning (50%), Afternoon (59%)		Medway	Claims (42%)
	Thanet	All Day (51%)		Thanet	Claims (39%)
	Tunbridge	Morning (53%)		Tunbridge	Claims (45%)

Number of Sessions				Fees paid			
Court	2014	2015	2016	Court	2014	2015	2016
Canterbury	59	73	66	Canterbury	£13,236.75	£11,805.75	£11,304.90
Dartford	91	88	92	Dartford	£28,262.25	£23,826.15	£23,110.65
Maidstone	35	30	35	Maidstone	£5,580.90	£3,863.70	£4,579.20
Medway	86	90	88	Medway	£25,471.80	£19,390.05	£19,676.25
Thanet	27	28	29	Thanet	£6,511.05	£6,010.20	£5,867.10
Tunbridge	64	68	48	Tunbridge	£9,516.15	£12,306.60	£8,586.00
Total	362	377	358	Total	£88,578.90	£77,202.45	£73,124.10

Acts of assistance by day of the week										
Court	Monday	%	Tuesday	%	Wednesday	%	Thursday	%	Friday	%
Canterbury	7	1	3	1	526	97	1	0	5	1
Dartford	0	0	816	77	240	23	8	1	0	0
Maidstone	48	25	24	13	78	41	42	22	0	0
Medway	608	66	1	0	0	0	318	34	0	0
Thanet	0	0	298	100	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tunbridge	6	1	409	99	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	669	19	1551	45	844	25	369	11	5	0

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 session by day of the week							Length of session				
Court	2014	2015	2016	Court	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	All Day	Morning	Afternoon			
Canterbury	189	181	173	Canterbury	2%	1%	95%	1%	2%	25%	55%	20%			
Dartford	397	343	324	Dartford	0%	76%	23%	1%	0%	0%	54%	46%			
Maidstone	78	54	60	Maidstone	27%	17%	36%	20%	0%	1%	85%	14%			
Medway	359	293	275	Medway	72%	0%	0%	28%	0%	1%	50%	49%			
Thanet	99	101	98	Thanet	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	51%	33%	15%			
Tunbridge	130	170	115	Tunbridge	1%	99%	0%	0%	0%	0%	53%	47%			
Total	1252	1142	1045	Total	20%	44%	26%	9%	0%	9%	55%	37%			

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
Canterbury	0	0	0	1405	713	273	379	717	872	942	469	1204	1253	671	302	317	625	940	452	478	1298	1044	568	261	256	520	711	366	420	1152
Dartford	0	0	0	2187	1048	697	662	1469	1414	1123	1065	2461	1787	856	634	446	1182	1435	542	819	2109	1750	898	630	396	1061	1587	439	838	1871
Maidstone	0	0	4	765	282	179	275	404	241	504	176	984	673	294	183	220	365	408	229	201	897	654	290	149	162	274	309	178	173	869
Medway	0	0	1	1744	856	452	404	842	1037	1076	1279	906	1356	865	513	299	862	1257	598	1258	782	1173	687	473	207	760	1265	388	912	735
Thanet	0	0	0	603	340	284	120	335	517	354	323	488	531	344	268	100	330	596	178	286	513	553	350	211	67	288	616	123	300	430
Tunbridge	7	5	9	621	219	103	223	294	157	369	118	816	545	223	92	189	256	225	173	139	768	188	78	40	45	72	118	45	54	206
Total	7	5	14	7325	3458	1988	2063	4061	4238	4368	3430	6859	6145	3253	1992	1571	3620	4861	2172	3181	6367	5362	2871	1764	1133	2975	4606	1539	2697	5263

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 Tunbridge County Court closed in December 2016. Housing possession cases previously listed at this location are now listed at Canterbury County Court, Dartford County Court and Maidstone County Court. The data for Tunbridge is included for illustrative purposes and does not represent the actual volume or value of HPCDS work transferred to any other court.*

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