



Legal Aid
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Scheme Area Guide:

Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme Area:
Liverpool and Wirral and Cheshire

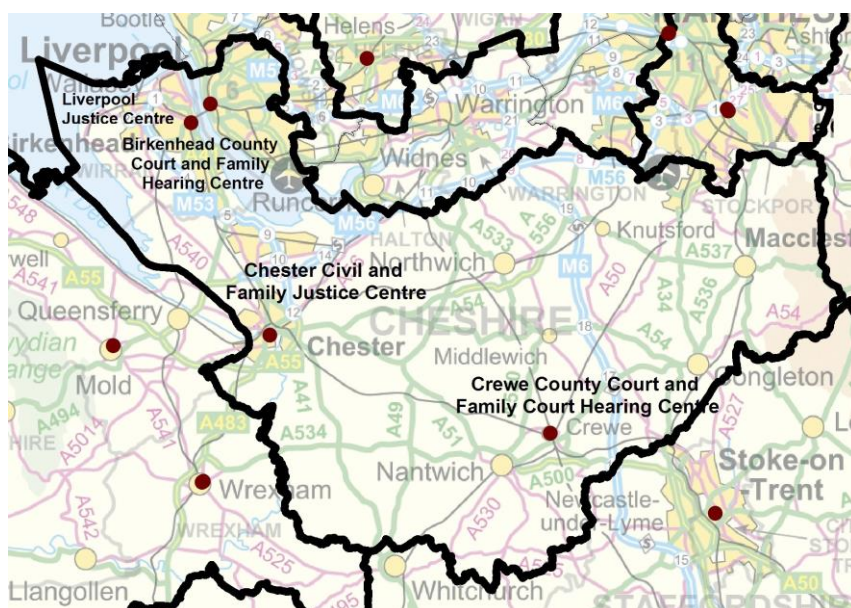
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Introduction

1. This guide is designed to provide information on the HPCDS Scheme Area of Liverpool, and Wirral and Cheshire 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 Birkenhead County Court and Family Hearing Centre, Chester Civil & Family Justice Centre, Crewe County Court and Family Court Hearing Centre and Liverpool Civil and Family Court Hearing Centre.



Local Authority	Population ¹
Liverpool	478,580
Cheshire East	375,392
Cheshire West and Chester	333,917
Wirral	320,900
Sefton	273,707
Total	2,263,950

Main settlements (30k+) ²			
Bebington	Birkenhead	Bottle	Chester
Crewe	Crosby	Ellesmere Port	Heswall
Kirkby	Liverpool	Northwich	Prescot
Runcorn	Southport	Wallasey	Widnes
Wilmslow	Winsford		

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>

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
Birkenhead County Court and Family Hearing Centre Court location No.126	76 Hamilton Street Birkenhead CH41 5EN	Enquiries: 0151 666 5800 Court building open: Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm Court counter open: By prior appointment only	Pay and Display parking is located at the rear of the Court building.
Chester Civil & Family Justice Centre Court location No.170	Trident House Little St John Street Chester CH1 1SN	Enquiries: 01244 404 200 Court building open: Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm Court counter open: By prior appointment only (High court 10am to 4pm)	Paid off-site parking is available within 500m of this venue. Blue badge parking is available on site.
Crewe County Court and Family Court Hearing Centre Court location No.181	The Law Courts Civic Centre Crewe CW1 2DP	Enquiries: 01270 539 300 Court building open: Monday to Friday 9:30am to 4pm Court counter open: By prior appointment only	Pay and Display car park is located adjacent to the Court House
Liverpool Civil and Family Court Hearing Centre Court location/tribunal No.251	35 Vernon Street Liverpool L2 2BX	Enquiries: 0151 296 2200 Court building open: Monday to Friday 8:30am to 5pm. Bailiffs Office: 8:30am to 10:30am Court counter open: By prior appointment only (High court and Administrative Court 10am to 4pm).	There is no public parking available, however there are several NCP car parks in close proximity

HPCDS Scheme volumes in the Scheme Area

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

Liverpool and Wirral & Cheshire Scheme Area Key Facts³

Number of courts in area	Four			Busiest days for Acts of Assistance	Birkenhead	Thursday (88%)						
					Chester	Thursday (77%)						
					Crewe	Tuesday (88%)						
					Liverpool	Thursday (38%)						
Most common day for listings	Birkenhead	Thursday (68%)			Most common types of claimant	Birkenhead	Mortgage (43%), Social Landlord (41%)					
	Chester	Thursday (66%)				Chester	Social Landlord (45%), Mortgage (44%)					
	Crewe	Tuesday (82%)				Crewe	Social Landlord (48%)					
	Liverpool	Tuesday (22%), Thursday (22%)				Liverpool	Social Landlord (56%)					
Most common time for listings	Birkenhead	Morning (89%)			Most common type of claim	Birkenhead	Claims (41%)					
	Chester	Morning (49%)				Chester	Claims (40%)					
	Crewe	Morning (40%), All Day (39%)				Crewe	Claims (42%)					
	Liverpool	Morning (99%)				Liverpool	Claims (42%)					
Number of Sessions					Fees paid							
Court	2014	2015	2016	Court	2014	2015	2016					
Birkenhead	51	52	125	Birkenhead	£23,039.10	£25,758.00	£28,834.65					
Chester	47	33	26	Chester	£13,308.30	£12,306.60	£10,589.40					
Crewe	48	29	28	Crewe	£12,020.40	£8,228.25	£6,940.35					
Liverpool	235	222	240	Liverpool	£105,106.95	£95,161.50	£110,187.00					
Total	381	336	419	Total	£153,474.75	£141,454.35	£156,551.40					
Acts of assistance by day of the week												
Court	Monday	%	Tuesday	%	Wednesday	%	Thursday	%	Friday	%		
Birkenhead	30	3	29	3	17	2	960	88	46	4		
Chester	21	4	56	11	23	5	392	77	18	4		
Crewe	3	1	330	88	21	6	14	4	9	2		
Liverpool	805	18	1288	29	384	9	1722	38	305	7		
Total	859	13	1703	26	445	7	3088	48	378	6		
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
Birkenhead	324	360	403	Birkenhead	9%	7%	6%	68%	9%	7%	89%	3%
Chester	188	173	149	Chester	8%	12%	8%	66%	6%	33%	49%	18%
Crewe	168	113	96	Crewe	1%	82%	7%	7%	4%	39%	40%	21%
Liverpool	1527	1372	1605	Liverpool	20%	22%	18%	22%	17%	0%	99%	1%
Total	2207	2018	2253	Total	15%	24%	14%	34%	13%	8%	87%	5%

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	
Birkenhead	0	0	0	1088	388	205	438	668	365	918	223	1281	1067	377	225	394	634	294	527	281	1595	959	383	258	329	595	364	377	258	1525	
Chester	3	1	0	846	332	237	352	469	166	687	172	1211	826	316	211	368	425	146	349	154	1497	640	256	188	284	312	114	258	170	1138	
Crewe	1	2	1	532	207	182	236	357	96	582	111	725	421	151	75	226	252	68	252	95	710	319	131	80	151	212	80	200	101	512	
Liverpool	0	0	0	4192	1280	811	1987	2308	560	2884	1052	6082	3813	1116	766	1970	2171	565	1611	878	6782	3470	1085	690	1669	1812	587	1329	856	5954	
Total	4	3	1	6658	2207	1435	3013	3802	1187	5071	1558	9299	6127	1960	1277	2958	3482	1073	2739	1408	10584	5388	1855	1216	2433	2931	1145	2164	1385	9129	

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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