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

## **Scheme Area Guide:**

Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme: St. Helens and Wigan

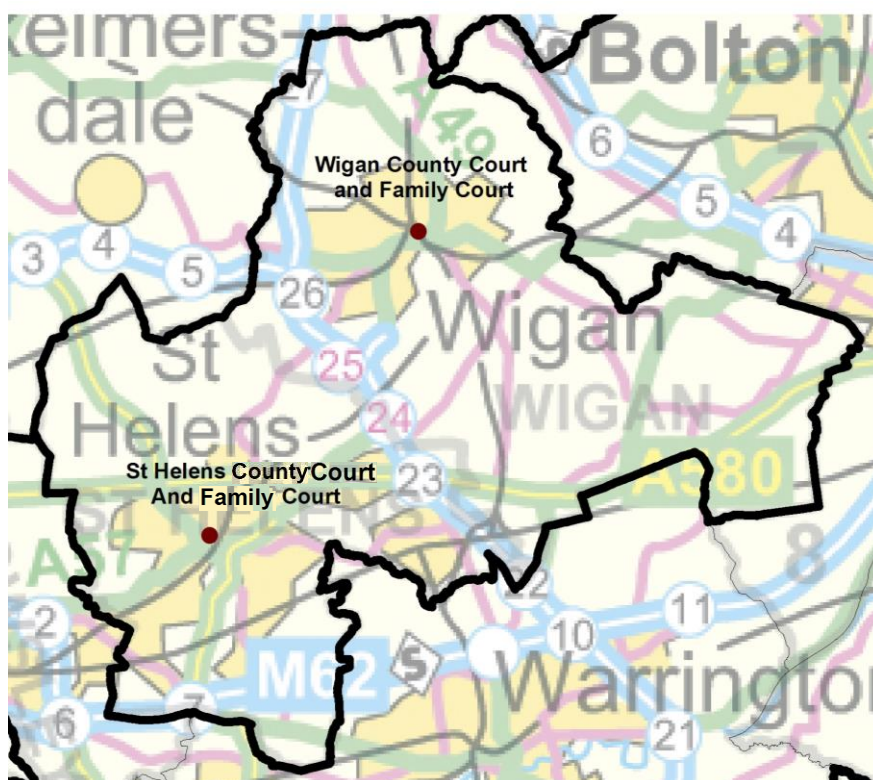
## Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme Area: St. Helens and Wigan

### Introduction

1. This guide is designed to provide information on the HPCDS Scheme Area of St. Helens and Wigan 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 St. Helens County Court and Family Court, and Wigan County Court and Family Court.



Local Authority	Population <sup>1</sup>
Wigan	322,022
St. Helens	177,612
<b>Total</b>	<b>499,634</b>

Main settlements (30k+) <sup>2</sup>
Wigan
St. Helens

### Alternative Hearing Venues

3. It is possible that some listings may be allocated by courts in the Scheme Area to Alternative Hearing Venue (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.

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

<sup>2</sup> 2011 Population: All Usual Residents". Neighbourhood Statistics. Office for National Statistics. 2011-03-27. Retrieved 2017-02-12.

<b>Court locations covered by this scheme</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Contact details and Opening times</b>	<b>Parking Information</b>
St. Helens County Court and Family Court  Court location No.315	St. Helens Courthouse Corporation Street St. Helens Merseyside WA10 1SZ	Enquiries: 01744 620 244  Court building open: Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4pm. Court counter open: By prior appointment only	There is no public parking available at the Court site.
Wigan County Court and Family Court  Court location No.374	Wigan and Leigh Courthouse Darlington Street Wigan Greater Manchester WN1 1DW	Enquiries: 01942 405 405  Court building open: Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. Court counter open: 10am to 2pm	There is no public parking available at the Court site.

#### **Projected HPCDS Scheme volumes in the Scheme Area**

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

**St Helens and Wigan Scheme Area Key Facts<sup>3</sup>**

Number of courts in area	Two*		Busiest days by Acts of Assistance	St. Helens	Thursday (22%), Tuesday (21%), Monday (21%), Friday (20%)
				Warrington	Wednesday (32%), Tuesday (31%)
				Wigan	Monday (53%)
Most common day of listing	St. Helens	Thursday (25%)	Most common types of claimant	St. Helens	Social Landlord (52%)
	Warrington	Wednesday (34%)		Warrington	Social Landlord (52%)
	Wigan	Monday (53%)		Wigan	Mortgage (45%), Social Landlord (52%)
Most common time of listing	St. Helens	Morning (75%)	Most common types of hearing	St. Helens	Claims (41%)
	Warrington	Morning (51%)		Warrington	Claims (42%)
	Wigan	Morning (75%)		Wigan	Claims (40%)

Number of Sessions				Fees paid			
Court	2014	2015	2016	Court	2014	2015	2016
St. Helens	208	185	183	St. Helens	£30,337.20	£27,689.85	£25,257.15
Warrington	76	69	33	Warrington	£25,614.90	£22,752.90	£14,023.80
Wigan	0	22	136	Wigan	£0	£2,504.25	£15,311.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£55,952.10</b>	<b>£52,947.00</b>	<b>£54,592.65</b>

Acts of assistance by day of the week										
Court	Monday	%	Tuesday	%	Wednesday	%	Thursday	%	Friday	%
St. Helens	236	21	234	21	180	16	248	22	228	20
Warrington	47	5	266	31	277	32	150	17	128	15
Wigan	122	53	37	16	19	8	24	10	28	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>17</b>

Acts of Assistance				Distribution of listing days by day of the week						Length of session		
Court	2014	2015	2016	Court	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	All Day	Morning	Afternoon
St. Helens	413	375	338	St. Helens	19%	19%	17%	25%	20%	0%	75%	25%
Warrington	358	313	197	Warrington	6%	29%	34%	17%	15%	2%	51%	48%
Wigan	0	34	196	Wigan	53%	16%	8%	12%	11%	1%	75%	24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>25%</b>

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
St. Helens	16	17	20	1353	452	424	607	880	161	1157	234	2164	1249	372	351	623	785	166	578	197	2439	1624	501	430	721	944	195	724	314	2987
Warrington	1	5	0	1157	390	270	554	671	189	847	172	1834	1018	310	235	529	589	186	434	215	1846	280	102	75	121	163	98	111	46	486
Wigan	0	1	22	1416	501	410	691	941	223	1333	248	2155	1356	418	306	677	726	176	680	204	2423	1006	403	243	446	506	239	531	296	1538
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>3926</b>	<b>1343</b>	<b>1104</b>	<b>1852</b>	<b>2492</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>3337</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>6153</b>	<b>3623</b>	<b>1100</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>1829</b>	<b>2100</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>1692</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>6708</b>	<b>2910</b>	<b>1006</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>1288</b>	<b>1613</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>1366</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>5011</b>

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

<sup>3</sup> 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

***\*Please note Warrington County Court closed in September 2016. Housing possession cases previously listed at Warrington are now listed at St Helens County Court. The data for Warrington is included for illustrative purposes and does not represent the actual volume or value of HPCDS work transferred to St Helens.***

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