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Scheme Area Guide:

Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme Area: Walsall, Dudley and City of Wolverhampton

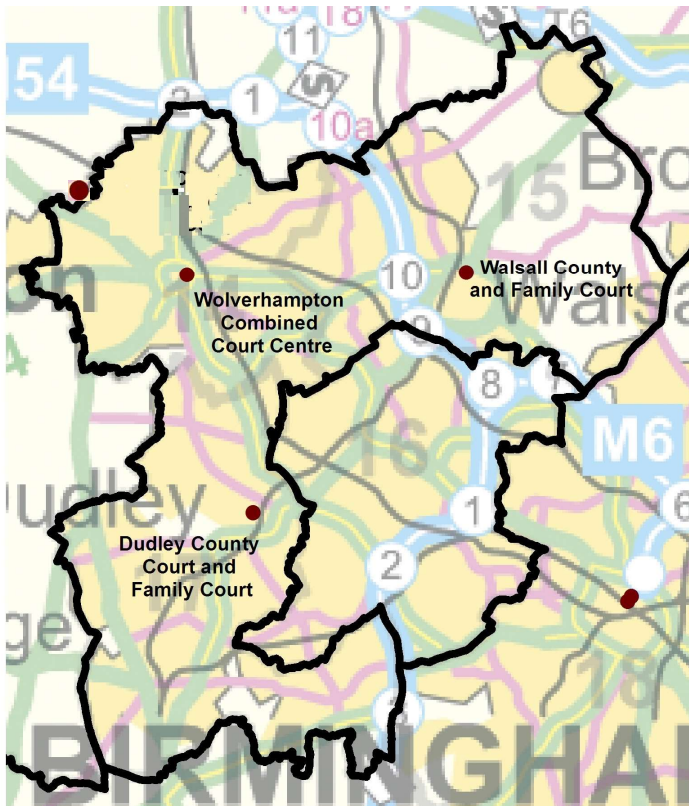
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Introduction

1. This guide is designed to provide information on the HPCDS Scheme Area of Walsall, Dudley, City of Wolverhampton and Shropshire for HPCDS work from October 2018. It provides information on the area and court locations covered.

About the courts locations in this Scheme Area

2. The court locations to be served in this Scheme Area are Dudley County Court and Family Court, Walsall County and Family Court and Wolverhampton Combined Court Centre.



Local Authorities	Population ¹
Dudley	316,464
Walsall	276,095
Wolverhampton	254,406
Total	846,965

Main Settlements (30k+) ²
Dudley
Walsall
Wolverhampton

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
Dudley County Court and Family Court Court location/tribunal No.189	Dudley County Court The Inhedge West Midlands Dudley West Midlands DY1 1RY	Enquiries: 01384 211411 Court building open: Monday to Friday 9:15am to 4pm Court counter open: 10am to 2pm	There is no public parking available at the Court site
Walsall County and Family Court Court location/tribunal No.358	Bridge House Bridge Street Walsall West Midlands WS1 1JQ	Enquiries: 01922 728 855 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
Wolverhampton Combined Court Centre Court location/tribunal No.378	Pipers Row Wolverhampton West Midlands WV1 3LQ	Enquiries: 01902 481 000 Court building open: Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm. County Court enquiries counter: By prior appointment only	Parking is available immediately opposite the Court in Pipers Row.

Projected HPCDS volumes in the Scheme Area

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

Walsall, Dudley, City of Wolverhampton Scheme Area Key Facts³

Number of courts in area	Three			Busiest days by Acts of Assistance								Dudley	Wednesday (44%)																		
												Walsall	Friday (28%)																		
												Wolverhampton	Tuesday (30%), Thursday (29%)																		
Most common day of listing	Dudley	Wednesday (31%)			Most common types of claimant								Dudley	Social Landlord (55%)																	
	Walsall	Friday (25%), Monday (25%), Thursday (24%)											Walsall	Social Landlord (51%)																	
	Wolverhampton	Tuesday (25%), Thursday (24%)											Wolverhampton	Social Landlord (62%)																	
Most common time of listing	Dudley	Morning (93%)			Most common types of hearing								Dudley	Claims (38%)																	
	Walsall	Morning (82%)											Walsall	Claims (39%)																	
	Wolverhampton	Morning (96%)											Wolverhampton	Claims (40%)																	
Number of Sessions				Fees paid																											
Court	2014	2015	2016	Court	2014	2015		2016																							
Dudley	104	156	99	Dudley	£19,604.70	£32,769.90		£28,763.10																							
Walsall	120	111	115	Walsall	£21,035.70	£15,955.65		£16,885.80																							
Wolverhampton	183	145	211	Wolverhampton	£42,715.35	£25,400.25		£41,499.00																							
Total	407	412	425	Total	£83,355.75	£74,125.80		£87,147.90																							
Acts of assistance by day of the week																															
Court	Monday	%	Tuesday	%	Wednesday	%	Thursday	%	Friday	%																					
Dudley	311	28%	142	13%	479	44%	147	13%	13	1%																					
Walsall	163	25%	104	16%	54	8%	158	24%	186	28%																					
Wolverhampton	298	20%	447	30%	241	16%	427	29%	71	5%																					
Total	772	24%	693	21%	774	24%	732	23%	270	8%																					
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																			
Dudley	266	422	404	Dudley	32%	17%	31%	17%	3%	0%	93%	7%																			
Walsall	285	190	190	Walsall	25%	18%	8%	24%	25%	1%	82%	17%																			
Wolverhampton	601	333	553	Wolverhampton	20%	25%	19%	24%	12%	0%	96%	4%																			
Total	1152	945	1147	Total	25%	21%	19%	23%	12%	0%	93%	6%																			
Number of Nil Sessions				Listing Information																											
Court	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				
Dudley	9	39	4	1756	630	408	651	931	195	1213	337	2631	1376	495	325	416	761	316	600	340	2117	1292	444	279	372	595	303	492	289	1898	
Walsall	9	33	46	1815	712	411	809	1058	437	1326	352	2690	1241	554	347	458	866	403	728	361	1974	1180	581	315	461	720	424	652	341	1840	
Wolverhampton	0	22	27	1365	599	349	591	775	414	839	249	2177	1053	498	290	426	627	466	375	210	1843	1036	464	304	393	603	402	370	238	1790	
Total	18	94	77	4936	1941	1168	2051	2764	1046	3378	938	7498	3670	1547	962	1300	2254	1185	1703	911	5934	3508	1489	898	1226	1918	1129	1514	868	5528	

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

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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