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Scheme Area Guide:

Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme Area: East Lancashire and
West Lancashire

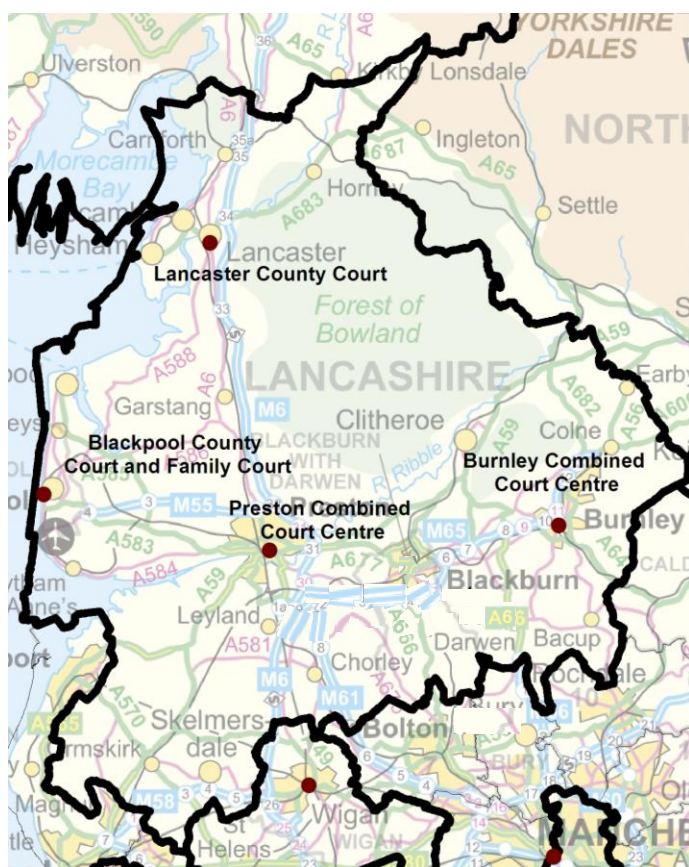
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Introduction

1. This guide is designed to provide information on the HPCDS Scheme Area of East Lancashire and West Lancashire for HPCDS work from October 2018. It provides information on the area and court locations covered.

About the locations in this Scheme Area

2. The court locations to be served in this Scheme Area are Blackpool County Court and Family Court, Burnley Combined Court Centre, Lancaster County Court and Preston Combined Court Centre.



Local Authority	Population ¹
Wigan	322,022
Blackburn with Darwen	146,846
Lancaster	142,283
Preston	141,302
Blackpool	139,578
Chorley	112,969
West Lancashire	112,742
Wyre	109,745
South Ribble	109,651
Pendle	90,111
Burnley	87,371
Hyndburn	80,228
Fylde	77,322
Rosendale	69,487
Ribble Valley	58,480
Total	1,800,137

Main Settlements (30k+) ²			
Accrington	Blackpool	Morecombe	Leyland
Bamber Bridge	Burnley	Nelson	Lytham St Anne's
Blackburn	Chorley	Preston	Skelmersdale
Lancaster	Fulwood	Blackburn	Blackpool
Accrington	Chorley	Fulwood	Burnley
Bamber Bridge			

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
Blackpool County Court and Family Court Court location/tribunal no.131	The Law Courts Chapel Street Blackpool Lancashire FY1 5RJ	Enquiries: 01253 754 020 Fax: 01264 347 891 Court building open: Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm Court counter open: By prior appointment only	There is no parking available at this venue
Burnley Combined Court Centre Court location/tribunal no. 154	The Law Courts Hammerton Street Burnley Lancashire BB11 1XD	Enquiries: 01282 855 300 County Court fax: 0870 739 4210 Court building open: Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm Court counter open: By prior appointment only.	Public parking can be found across road from the Court House.
Lancaster County Court and Family Court Court location/tribunal no.242	Lancaster County Court and Family Court Hearing Centre George Street Lancaster Lancashire LA1 1XZ ³	Enquiries: 01772 208000 Court building open: 8.00 am until close of business:	
Preston Combined Court Centre Court location/tribunal no. 448	The Law Courts Openshaw Place Ring Way Preston Lancashire PR1 2LL	No listed number County Court enquiries counter: 10am to 2pm Court building open: Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm	On-site parking is not available at this venue. Off-site parking is not available within 500m of this venue. Limited blue badge parking is available on site (please contact the venue for details).

Projected HPCDS Scheme volumes in the Scheme Area

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

³ **Lancaster County Court relocated on 16 September 2017 to the same venue as Lancaster Magistrates Court so the address showing is the Lancaster Magistrates Court**

East Lancashire and West Lancashire Scheme Area Key Facts⁴

Number of courts in area	Four			Busiest days for Acts of Assistance			Blackpool	Wednesday (99%)															
							Burnley	Monday (66%)															
							Preston	Tuesday (43%)															
Most common day for sessions	Blackpool	Wednesday (97%)			Most common types of claimant			Blackpool	Mortgage (58%)														
	Burnley	Monday (51%)						Burnley	Mortgage (53%)														
	Preston	Tuesday (30%)						Preston	Social Landlord (52%)														
	Lancaster	Tuesday (62%)						Lancaster	Mortgage (47%)														
Most common time for sessions	Blackpool	Morning (96%)			Most common types of hearing			Blackpool	Claims (41%)														
	Burnley	Morning (91%)						Burnley	Claims (38%)														
	Preston	Morning (99%)						Preston	Claims (41%)														
	Lancaster	Morning (96%)						Lancaster	Claims (41%)														
Number of Sessions						Fees paid																	
Court	2014		2015		2016		Court	2014		2015		2016											
Blackpool	54		51		52		Blackpool	£14,667.75		£13,379.85		£11,376.45											
Burnley	86		95		76		Burnley	£20,248.65		£22,752.90		£16,384.95											
Preston	104		127		130		Preston	£26,688.15		£33,127.65		£29,979.45											
Lancaster	29		26		30		Lancaster	£4,865.40		£4,793.85		£5,795.55											
Total	273		299		288		Total	£66,469.95		£74,054.25		£63,536.40											
Acts of assistance by day of the week																							
Court	Monday		%		Tuesday		%		Wednesday		%		Thursday		%		Friday		%				
Blackpool	1		0		1		0		544		99		1		0		2		0				
Burnley	552		66		4		0		272		33		3		0		4		0				
Preston	193		15		540		43		133		11		221		18		167		13				
Lancaster	6		3		157		75		18		9		22		11		4		2				
Total	752		26		702		25		967		34		247		9		177		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	
Blackpool	205		185		159		Blackpool	0%		0%		97%		1%		1%		1%		96%		3%	
Burnley	284		320		231		Burnley	51%		2%		45%		1%		1%		0%		91%		9%	
Preston	373		462		419		Preston	17%		30%		14%		22%		16%		0%		99%		1%	
Lancaster	65		64		79		Lancaster	8%		62%		11%		12%		6%		1%		96%		3%	
Total	927		1031		888		Total	25%		19%		37%		11%		8%		0%		96%		4%	

⁴ 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	
Blackpool	0	2	0	770	330	211	255	506	278	1084	186	524	665	309	200	173	416	396	629	133	605	520	240	159	136	306	263	489	167	442	
Burnley	11	7	3	1249	506	349	398	671	226	1430	269	1248	1082	507	355	398	604	244	926	309	1467	944	438	232	267	542	302	728	337	1056	
Preston	0	1	0	1283	458	349	487	779	286	1001	282	1787	1117	385	281	392	719	268	521	200	1905	1019	409	295	427	676	279	424	183	1940	
Lancaster	3	3	3	340	145	85	92	181	130	305	73	335	308	123	65	95	179	107	187	96	380	236	96	72	76	171	113	174	45	319	
Total	14	13	6	3852	1458	1020	1481	2208	783	3662	738	4836	3165	1244	805	1186	1871	705	2092	726	4748	2842	1140	726	1040	1714	784	1700	706	4272	

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

Lancaster County Court is due to relocate on 16 September 2017 to the same venue as Lancaster Magistrates Court. Accrington County Court, which was previously in this Scheme Area, closed in March 2016. Cases previously listed at Accrington are now listed at Burnley.

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