



Legal Aid
Agency

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

Scheme Area Guide:

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Introduction

1. This guide is designed to provide information on the HPCDS Scheme Area of North Tyneside and Newcastle-upon-Tyne for HPCDS work from October 2018. It provides information on the area and courts locations covered.

About the court locations in this Scheme Area

2. The court locations to be served in this Scheme Area are Newcastle upon Tyne Combined Court Centre and North Shields County Court and Family Court Hearing Centre.



Local Authority	Population ¹
Newcastle upon Tyne	292,883
North Tyneside	202,494
Total	495,377

Main settlements (30k+) ²
Newcastle
North Shields
Wallsend
Whitley Bay

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 Alternative Hearing Venues at Berwick-upon-Tweed Magistrates court and Bedlington.

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
Newcastle upon Tyne Combined Court Centre Court location/tribunal No. 278	The Law Courts The Quayside Newcastle-upon-Tyne Tyne & Wear NE1 3LA	Enquiries: (Switchboard) 0191 201 2000 Court building open: Monday to Friday 8:30am to 5pm. Court counter open: 10am to 4pm by prior appointment only	There is no public parking available at the Court site, but there are numerous car parks in close proximity.
North Shields County Court and Family Court Hearing Centre Court location No.283	Kings Court Earl Grey Way Royal Quays North Shields Tyne & Wear NE29 6AR	Enquiries: 0191 298 2339 Appointments: 0191 298 2320 Court building open: Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm. Court counter open: By prior appointment only	Free on-site parking is available at this venue. Free off-site parking is available within 500m of this venue. Limited blue badge parking is available on site (please contact the venue for details).

HPCDS Scheme volumes in the Scheme Area

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

North Tyneside and Newcastle Scheme Area Key Facts³

Number of courts in area	Two*			Busiest days by Acts of Assistance			Berwick**	Wednesday (97%)		
							Morpeth**	Monday (73%)		
							Newcastle	Thursday (59%)		
							North Shields	Monday (80%)		
Most common day of listing	Berwick**	Wednesday (97%)		Most common types of claimant			Morpeth & Berwick**		Social Landlord (49%)	
	Morpeth**	Monday (47%)					Newcastle		Social Landlord (64%)	
	Newcastle	Tuesday (30%)					North Shields		Social Landlord (53%)	
	North Shields	Monday (52%)								
Most common time of listing	Berwick**	Morning (98%)		Most common types of hearing			Morpeth & Berwick**		Claims (40%)	
	Morpeth**	Morning (63%)					Newcastle		Claims (45%)	
	Newcastle	Morning (76%)					North Shields		Claims (40%)	
	North Shields	Morning (73%)								
Number of Sessions						Fees paid				
Court	2014	2015	2016	Court	2014	2015	2016			
Berwick**	19	19	22	Berwick**	£2,933.55	£2,432.70	£2,289.60			
Morpeth**	68	69	36	Morpeth**	£25,328.70	£23,039.10	£11,161.80			
Newcastle	238	237	245	Newcastle	£56,381.40	£42,643.80	£45,720.45			
North Shields	118	122	128	North Shields	£33,199.20	£34,344.00	£34,200.90			
Total	443	447	431	Total	£117,842.85	£102,459.60	£93,372.75			
Acts of assistance by day of the week										
Court	Monday	%	Tuesday	%	Wednesday	%	Thursday	%	Friday	%
Berwick**	1	1%	0	0%	94	97%	2	2%	0	0%
Morpeth**	608	73%	142	17%	19	2%	9	1%	49	6%
Newcastle	181	10%	274	15%	157	8%	1095	59%	132	7%
North Shields	1146	80%	123	9%	40	3%	98	7%	21	1%
Total	1936	46%	539	13%	310	7%	1204	29%	202	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

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																			
Berwick**	39	33	25	Berwick**	2%	0%	97%	2%	0%	2%	98%	0%																			
Morpeth**	352	323	154	Morpeth**	47%	23%	7%	5%	18%	36%	63%	1%																			
Newcastle	759	536	556	Newcastle	17%	30%	17%	21%	15%	12%	76%	12%																			
North Shields	466	479	484	North Shields	52%	20%	8%	15%	4%	17%	73%	10%																			
Total	39	33	25	Total	30%	25%	17%	17%	12%	16%	74%	9%																			
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													
				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	
Berwick**	2	1	7	688	288	202	330	451	63	599	139	1158	603	249	184	234	390	86	304	231	1039	18	17	54	0	5	22	24	15	33	
Morpeth**	3	0	2																												
Newcastle	37	67	86	1560	523	267	711	724	170	900	234	2481	1084	348	190	477	497	179	499	214	1704	1741	724	309	695	868	257	694	467	2919	
North Shields	3	3	1	717	283	168	366	412	92	516	92	1246	688	246	137	336	364	101	297	90	1283	593	226	131	279	331	63	199	97	1201	
Total	45	71	96	2965	1094	637	1407	1587	325	2015	465	4885	2375	843	511	1047	1251	366	1100	535	4026	2352	967	494	974	1204	342	917	579	4153	

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 Morpeth and Berwick County Court closed in February 2017. Housing Possession cases listed at this venue are now listed at Newcastle County Court. The data for Morpeth and Berwick is included for illustrative purposes and does not represent the actual volume or value of HPCDS work transferred to Newcastle.*

***Please note that the LAA records data for Morpeth and Berwick separately, while HMCTS aggregates their data.*

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