



Legal Aid
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Scheme Area Guide:

Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme Area: South Tyneside,
Sunderland and Gateshead

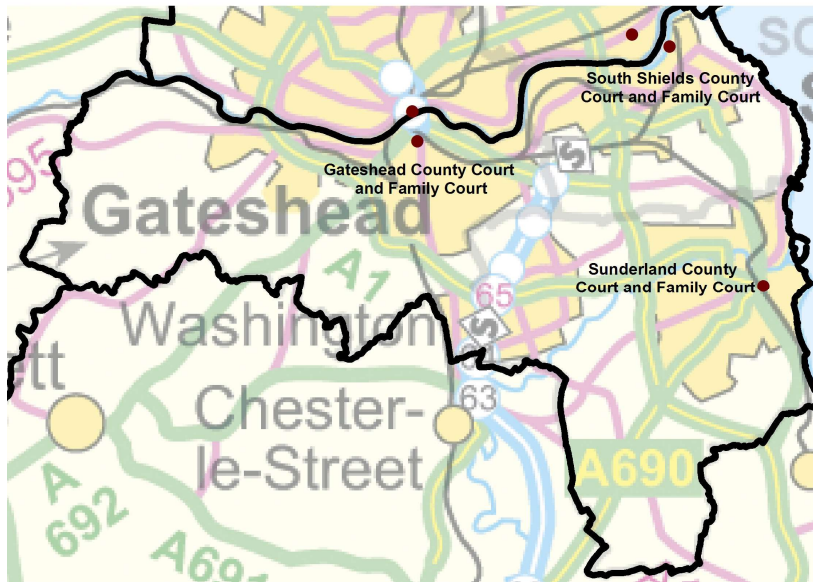
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Introduction

1. This guide is designed to provide information on the HPCDS Scheme Area of South Tyneside, Sunderland and Gateshead 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 Gateshead County Court and Family Court, South Shields County Court and Family Court, and Sunderland County Court and Family Court.



Local Authority	Population ¹
Sunderland	277,150
Gateshead	200,996
South Tyneside	148,671
Total	626,817

Main Settlements (30k+) ²
Gateshead
Jarrow
South Shields
Sunderland

Alternative Hearing Venue

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 Venue 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
Gateshead County Court and Family Court Court location No.202	Gateshead Law Courts Warwick Street Gateshead Tyne & Wear NE8 1DT	Enquiries: 0191 477 5821 Court counter open: By appointment only - Please contact the enquiries number below	On-site parking is not available at this venue. Paid off-site parking is available within 500m of this venue. Blue badge parking is not available at this venue.
South Shields County Court and Family Court Court location No.331	Millbank Secretan Way Tyne & Wear South Shields Tyne & Wear NE33 1RG	Enquiries: 0191 455 8800 / 0191 456 3343 Court building open: Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4pm. Court counter open: 10am to 2pm - By prior appointment only	There is free public parking at or nearby this Court.
Sunderland County Court and Family Court Court/tribunal location No.343	44 John Street Sunderland Tyne & Wear SR1 1RB	Enquiries: 0191 568 0750 Court building open: Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm. Court counter open: By prior appointment only	There is no public parking available at the Court site, but there are numerous car parks in close proximity.

Projected HPCDS Scheme volumes in the Scheme Area

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

South Tyneside, Sunderland and Gateshead Scheme Area Key Facts³

Number of courts in area	Three			Busiest days for Acts of Assistance			Gateshead	Tuesday (79%)				
							South Shields	Wednesday (92%)				
							Sunderland	Wednesday (84%)				
Most common day for sessions	Gateshead	Tuesday (53%)			Most common types of claimant			Gateshead	Social Landlord (54%)			
	South Shields	Wednesday (83%)						South Shields	Social Landlord (67%)			
	Sunderland	Wednesday (79%)						Sunderland	Social Landlord (48%), Mortgage (45%)			
Most common time for sessions	Gateshead	Morning (45%)			Most common types of hearing			Gateshead	Claims (39%)			
	South Shields	All Day (35%), Morning (33%), Afternoon 31%)						South Shields	Claims (42%)			
	Sunderland	All Day (42%)						Sunderland	Claims (42%)			
Number of Sessions						Fees paid						
Court	2014	2015	2016	Court	2014	2015	2016					
Gateshead	82	96	105	Gateshead	£17,815.95	£21,107.25	£23,110.65					
South Shields	61	52	76	South Shields	£37,993.05	£21,250.35	£25,829.55					
Sunderland	47	43	41	Sunderland	£8,156.70	£8,299.80	£10,732.50					
Total	190	191	222	Total	£63,965.70	£50,657.40	£59,672.70					
Acts of assistance by day of the week												
Court	Monday	%	Tuesday	%	Wednesday	%	Thursday	%	Friday	%		
Gateshead	39	4%	687	79%	87	10%	17	2%	37	4%		
South Shields	0	0%	0	0%	1098	92%	81	7%	15	1%		
Sunderland	1	0%	0	0%	348	84%	67	16%	0	0%		
Gateshead	40	2%	687	28%	1533	62%	165	7%	52	2%		
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
Gateshead	249	295	323	Gateshead	11%	53%	22%	5%	8%	17%	45%	39%
South Shields	535	297	362	South Shields	0%	0%	83%	13%	4%	35%	33%	31%
Sunderland	129	126	161	Sunderland	1%	0%	79%	20%	0%	42%	38%	20%
Total	913	718	846	Total	5%	25%	54%	11%	5%	28%	40%	32%

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	
Gateshead	0	0	0	721	306	233	270	488	175	674	122	1047	675	275	173	286	380	122	370	143	1154	538	256	166	211	329	129	270	92	1009	
South Shields	1	1	0	839	195	190	457	503	118	350	44	1672	427	182	164	214	304	63	221	70	937	538	185	127	307	319	52	191	59	1174	
Sunderland	0	2	2	587	244	177	209	383	155	696	76	673	444	173	124	147	288	134	416	71	555	535	202	140	195	272	97	336	115	796	
Total	1	3	2	2147	745	600	936	1374	448	1720	242	3392	1546	630	461	647	972	319	1007	284	2646	1611	643	433	713	920	278	797	266	2979	

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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