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Scheme Area Guide:

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

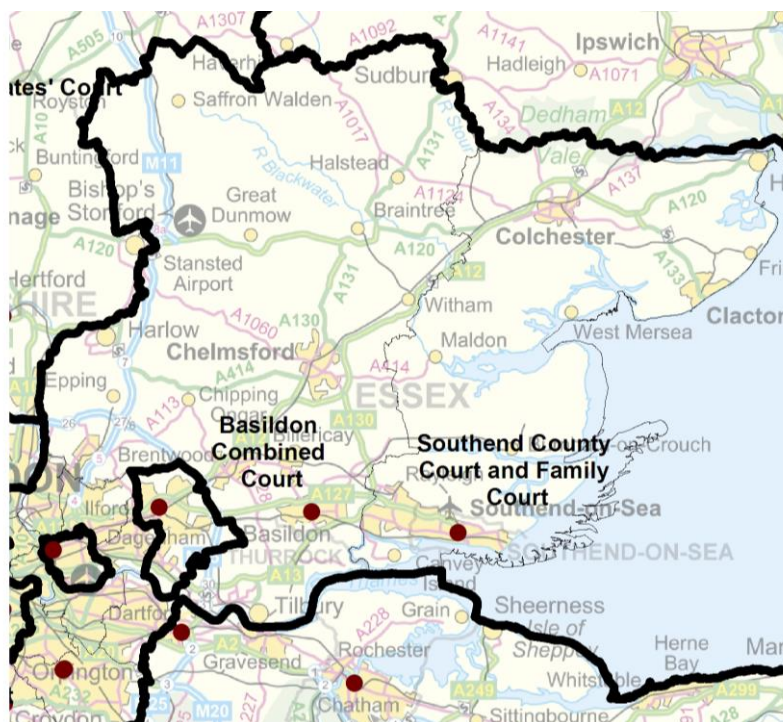
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Introduction

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

About the court locations in this Scheme Area

2. The court locations to be served in this Scheme Area are Basildon Combined Court and Southend County Court and Family Court.



Local Authority	Population ¹
Colchester	183,939
Basildon	181,721
Southend-on-Sea	178,702
Chelmsford	172,638
Thurrock	165,184
Braintree	150,360
Tendring	141,183
Epping Forest	129,677
Castle Point	89,173
Harlow	85,397
Rochford	85,144
Uttlesford	85,119
Brentwood	76,057
Maldon	62,743
Total	1,787,037

Settlements (30k) ²				
Basildon	Braintree	Brentwood	Castle Point	Chelmsford
Colchester	Epping Forest	Harlow	Maldon	Rochford
Southend-on-Sea	Tendring	Thurrock	Uttlesford	

Alternative Hearing Venue

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. There are currently 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.

Independent Scheme Areas

4. This Scheme Area includes an Independent housing possession scheme for Chelmsford County and Family Court. This is currently funded by other sources and is not intended to be covered by this Tender.

Court locations covered by this scheme	Address	Contact details and Opening times	Parking Information
<p>Basildon Combined Court</p> <p>Court location/tribunal no.461</p>	<p>The Gore Basildon Essex SS14 2EW</p>	<p>County Court: 0344 892 4000</p> <p>County Court fax: 01264 347 935</p> <p>Court building open: Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4pm Bailiff counter open: 9:30am</p> <p>Enquiry Office open: For County Court enquiries, by prior appointment only</p> <p>Enquiry Office open: For Crown Court enquiries, from 10am to 2pm</p> <p>Telephone Enquiries from: 9am to 5pm</p>	<p>Disabled parking can be arranged by contacting the court reception in advance.</p>
<p>Southend County Court and Family Court</p> <p>Court location/tribunal no.329</p>	<p>Tylers House Tylers Avenue Southend-on-Sea Essex SS1 2AW</p>	<p>Enquiries: 0344 892 4000</p> <p>Fax: 01264 347956</p> <p>Court building open: Monday to Friday 7:30am to 7pm</p> <p>Court counter open: By prior appointment only</p> <p>Telephone Enquiries from: 9am to 5pm</p>	<p>Disabled parking facilities</p>

Projected HPCDS Scheme volumes in the Scheme Area

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

East Essex and West Essex Scheme Area Key Facts ³																															
Number of courts in area				Two								Busiest days by Acts of Assistance										Basildon		Friday (95%)							
																						Southend		Tuesday (50%)							
Most common day for sessions				Basildon				Friday (92%)				Most common types of claimant										Basildon		Social Landlord (44%)							
				Southend				Tuesday (42%)														Southend		Mortgage (46%)							
Most common time for sessions				Basildon				Morning (58%)				Most common types of hearing										Basildon		Claims (41%)							
				Southend				Morning (64%)														Southend		Claims (42%)							
Number of Sessions														Fees paid																	
Court		2014				2015				2016				Court		2014				2015				2016							
Basildon		80				64				79				Basildon		£16,384.95				£15,097.05				£20,892.60							
Southend		55				56				62				Southend		£9,301.50				£11,090.25				£8,371.35							
Total		135				120				141				Total		£25,686.45				£26,187.30				£29,263.95							
Acts of assistance by day of the week																															
Court		Monday			%			Tuesday			%			Wednesday			%			Thursday			%			Friday			%		
Basildon		0			0			36			5			0			0			0			0			701			95		
Southend		14			3			201			50			73			18			90			22			26			6		
Total		14			1			237			21			73			6			90			8			727			64		
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				
Basildon		233			213			291			Basildon		0%		8%		0%		0%		92%		1%		58%		41%				
Southend		131			155			118			Southend		6%		42%		19%		24%		8%		0%		64%		36%				
Total		364			368			409			Total		3%		23%		8%		11%		56%		1%		61%		39%				
Number of Nil Sessions				Listing Information																											
Court				2014				2015										2016													
				2014				2015				2016				2015				2016				2015				2016			
								Type of hearing		Type of claimant		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					
Basildon	7	0	1	1526	654	341	519	937	727	1109	533	1608	1458	702	348	361	842	921	547	501	1742	1252	692	338	323	769	984	397	471	1522	
Southend	0	0	0	1099	575	281	238	591	710	810	429	835	994	571	331	238	622	936	442	466	912	849	508	290	158	556	957	323	375	706	
Total	7	0	1	2625	1229	622	757	1528	1437	1919	962	2443	2452	1273	679	599	1464	1857	989	967	2654	2101	1200	628	481	1325	1941	720	846	2228	

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 Southend County Court is due to relocate to the same venue as Southend Crown Court.

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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