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

## **Scheme Area Guide:**

Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme Area: City of Westminster

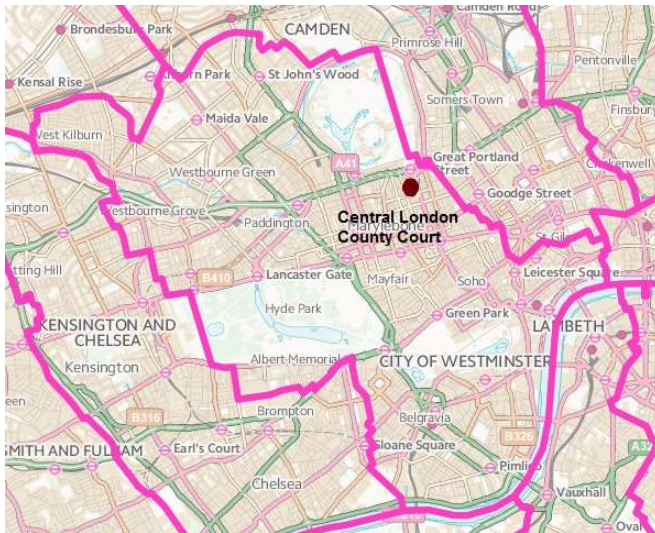
## **Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme Area:** **City of Westminster**

### **Introduction**

1. This guide is designed to provide information on the HPCDS Scheme Area of City of Westminster 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 is Central London County Court.



| Local Authority | Population <sup>1</sup> |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Westminster     | 242,299                 |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>242,299</b>          |

### **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.

<sup>1</sup> ONS Mid-Year Ward Level Statistics 2015 – released 26 October 2016. (Refreshed Annually)  
<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationestimates/datasets/wardlevelmidyearpopulationestimatesexperimental>

| Court locations covered by this scheme                             | Address   | Contact details and Opening times   | Parking Information  |
|--|---|---|--|
| Central London County Court<br><br>Court location/ tribunal no.372 | Thomas More Building<br>Royal Courts of Justice<br>Strand<br>London<br>WC2A 2LL | Enquiries: 0300 123 5577<br>Fax: 0870 739 4144<br><br>Court building open: Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm<br>Court counter open:<br>By Appointment only on 0207 947 7502 | Disabled parking can be arranged by contacting the court in advance. |

#### **Projected HPCDS Scheme volumes in the Scheme Area**

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

**City of Westminster Scheme Area Key Facts<sup>2</sup>**

|  |               |                       |                                       |  |   |                                      |                   |                       |                       |                          |                              |                  |  |
|--|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--|
| <b>Number of courts in area</b>              |               | <b>One</b>            |                                       |  | <b>Busiest days by Acts of Assistance</b> |                                      |                   |                       | <b>Central London</b> | <b>Wednesday (57%)</b>   |                              |                  |  |
| <b>Most common day for sessions</b>          |               | <b>Central London</b> | <b>Wednesday (40%), Tuesday (38%)</b> |  |   | <b>Most common types of claimant</b> |                   |                       |                       | <b>Central London</b>    | <b>Social Landlord (50%)</b> |                  |  |
| <b>Most common time for sessions</b>         |               | <b>Central London</b> | <b>All day (56%)</b>                  |  |   | <b>Most common types of hearing</b>  |                   |                       |                       | <b>Central London</b>    | <b>Claims (47%)</b>          |                  |  |
| <b>Number of Sessions</b>                    |               |                       |                                       |  |   | <b>Fees paid</b>                     |                   |                       |                       |                          |                              |                  |  |
| <b>Court</b>                                 | <b>2014</b>   | <b>2015</b>           | <b>2016</b>                           | <b>Court</b>                                       | <b>2014</b>                               | <b>2015</b>                          | <b>2016</b>       | <b>Court</b>          | <b>2014</b>           | <b>2015</b>              | <b>2016</b>                  |                  |  |
| <b>Central London</b>                        | <b>123</b>    | <b>128</b>            | <b>137</b>                            | <b>Central London</b>                              | <b>£39,614.40</b>                         | <b>£40,143.60</b>                    | <b>£42,109.20</b> | <b>Central London</b> | <b>£39,614.40</b>     | <b>£40,143.60</b>        | <b>£42,109.20</b>            |                  |  |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>123</b>    | <b>128</b>            | <b>137</b>                            | <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>£39,614.40</b>                         | <b>£40,143.60</b>                    | <b>£42,109.20</b> | <b>Total</b>          | <b>£39,614.40</b>     | <b>£40,143.60</b>        | <b>£42,109.20</b>            |                  |  |
| <b>Acts of assistance by day of the week</b> |               |                       |                                       |  |   |                                      |                   |                       |                       |                          |                              |                  |  |
| <b>Court</b>                                 | <b>Monday</b> | <b>%</b>              | <b>Tuesday</b>                        | <b>%</b>   | <b>Wednesday</b>                          | <b>%</b>                             | <b>Thursday</b>   | <b>%</b>              | <b>Friday</b>         | <b>%</b>                 |                              |                  |  |
| <b>Central London</b>                        | <b>21</b>     | <b>1%</b>             | <b>620</b>                            | <b>39%</b>   | <b>897</b>                                | <b>57%</b>                           | <b>16</b>         | <b>1%</b>             | <b>26</b>             | <b>2%</b>                |                              |                  |  |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>21</b>     | <b>1%</b>             | <b>620</b>                            | <b>39%</b>   | <b>897</b>                                | <b>57%</b>                           | <b>16</b>         | <b>1%</b>             | <b>26</b>             | <b>2%</b>                |                              |                  |  |
| <b>Acts of Assistance</b>                    |               |                       |                                       | <b>Distribution of sessions by day of the week</b> |   |                                      |                   |                       |                       | <b>Length of session</b> |                              |                  |  |
| <b>Court</b>                                 | <b>2014</b>   | <b>2015</b>           | <b>2016</b>                           | <b>Court</b>                                       | <b>Monday</b>                             | <b>Tuesday</b>                       | <b>Wednesday</b>  | <b>Thursday</b>       | <b>Friday</b>         | <b>All Day</b>           | <b>Morning</b>               | <b>Afternoon</b> |  |
| <b>Central London</b>                        | <b>505</b>    | <b>522</b>            | <b>555</b>                            | <b>Central London</b>                              | <b>6%</b>                                 | <b>38%</b>                           | <b>40%</b>        | <b>5%</b>             | <b>10%</b>            | <b>56%</b>               | <b>32%</b>                   | <b>12%</b>       |  |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>505</b>    | <b>522</b>            | <b>555</b>                            | <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>6%</b>                                 | <b>38%</b>                           | <b>40%</b>        | <b>5%</b>             | <b>10%</b>            | <b>56%</b>               | <b>32%</b>                   | <b>12%</b>       |  |

<sup>2</sup> 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           |  |
| Central London         | 21        | 21        | 18        | 2623                | 1279        | 468        | 418        | 1202        | 1634             | 418        | 1269        | 2669            | 2446        | 1136        | 478        | 412        | 984              | 1593        | 212        | 1018            | 2633        | 2235        | 1165        | 334        | 304              | 1014        | 1489        | 218        | 1080        | 2265        |  |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>21</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>2623</b>         | <b>1279</b> | <b>468</b> | <b>418</b> | <b>1202</b> | <b>1634</b>      | <b>418</b> | <b>1269</b> | <b>2669</b>     | <b>2446</b> | <b>1136</b> | <b>478</b> | <b>412</b> | <b>984</b>       | <b>1593</b> | <b>212</b> | <b>1018</b>     | <b>2633</b> | <b>2235</b> | <b>1165</b> | <b>334</b> | <b>304</b>       | <b>1014</b> | <b>1489</b> | <b>218</b> | <b>1080</b> | <b>2265</b> |  |

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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