



Legal Aid  
Agency

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

## **Scheme Area Guide:**

Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme Area: South East Wales,  
Rhondda Cynon Taff & Merthyr Tydfil, and Bridgend, Cardiff & the Vale.

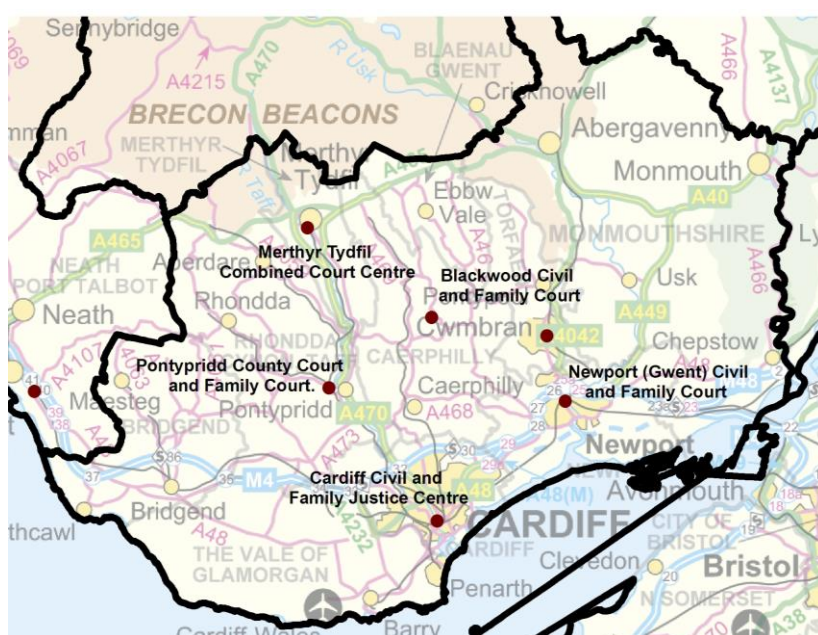
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## **Introduction**

1. This guide is designed to provide information on the HPCDS Scheme Area of South East Wales, Rhondda Cynon Taff & Merthyr Tydfil, and Bridgend, Cardiff & the Vale 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 Blackwood Civil and Family Court, Cardiff Civil and Family Justice Centre, Merthyr Tydfil Combined Court Centre, Newport (Gwent) Civil and Family Court and Pontypridd County Court and Family Court.



Local Authority	Population <sup>1</sup>
Cardiff	357,160
Rhondda Cynon Taf	237,411
Caerphilly	180,164
Newport	147,769
Bridgend	142,092
Vale of Glamorgan	127,592
Monmouthshire	92,476
Torfaen	91,836
Blaenau Gwent	69,544
Merthyr Tydfil	59,324
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,505,368</b>

Main settlements (30k+) <sup>2</sup>			
Aberdare	Barry	Bridgend	Caerphilly
Cardiff	Cwmbran	Merthyr Tydfil	Newport
Pontypridd			

## **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>

<sup>2</sup> 2011 Population: All Usual Residents". Neighbourhood Statistics. Office for National Statistics. 2011-03-27. Retrieved 2017-02-12.

<b>Court Locations covered by this scheme</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Contact details and Opening times</b>	<b>Parking Information</b>
Blackwood Civil and Family Court Court location No.132	8 Hall Street Blackwood South Wales NP12 1NY	Enquiries: 01495 238 200  Court building open: Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. Court counter open: 10am to 2pm	There is 2 hours free public parking near to this court. A pay and display car park is approximately 200 yards from the court building.
Cardiff Civil and Family Justice Centre Court location No.164	2 Park Street Cardiff South Wales CF10 1ET	Enquiries: 029 2037 6400 Court building open: Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. Court counter open: 10am to 2pm (High Court and Administrative Court 4pm)	There is no public parking available at the Court site, but there are numerous car parks in close proximity.
Merthyr Tydfil Combined Court Centre Court location No.3270	The Law Courts Glebeland Place Merthyr Tydfil South Wales CF47 8BH	Enquiries: 01685 727 600 Court building open: Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. Court counter open: 10am to 2pm	There is no public parking at this Court. A public car park is located very close to the court.
Newport (Gwent) Civil and Family Court Court location/tribunal No.280	5th Floor Clarence House Clarence Place Newport Gwent NP19 7AA	Enquiries: 01633 245 040  Court building open: 9:00am to 5pm (Concourse Level). Court enquiries open: 10am to 2pm (Floor 5)	Paid on-site parking is available at this venue. Limited blue badge parking is available on site (please contact the venue for details).
Pontypridd County Court and Family Court Court location No.299	The Courthouse Courthouse Street Pontypridd Rhondda Cynon Taf CF37 1JR	Enquiries: 01443 490 800  Court counter open: 10am to 2pm	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 East Wales, Rhondda Cynon Taff & Merthyr Tydfil and Bridgend, Cardiff & the Vale Scheme Area Key Facts <sup>3</sup>													
Number of courts in area		Five			Busiest days by Acts of Assistance			Blackwood		Wednesday (82%)			
								Cardiff		Thursday (79%)			
								Merthyr Tydfil		Friday (100%)			
								Pontypridd		Friday (29%)			
								Newport		Tuesday (99%)			
Most common day for sessions		Blackwood	Wednesday (82%)		Most common types of claimant			Blackwood		Social Landlord (51%)			
		Cardiff	Tuesday (52%), Thursday (47%)					Cardiff		Social Landlord (45%), Mortgage (43%)			
		Merthyr Tydfil	Friday (91%)					Merthyr Tydfil		Social Landlord (56%)			
		Pontypridd	Friday (28%)					Pontypridd		Mortgage (54%)			
		Newport	Tuesday (97%)					Newport		Social Landlord (54%)			
Most common time for sessions		Blackwood	Afternoon (90%)		Most common types of hearing			Blackwood		Claims (39%)			
		Cardiff	Morning (70%)					Cardiff		Claims (42%)			
		Merthyr Tydfil	Afternoon (58%)					Merthyr Tydfil		Claims (38%)			
		Pontypridd	Morning (54%)					Pontypridd		Claims (41%)			
		Newport	Morning (57%)					Newport		Claims (41%)			
Number of Sessions					Fees paid								
Court	2014		2015		2016		Court	2014		2015		2016	
Blackwood	33		22		22		Blackwood	£5,724.00		£2,933.55		£2,218.05	
Cardiff	114		100		93		Cardiff	£20,320.20		£16,098.75		£11,233.35	
Merthyr Tydfil	31		26		29		Merthyr Tydfil	£2,933.55		£2,504.25		£2,289.60	
Pontypridd	64		34		28		Pontypridd	£5,867.10		£3,505.95		£3,005.10	
Newport	44		34		37		Newport	£8,085.15		£5,151.60		£4,006.80	
Total	286		216		209		Total	£42,930.00		£30,194.10		£22,752.90	
Acts of assistance by day of the week													
Court	Monday	%	Tuesday	%	Wednesday	%	Thursday	%	Friday	%			
Blackwood	12	8	3	2	124	82	13	9	0	0			
Cardiff	0	0	129	21	0	0	476	79	0	0			
Merthyr Tydfil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	100			
Pontypridd	13	10	20	15	32	24	31	23	40	29			
Newport	0	0	223	99	3	1	0	0	0	0			
Total	25	2	375	31	159	13	520	43	135	1			
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	
Blackwood	84	40	28	Blackwood	5%	6%	82%	7%	0%	3%	7%	90%	
Cardiff	262	201	142	Cardiff	0%	52%	0%	47%	0%	0%	70%	30%	
Merthyr Tydfil	26	42	27	Merthyr Tydfil	0%	1%	7%	1%	91%	2%	41%	58%	
Pontypridd	46	50	40	Pontypridd	18%	12%	20%	22%	28%	0%	54%	46%	
Newport	110	69	47	Newport	0%	97%	3%	0%	0%	6%	57%	37%	
Total	528	402	284	Total	4%	39%	14%	26%	17%	1%	55%	44%	

<sup>3</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	
Blackwood	2	3	4	980	349	237	504	577	141	926	114	1466	658	229	104	301	369	86	458	121	996	643	197	127	270	325	90	374	141	957	
Cardiff	26	28	31	1662	710	382	548	916	500	1292	450	1976	1346	689	318	401	711	584	685	442	1754	1211	565	319	376	599	509	609	357	1595	
Merthyr Tydfil	15	4	12	466	195	124	201	263	51	417	46	735	387	172	106	159	220	50	238	76	680	378	160	98	140	163	65	214	110	550	
Pontypridd	36	7	9	1022	385	244	468	575	163	838	155	1538	731	319	180	285	407	153	388	152	1229	731	318	201	274	384	214	368	195	1131	
Newport	3	4	15	620	234	125	266	340	74	567	68	876	483	185	85	199	236	79	309	78	722	454	182	88	165	235	90	299	90	645	
Total	82	46	71	4750	1873	1112	1987	2671	929	4040	833	6591	3605	1594	793	1345	1943	952	2078	869	5381	3417	1422	833	1225	1706	968	1864	893	4878	

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

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