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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: Devon and City of  
Plymouth

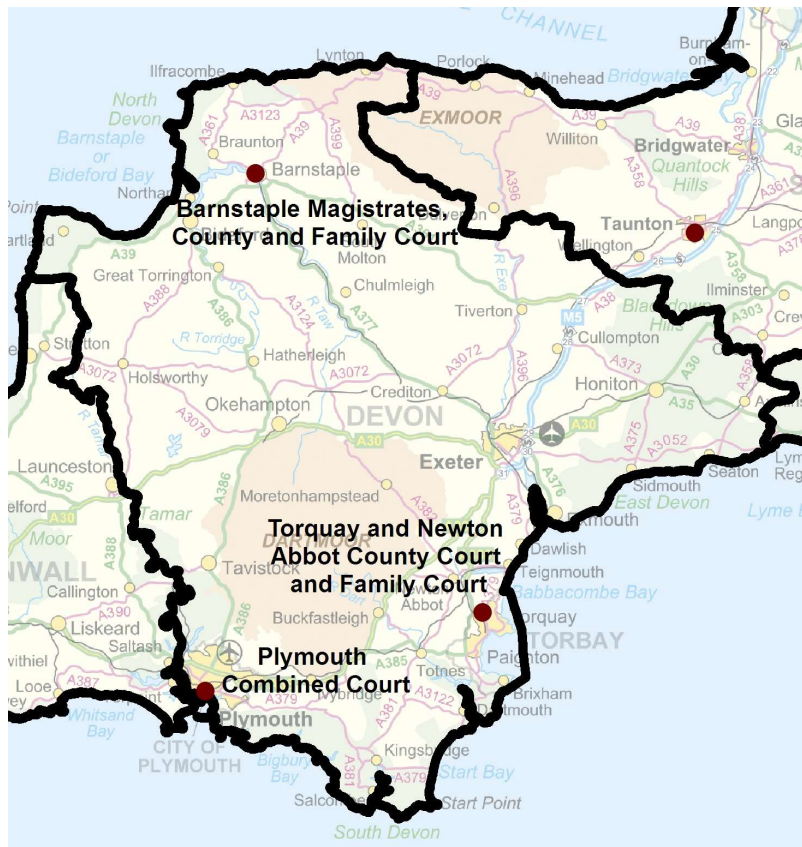
## Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme Area: Devon and City of Plymouth

### Introduction

1. This guide is designed to provide information on the HPCDS Scheme Area of Devon and City of Plymouth 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 Barnstaple Magistrates, County and Family Court, Plymouth Combined Court, and Torquay and Newton Abbot County Court and Family Court.



Local Authorities	Population <sup>1</sup>
Plymouth	262,712
East Devon	138,141
Torbay	133,373
Teignbridge	128,826
Exeter	127,308
North Devon	94,172
South Hams	84,470
Mid Devon	79,510
Torridge	66,265
West Devon	54,385
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,169,162</b>

Main Settlements (30k+) <sup>2</sup>
Exeter
Exmouth
Paignton
Plymouth
Torquay

<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.

### Alternative Hearing Locations

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.

### Independent Scheme Areas

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

<b>Court locations covered by this scheme</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Contact details and Opening times</b>	<b>Parking Information</b>
Barnstaple Magistrates, County and Family Court  Court location/tribunal no. 119	Barnstaple Law Courts North Walk Barnstaple Devon EX31 1DU	Enquiries: 01271 340 410  Court building open: Monday to Friday 9:30am until close of business Court counter open: Strictly by appointment only	The nearest Pay and Display car park to the court is North Walk Car Park
Plymouth Combined Court  Court location/tribunal no. 296	The Law Courts 10 Armada Way Plymouth Devon PL1 2ER	Enquiries: 01752 677 400  County Court enquiries counter: By prior appointment only	Free on-site parking is available at this venue. Blue badge parking is available on site.
Torquay and Newton Abbot County Court and Family Court  Court location/tribunal no. 352	The Willows Nicholson Road Torquay Devon TQ2 7AZ	Enquiries: 01803 617880 Fax: 0870 324 0097  County Court enquiries counter: By appointment only Court building open: Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm	Free on-site parking is available at this venue. Free off-site parking is available within 500m of this venue. Blue badge parking is available on site.

### Projected HPCDS Scheme volumes in the Scheme Area

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

**Devon and City of Plymouth Scheme Area Key Facts<sup>3</sup>**

Number of courts in area	Three			Busiest days by Acts of Assistance				Barnstaple		Wednesday (100%)		
								Plymouth		Tuesday (98%)		
								Torquay and Newton Abbott		Tuesday (100%)		
Most common days for sessions	Barnstaple		Wednesday (97%)		Most common types of claimant				Barnstaple		Mortgage (44%)	
	Plymouth		Tuesday (93%)						Plymouth		Social Landlord (48%)	
	Torquay and Newton Abbott		Tuesday (97%)						Torquay and Newton Abbott		Mortgage (43%)	
Most common times for session	Barnstaple		Morning (100%)		Most common types of claim				Barnstaple		Claims (44%)	
	Plymouth		Morning (99%)						Plymouth		Claims (43%)	
	Torquay and Newton Abbott		Morning (99%)						Torquay and Newton Abbott		Claims (43%)	
Number of Sessions						Fees paid						
Court	2014	2015	2016	Court	2014	2015	2016	Court	2014	2015	2016	
Barnstaple	11	12	5	Barnstaple	£1,788.75	£1,431.00	£500.85	Barnstaple	£1,788.75	£1,431.00	£500.85	
Plymouth	55	56	50	Plymouth	£13,809.15	£12,235.05	£11,948.85	Plymouth	£13,809.15	£12,235.05	£11,948.85	
Torquay and Newton Abbott	25	25	25	Torquay and Newton Abbott	£4,436.10	£5,580.90	£5,867.10	Torquay and Newton Abbott	£4,436.10	£5,580.90	£5,867.10	
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£20,034.00</b>	<b>£19,246.95</b>	<b>£18,316.80</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£20,034.00</b>	<b>£19,246.95</b>	<b>£18,316.80</b>	
Acts of assistance by day of the week												
Court	Monday	%	Tuesday	%	Wednesday	%	Thursday	%	Friday	%		
Barnstaple	0	0	0	0	47	100	0	0	0	0		
Plymouth	4	1	515	98	3	1	4	1	1	0		
Torquay and Newton Abbott	1	0	222	99	1	0	0	0	0	0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>		
Acts of Assistance				Distribution of session days by day of the week						Length of session		
Court	2014	2015	2016	Court	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	All Day	Morning	Afternoon
Barnstaple	24	18	5	Barnstaple	3%	0%	97%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%
Plymouth	195	169	163	Plymouth	2%	93%	1%	3%	1%	0%	99%	1%
Torquay and Newton Abbott	60	81	83	Torquay and Newton Abbott	1%	97%	2%	0%	0%	0%	99%	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>1%</b>

<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
Barnstaple	2	3	2	295	150	80	52	125	145	256	58	243	249	126	50	60	92	171	141	69	196	215	93	50	67	96	132	109	65	215
Plymouth	0	5	4	952	356	186	346	412	313	671	304	964	892	362	170	303	349	304	307	362	1103	802	346	163	279	320	278	275	334	1023
Torquay and Newton Abbott	2	0	0	681	329	164	211	305	401	456	183	650	571	305	161	172	271	417	227	192	644	514	287	126	151	221	365	247	202	485
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1928</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>1383</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>1857</b>	<b>1712</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>1943</b>	<b>1531</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>1723</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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