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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: Wakefield and Kirklees

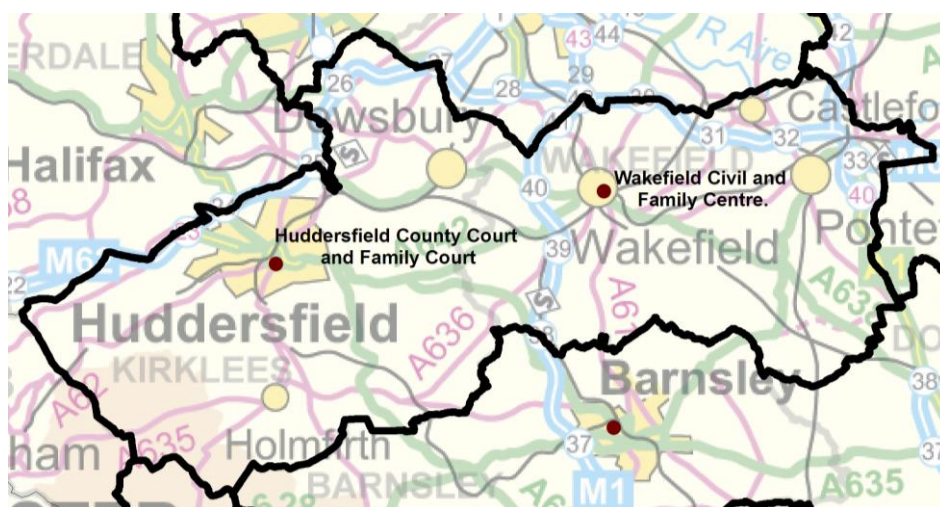
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### Introduction

1. This guide is designed to provide information on the HPCDS Scheme Area of Wakefield and Kirklees 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 Huddersfield County Court and Family Court, and Wakefield Civil and Family Centre.



Local Authority	Population <sup>1</sup>
Kirklees	434,321
Wakefield	333,759
<b>Total</b>	<b>768,080</b>

Main settlements (30k+) <sup>2</sup>	
Batley	Pontefract
Dewsbury	Castleford
Huddersfield	Wakefield

### 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>
Huddersfield County Court and Family Court  Court location/tribunal No.228	Queensgate House Queensgate Huddersfield West Yorkshire HD1 2RR	Enquiries: 01484 421 043  Court building open: Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm. Court counter open: 10am to 2pm	On-site parking is not available at this venue.  Paid off-site parking is available within 500m of this venue.
Wakefield Civil and Family Justice Centre  Court location/tribunal No.357	1 Mulberry Way Wakefield West Yorkshire WF1 2QN	Enquiries: 01924 207 90 Court building open: Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. Court counter open: 10am to 2pm	On-site parking is not available at this venue.  Paid off-site parking is available within 500m of this venue.

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

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

**Wakefield and Kirklees Scheme Area Key Facts<sup>3</sup>**

Number of courts in area		Two			Busiest days by Acts of Assistance				Huddersfield		Thursday (65%)																				
Most common day of listing		Huddersfield		Thursday (48%)		Most common types of claimant				Wakefield		Friday (72%)																			
		Wakefield		Friday (44%)						Huddersfield		Social Landlord (46%), Mortgage (42%)																			
Most common time of listing		Huddersfield		Morning (98%)		Most common types of hearing				Wakefield		Mortgage (46%), Social Landlord (42%)																			
		Wakefield		Morning (96%)						Huddersfield		Claims (35%)																			
		Wakefield								Wakefield		Claims (33%)																			
Number of Sessions						Fees paid																									
Court	2014			2015			2016			Court	2014			2015			2016														
Huddersfield	84			72			70			Huddersfield	£26,831.25			£15,383.25			£15,741.00														
Wakefield	60			71			46			Wakefield	£16,957.35			£16,027.20			£11,304.90														
Total	144			143			116			Total	£43,788.60			£31,410.45			£27,045.90														
Acts of assistance by day of the week																															
Court	Monday		%		Tuesday		%		Wednesday		%		Thursday		%		Friday		%												
Huddersfield	151		19		118		15		5		1		509		65		4		1												
Wakefield	146		24		4		1		8		1		12		2		433		72												
Total	297		21		122		9		13		1		521		37		437		31												
Acts of Assistance					Distribution of listing days by day of the week					Length of session																					
Court	2014		2015		2016		Court	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		All Day		Morning		Afternoon									
Huddersfield	375		200		213		Huddersfield	29%		20%		2%		48%		2%		0%		98%		2%									
Wakefield	234		217		152		Wakefield	38%		8%		4%		7%		44%		0%		96%		4%									
Total	609		417		365		Total	33%		14%		3%		30%		21%		0%		97%		3%									
Number of Nil Sessions				Listing Information																											
Court				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	
Huddersfield	0	16	10	1132	643	423	321	875	275	1286	282	1551	838	512	284	176	594	356	593	280	2175	825	476	309	174	566	404	605	276	1065	
Wakefield	3	7	6	1072	467	349	440	712	184	1054	195	1607	850	386	258	356	535	233	554	215	1383	660	308	220	274	412	239	400	159	1076	
Total	3	23	16	2204	1110	772	761	1587	459	2340	477	3158	1688	898	542	532	1129	589	1147	495	2558	1485	784	529	448	978	643	1005	435	2141	

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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<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