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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: Darlington and Durham

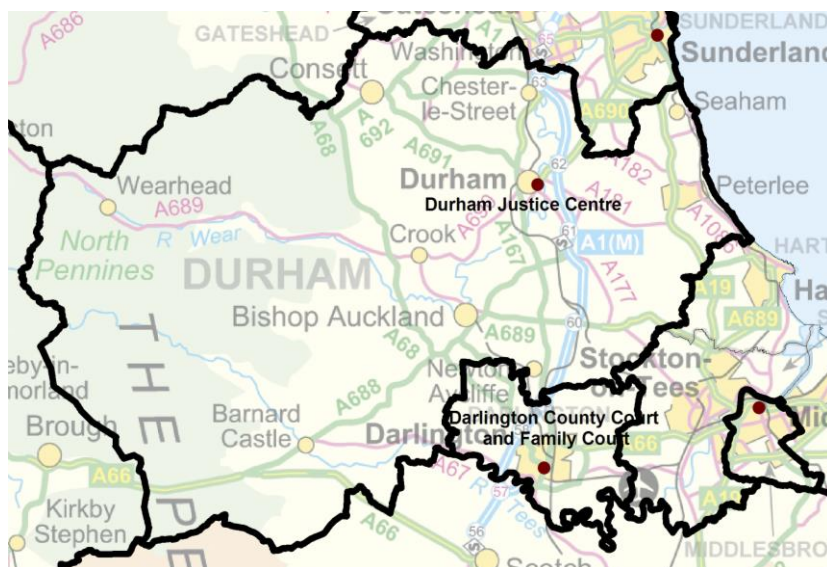
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### Introduction

1. This guide is designed to provide information on the HPCDS Scheme Area Darlington and Durham 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 Darlington County Court and Family Court and Durham Justice Centre.



Local Authority	Population <sup>1</sup>
County Durham	519,695
Darlington	105,389
<b>Total</b>	<b>625,084</b>

Main Settlements (30k+) <sup>2</sup>
Billingham
Chester-le-Street
Darlington
Durham

### 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.

Court locations covered by this scheme	Address	Contact details and Opening times	Parking Information
Darlington County Court and Family Court  Court location No:183	4 Coniscliffe Road Darlington Co. Durham DL3 7RG	Enquiries: <a href="tel:01325463224">01325 463 224</a>  Court building open: <b>Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm.</b> 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.
Durham Justice Centre  Court location/tribunal no.190	Civil and Family Justice Centre Green Lane Old Elvet Durham Co. Durham DH1 3RG	Enquiries: 0191 375 1840  Court building open: Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm Court counter open: 10am to 2pm	Disabled parking can be arranged by contacting the court in advance.

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

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

**Darlington and Durham Scheme Area Key Facts<sup>3</sup>**

Number of courts in area	Two				Busiest days for Acts of Assistance	Darlington	Wednesday (61%)
						Durham	Tuesday (27%)
Most common day for sessions	Darlington	Wednesday (38%)			Most common types of claimant	Darlington	Social Landlord (50%)
	Durham	Tuesday (23%), Wednesday (22%)				Durham	Social Landlord (48%), Mortgage (47%)
Most common time for sessions	Darlington	Morning (63%)			Most common types of hearing	Darlington	Claims (41%)
	Durham	Morning (76%)				Durham	Claims (40%)

Number of Sessions				Fees paid			
Court	2014	2015	2016	Court	2014	2015	2016
Darlington	245	196	189	Darlington	£36,132.75	£24,899.40	£25,114.05
Durham	222	166	185	Durham	£37,492.20	£25,543.35	£29,764.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£73,624.95</b>	<b>£50,442.75</b>	<b>£54,878.85</b>

Acts of assistance by day of the week										
Court	Monday	%	Tuesday	%	Wednesday	%	Thursday	%	Friday	%
Darlington	130	12	143	13	659	61	66	6	86	8
Durham	215	17	339	27	269	21	207	16	229	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>13</b>

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
Darlington	458	305	322	Darlington	17%	24%	38%	9%	12%	0%	63%	37%
Durham	513	347	399	Durham	18%	23%	22%	19%	18%	0%	76%	24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>971</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>31%</b>

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
Darlington	53	44	31	782	367	228	296	464	143	798	150	1046	589	270	158	161	349	142	446	123	816	551	254	160	175	275	115	368	117	815
Durham	13	13	18	1204	455	356	515	828	136	1378	159	1685	784	309	178	316	477	86	677	124	1177	816	311	257	299	444	134	598	210	1185
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>1292</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>2176</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>2731</b>	<b>1373</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>1123</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1367</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>2000</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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<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