

**2016 No. 974**

**SENIOR COURTS OF ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Civil Courts (Amendment) Order 2016**

*Made* - - - - - *7th October 2016*

*Laid before Parliament* *10th October 2016*

*Coming into force* - - - *31st October 2016*

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 99(1) of the Senior Courts Act 1981(a), having consulted the Lord Chief Justice in accordance with that section, makes the following Order.

**Commencement and citation**

1. This Order may be cited as the Civil Courts (Amendment) Order 2016 and shall come into force on 31st October 2016.

**Amendments to the 2014 Order**

2.—(1) The Civil Courts Order 2014(b) is amended as follows.

(2) In article 2(2), omit the words “the name of the district registry at Brecon shall be the Brecknock District Registry,”.

(3) In the Schedule—

(a) omit the following places specified the in the first column—

- (i) Brecon;
- (ii) Bridgend;
- (iii) King’s Lynn;
- (iv) Macclesfield;
- (v) Rhyl; and
- (vi) Warrington,

and the County Court hearing centres named in the second column corresponding to those places;

(b) in the first column, for the entry for “Bury St. Edmunds”, substitute “Bury St. Edmunds”;

(c) after the entry for Portsmouth, insert—

“Port Talbot	Port Talbot
Prestatyn	Prestatyn”; and

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(a) 1981 c. 54. Section 99 was amended by the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c.4), section 15(1) and Schedule 4, Part 1, paragraphs 114 and 143(1), (2) and (3).

(b) S.I. 2014/819.

- (d) in the second column, omit the references to the following County Court hearing centres—
- (i) Accrington;
  - (ii) Conway and Colwyn;
  - (iii) Buxton;
  - (iv) Altrincham;
  - (v) Morpeth and Berwick; and
  - (vi) Tameside.

7th October 2016

*Sir Oliver Heald QC*  
Minister of State  
Ministry of Justice

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order amends the Civil Courts Order 2014 (SI 2014/819), which specifies the locations and names of the district registries of the High Court in England and Wales.

The amendments—

- remove references to those places previously served by district registries, but which have now closed;
- remove references to County Court hearing centres which have now also closed;
- establish two new district registries at Port Talbot and Prestatyn, which will be operational from 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016; and
- correct a typographical error in respect of the district registry at Bury St. Edmunds.

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