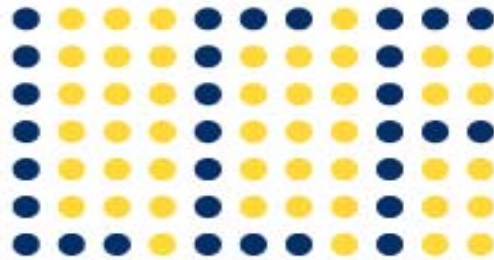


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Disability Discrimination Act 1995

- **Around in five of the adult population has a disability or suffers from a long term illness: 10 million people**
- **Vast majority of cases so far have been brought before employment tribunals: around 2700 for each of the last three years**
- **Goods and services or Part 3 cases: we estimate only a couple of hundred in 10 years act has been in force**



Amendments to the DDA

- **Extended protection to people suffering from HIV, cancer and multiple sclerosis when diagnosed**
- **No-longer required to show that a mental illness is “clinically well recognised.”**
- **From December 2006 transport operators, private members clubs and landlords all subject to part III from Dec '06**
- **Public bodies duty to promote equality of opportunity for disabled people**
- **Consultation on definition of disability**



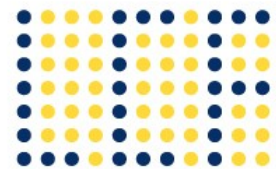
Part III Goods and services cases

- **Currently covers public services**
- **Most commercial services from shops to solicitors!**
- **Covers landlords but exemption applies to premises landlord lives in**
- **To claim protection same as part II must be suffering from an impairment that has a substantial long term effect on your ability to carry out day to day activities**
- **Less favourable treatment or failure to make a reasonable adjustment**

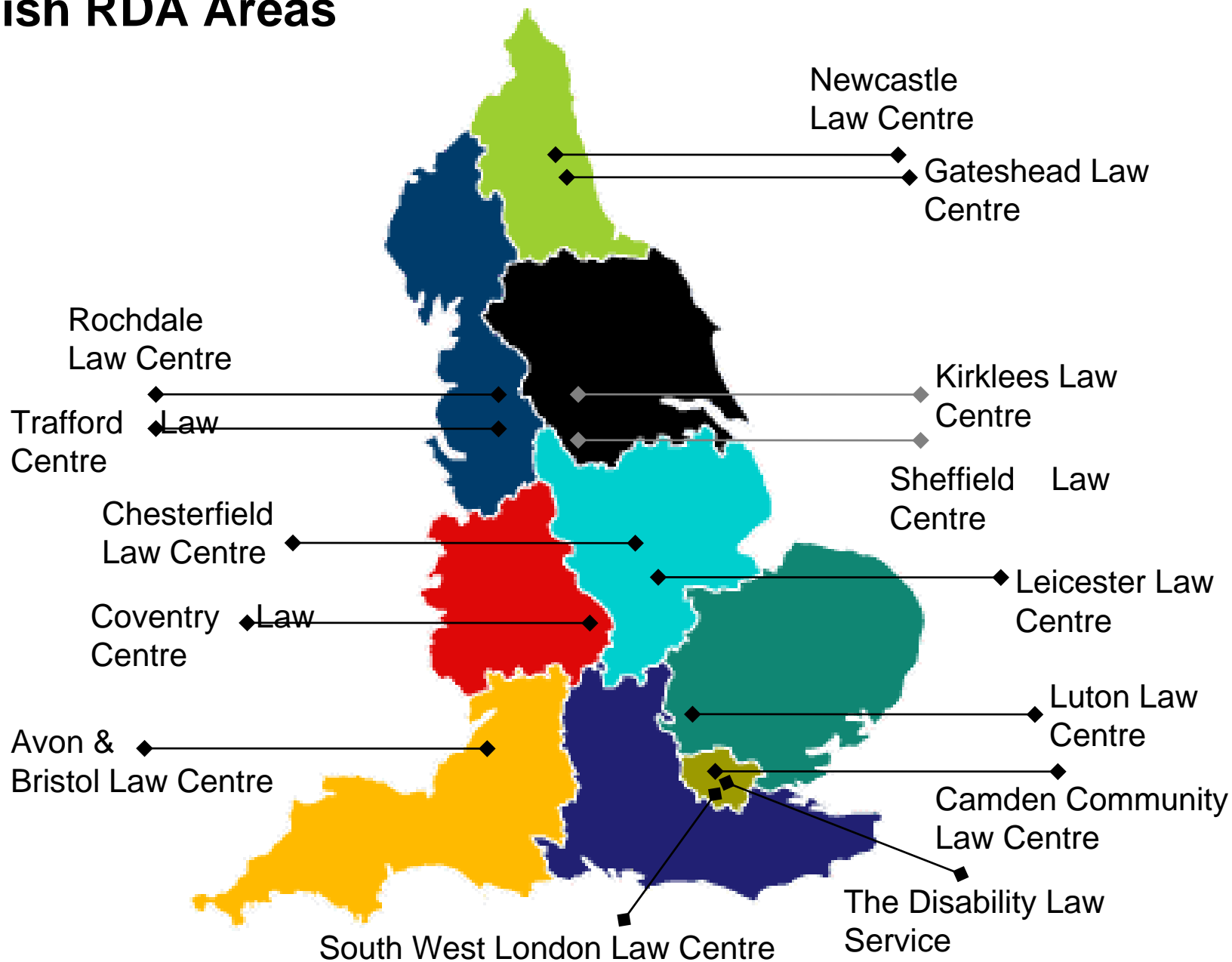


County Court Claim

- **Mainly use small claims procedure- “small claims track.”**
- **Legal help available for preparation**
- **Initial fee varies according to size of damages sought, allocation fee for claims worth over £1000, plus trial fee**
- **N1 and particulars of claim**
- **Allocations questionnaire- small claim, fast track or multi track**
- **Case examples (see LAG article)**



English RDA Areas



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- Runs from Dec 05 to Dec 07. Overlaps with the establishment of CEHR in Oct 07
- Legacy for the DRC and a pointer to the future?
- Casework and rights work division of time
- Continuation strategy



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DDA Master Class
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