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Introduction

The Inter Agency Drug Misuse Database (IAD), established by Merseyside Drug (and Alcohol) Action Teams, Merseyside Police and the Public Health Sector (now Centre for Public Health) in 1997, supports the need for local information on drug misuse. In particular the IAD aims to:

- Provide comprehensive reporting of problem drug users' (PDUs') characteristics including a range of demographics and the types of drugs used.
- Reflect levels of service and intervention activity.
- Assist in D(A)AT's (and other responsible bodies) performance management.
- Facilitate the planning and development of services and interventions for PDUs.
- Identify gaps in service provision and delivery, as well as under-served groups as specified by the National Treatment Agency and Department of Health and by the Centre for Public Health, through interrogation of available data.
- Highlight changes in levels, demographics and characteristics of drug user populations.
- Report back to both individual D(A)ATs and service providers in the form of audits and quarterly reports as well as responding to ad hoc requests.
- Provide summary reporting on an annual basis.


To enable the above the IAD collects data from as many agencies in contact with drug users as possible and is continually seeking to expand the range and scope of data providers. Data are currently collected from criminal justice services, needle exchange schemes (both pharmacy and agency-based), the National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS) and Connexions (young people).

Data considerations

Analysis of data depends on the provision of attributable information. Each service provider records first and last initials, date of birth and gender, for each individual they record a contact with. The combination of these details provides an identifier (attributor) for each individual (e.g.: HF07/12/1974M). This is a nationally recognised system and allows individuals to be tracked through different service providers and across time whilst retaining an acceptable degree of anonymity. The attributor is essential to avoid double counting of individuals both within and across datasets, as well as enabling us to match across datasets. The D(A)AT referred to is the D(A)AT of contact unless otherwise stated.

The IAD will *only* be reporting attributable data for each dataset. In the past, report deadlines have been missed due to data arriving too late to be cleaned and analysed in time, or more often because the data requires a great deal of cleaning and validation before analysis. These reports are useful only if they can arrive within timelines useful to D(A)ATs (ie: in time for NTA quarterly submissions). For this reason, reports will now be sent out according to a strict timetable, with each quarter's report to be sent in the first week of the third month following the close of the reporting period. Any data that is missing or non-attributable will not be included in the report.

Year-to-Date figures will be provided for the current financial year, and will incorporate updated figures from previous quarters. The figures are calculated by aggregating successive quarterly datasets to omit double counting of those who present to services in each quarter. Year-to-Date data will be the most accurate reflection of annual service activity and will override previous quarterly data.



The Centre for Public Health will continue to work closely with service providers and D(A)ATs in order to improve both the timeliness and quality of monitoring data provided to the IAD. Many service providers are turning to electronic recording of data and it is hoped this will vastly improve the quality of the data as systems improve.

ARREST REFERRAL (AR)

Quarter 2 (2006/07)

Introduction

Raw data are provided by the Drug Intervention Programme (DIP) Team based at the Centre for Public Health, Liverpool John Moores University. The data supplied are for validated contacts within specified D(A)AT areas and are aggregated to one person per D(A)AT area. Individuals may therefore appear more than once within the final dataset if they have been seen in more than one D(A)AT area, but only once for each D(A)AT area within the reporting period.

Table 1: Individuals assessed, by Gender & Age Group

Gender	n	%
Male	5	55.6
Female	4	44.4
Age Group		
Under 18	0	0
18-19	0	0
20-24	2	22.2
25-29	0	0
30-34	7	77.8
35-39	0	0
40-44	0	0
45+	0	0
Total	9	100

Table 2: Year to Date, by Gender & Age Group

Age Group	Gender					
	Male		Female		Total in Age Group	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	0	0	0	0
18-19	0	0	1	14.3	1	4.8
20-24	1	7.1	1	14.3	2	9.5
25-29	1	7.1	0	0	1	4.8
30-34	6	42.9	3	42.9	9	42.9
35-39	2	14.3	1	14.3	3	14.3
40-44	3	21.4	0	0	3	14.3
45+	1	7.1	1	14.3	2	9.5
Total	14	100	7	100	21	100

Table 3: Reported Main Drug(s) of Use, by Frequency of Use

Drug of Use	Daily	Weekly
Amphetamines	0	0
Benzodiazepines	0	0
Cannabis	0	0
Crack	5	1
Cocaine	1	0
Ecstasy	0	0
Heroin	5	2
Methadone	2	0

NB: The complexity of the drug profiles reported through arrest referral is such that we have decided the best way of reporting the data is to provide figures for the number of people reporting Daily or Weekly use of each drug. Where “Main Drug” is provided in the original data it does not always match the other substances reported as being used daily; consequently, this method of reporting should provide a more accurate picture of drug use as reported through Arrest Referral rather than simply stating the “Main Drug”. However it should be noted that some people may report several drugs being used and will therefore be counted in the figures for each drug they report. For this reason totals are not provided.

Probation Quarter 2 (2006/07)

Introduction

Data is provided by Merseyside Probation Services. Data relates to individuals reported through OASys with a reported substance use problem. Individuals who are on ASROs or similar treatment orders are reported to NDTMS.

NOTE: Probation figures are based on DAT of Residence, NOT DAT of contact as with other datasets.

Table 4: Probation Clients by Gender and Age Group

Gender	n	%
Male	194	89.8
Female	22	10.2
Age Group		
Under 18	0	0
18-19	13	6.0
20-24	59	27.3
25-29	41	19.0
30-34	41	19.0
35-39	36	16.7
40-44	20	9.3
45+	6	2.8
Total	216	100

Table 5: Year to Date, by Gender & Age Group

Age Group	Gender				Total in Age Group	
	Male		Female		n	%
	n	%	n	%		
Under 18	0	0	0	0	0	0
18-19	26	6.6	4	7.7	30	6.7
20-24	109	27.5	5	9.6	114	25.4
25-29	71	17.9	11	21.2	82	18.3
30-34	75	18.9	10	19.2	85	19.0
35-39	66	16.7	12	23.1	78	17.4
40-44	39	9.8	7	13.5	46	10.3
45+	10	2.5	3	5.8	13	2.9
Total	396	100	52	100	448	100

Table 6: Reported Main Drug(s) of Use, by Frequency of Use

Drug of Use	Daily	Weekly
Amphetamines	0	0
Benzodiazepines	2	1
Cannabis	34	25
Crack	8	3
Cocaine	4	8
Ecstasy	1	2
Heroin	17	3
Methadone	2	0
Other Opiate	1	0
Misused Prescribed	1	0
Other	1	0

N.B: Table 6 shows the number of people reporting daily or weekly use of specific drugs. This is to reflect reporting of polydrug use through Probation data. No totals are given as clients can report daily or weekly use of more than one drug and may therefore be double counted between drugs.

SYRINGE EXCHANGE SERVICES

Quarter 2 (2006/07)

Introduction

Data are collected directly from syringe exchange providers. Analysis of syringe exchange data allows performance monitoring of harm reduction services at both D(A)AT and service provider level. This also facilitates geographical analysis of both distribution and movement of injecting drug users.

AGENCY SYRINGE EXCHANGE

Table 7: Individuals by Gender

New Clients	n	%
Male	31	91.2
Female	3	8.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	126	92.6
Female	10	7.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>136</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 8: Individuals by Gender: Steroids Users Omitted

New Clients	n	%
Male	19	86.4
Female	3	13.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	91	90.1
Female	10	9.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>101</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 9: Individuals by Age Group

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	0	0
18-19	2	5.9	4	2.9
20-24	3	8.8	11	8.1
25-29	8	23.5	28	20.6
30-34	12	35.3	36	26.5
35-39	4	11.8	31	22.8
40-44	1	2.9	13	9.6
45+	4	11.8	13	9.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>136</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 10: Individuals by Age Group: Steroid Users omitted

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	0	0
18-19	0	0	1	1.0
20-24	2	9.1	6	5.9
25-29	4	18.2	16	15.8
30-34	9	40.9	28	27.7
35-39	4	18.2	28	27.7
40-44	1	4.5	11	10.9
45+	2	9.1	11	10.9
Total	22	100	101	100

Table 11: Gender by Age Group of Individuals

Age Group	Gender			
	Male		Female	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	0	0
18-19	4	3.2	0	0
20-24	10	7.9	1	10.0
25-29	26	20.6	2	20.0
30-34	35	27.8	1	10.0
35-39	29	23.0	2	20.0
40-44	12	9.5	1	10.0
45+	10	7.9	3	30.0
Total	126	100	10	100

Table 12: Gender by Age Group: Steroid Users omitted

Age Group	Gender			
	Male		Female	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	0	0
18-19	1	1.1	0	0
20-24	5	5.5	1	10.0
25-29	14	15.4	2	20.0
30-34	27	29.7	1	10.0
35-39	26	28.6	2	20.0
40-44	10	11.0	1	10.0
45+	8	8.8	3	30.0
Total	91	100	10	100

Table 13: Year to Date, by Gender & Age Group

Age Group	Gender				Total in Age Group	
	Male		Female		n	%
	n	%	n	%		
Under 18	0	0	0	0	0	0
18-19	6	3.2	0	0	6	3.0
20-24	18	9.6	1	7.7	19	9.5
25-29	40	21.3	2	15.4	42	20.9
30-34	48	25.5	1	7.7	49	24.4
35-39	45	23.9	3	23.1	48	23.9
40-44	20	10.6	3	23.1	23	11.4
45+	11	5.9	3	23.1	14	7.0
Total	188	100	13	100	201	100

Table 14: Year to Date, by Gender & Age Group: Steroid Users Omitted

Age Group	Gender					
	Male		Female		Total in Age Group	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	0	0	0	0
18-19	1	0.7	0	0	1	0.7
20-24	7	5.2	1	7.7	8	5.4
25-29	26	19.4	2	15.4	28	19.0
30-34	36	26.9	1	7.7	37	25.2
35-39	39	29.1	3	23.1	42	28.6
40-44	16	11.9	3	23.1	19	12.9
45+	9	6.7	3	23.1	12	8.2
Total	134	100	13	100	147	100

Table 15: Main Drug of Use for New Agency Syringe Exchange Clients, by Gender

Drug of Use	Gender			
	Male		Female	
	n	%	n	%
Amphetamines	1	3.2	0	0
Benzodiazepines	0	0	0	0
Cocaine	0	0	0	0
Crack	0	0	0	0
Heroin	11	35.5	3	100
Methadone	0	0	0	0
Steroids	12	38.7	0	0
Unknown	7	22.6	0	0
Total	31	100	3	100

Please Note: Due to changes in reporting methods we will now only report drug of use for new clients. Information on drug of use for all clients is available on request.

Table 16: Main Drug of Use for New Agency Syringe Exchange Clients, by Age Group

Age Group	Amphetamine		Heroin		Steroids		Unknown	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18-19	0	0	0	0	2	16.7	0	0
20-24	0	0	0	0	1	8.3	2	28.6
25-29	0	0	4	28.6	4	33.3	0	0
30-34	1	100	3	21.4	3	25.0	5	71.4
35-39	0	0	4	28.6	0	0	0	0
40-44	0	0	1	7.1	0	0	0	0
45+	0	0	2	14.3	2	16.7	0	0
Total	1	100	14	100	12	100	7	100

PHARMACY SYRINGE EXCHANGE

Table 17: Individuals by Gender

New Clients	n	%
Male	0	0
Female	0	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
All Clients		
Male	3	100
Female	0	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 18: Individuals by Age Group

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	0	0
18-19	0	0	0	0
20-24	0	0	0	0
25-29	0	0	0	0
30-34	0	0	3	100
35-39	0	0	0	0
40-44	0	0	0	0
45+	0	0	0	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 19: Year to Date, by Gender & Age Group

Age Group	Gender				Total in Age Group	
	Male		Female			
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	0	0	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
18-19	0	0	0	0	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
20-24	0	0	0	0	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
25-29	0	0	0	0	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
30-34	1	33.3	3	100	<i>4</i>	<i>66.7</i>
35-39	1	33.3	0	0	<i>1</i>	<i>16.7</i>
40-44	0	0	0	0	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
45+	1	33.3	0	0	<i>1</i>	<i>16.7</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>100</i>

COMBINED PHARMACY AND AGENCY SYRINGE EXCHANGE

Analyses here are based on an aggregated combination of Agency and Pharmacy-based datasets for the reporting period. Data are aggregated by attributor and D(A)AT to one person per D(A)AT area.

Table 20: Individuals in Syringe Exchange, by Gender

New Clients	n	%
Male	31	91.2
Female	3	8.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	126	90.6
Female	13	9.4
Total	<i>139</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 21: Individuals in Syringe Exchange, by Gender: Steroid Users Omitted*

New Clients	n	%
Male	19	86.4
Female	3	13.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	91	87.5
Female	13	12.5
Total	<i>104</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 22: Individuals in Syringe Exchange, by Age Group

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	0	0
18-19	2	5.9	4	2.9
20-24	3	8.8	11	7.9
25-29	8	23.5	28	20.1
30-34	12	35.3	39	28.1
35-39	4	11.8	31	22.3
40-44	1	2.9	13	9.4
45+	4	11.8	13	9.4
Total	<i>34</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>139</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 23: Individuals in Syringe Exchange by Age Group: Steroid Users Omitted

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	0	0
18-19	0	0	1	1.0
20-24	2	9.1	6	5.8
25-29	4	18.2	16	15.4
30-34	9	40.9	31	29.8
35-39	4	18.2	28	26.9
40-44	1	4.5	11	10.6
45+	2	9.1	11	10.6
Total	22	100	104	100

Table 24: Year to Date, by Gender & Age Group

Age Group	Gender				Total in Age Group	
	Male		Female			
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	0	0	0	0
18-19	6	3.1	0	0	6	2.9
20-24	18	9.4	1	6.3	19	9.2
25-29	40	20.9	2	12.5	42	20.3
30-34	49	25.7	4	25.0	53	25.6
35-39	46	24.1	3	18.8	49	23.7
40-44	23	12.0	3	18.8	26	12.6
45+	9	4.7	3	18.8	12	5.8
Total	191	100	16	100	207	100

Table 25: Total Syringes Provided

	This Quarter	Year to Date
Barrels	6073	13247
Needles	7995	17681

NB: We will no longer be reporting needle returns as it is not possible to accurately calculate them from the data available.

National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS)

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Background

The NDTMS is the official method for measuring the extent and nature of structured drug treatment in England and Wales. The system is commissioned by the NTA and is operated through nine regional centres – corresponding to the nine government offices for the regions.

Data here are aggregated to one individual per D(A)AT. Individuals presenting in more than one D(A)AT within the quarter's time period will therefore be represented more than once in the original data. The D(A)AT referred to is D(A)AT of treatment.

New Clients

Figures presented here for "new" clients are calculated using the triage date. Those individuals triaged within the reporting period are taken as new clients for this report. However, it should be noted that these individuals may have been triaged, or in contact with treatment services, before this period.

Table 26: Individuals in Contact with Treatment Services, by Gender

New Clients	n	%
Male	133	76.4
Female	41	23.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>174</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	810	72.8
Female	302	27.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>1112</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 27: Year to Date, by Gender

New Clients	n	%
Male	254	73.6
Female	91	26.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>345</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	847	27.2
Female	317	72.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>1164</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 28: Individuals in Contact with Treatment Services, by Age Group

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	6	3.5	78	7.0
18-19	6	3.5	25	2.3
20-24	22	12.6	94	8.5
25-29	27	15.5	135	12.1
30-34	36	20.7	218	19.6
35-39	37	21.3	307	27.6
40-44	30	17.2	171	15.4
45+	10	5.8	84	7.6
Total	174	100	1112	100

Table 29: Year to Date, by Age Group

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	35	10.1	86	7.4
18-19	17	4.9	38	3.3
20-24	45	13.0	152	13.1
25-29	48	13.9	178	15.3
30-34	64	18.6	267	22.9
35-39	68	19.7	240	20.6
40-44	47	13.6	139	11.9
45+	21	6.1	64	5.5
Total	345	100	1164	100

Table 30: Ethnicity of Individuals in Contact with Treatment Services

Ethnicity	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
White British	169	97.1	1074	96.6
White Irish	0	0	4	0.4
Other White	1	0.6	4	0.4
White & Black Caribbean	1	0.6	5	0.5
White & Black African	2	1.2	4	0.4
White & Asian	0	0	1	0.1
Other Mixed	0	0	2	0.2
Other Asian	0	0	0	0
Caribbean	0	0	0	0
African	0	0	1	0.1
Other Black	1	0.6	5	0.5
Chinese	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	5	0.5
Unknown	0	0	7	0.6
Total	174	100	1112	100

Table 31: Individuals in Contact with Treatment Services, by Main Drug of Use

Drug of Use	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Amphetamine	6	3.5	36	3.2
Benzodiazepine	3	1.7	8	0.7
Cannabis	40	23.0	225	20.2
Cocaine	32	18.4	141	12.7
Crack	5	2.9	21	1.9
Ecstasy	0	0	5	0.5
Heroin	81	46.6	603	54.2
Methadone	3	1.7	43	3.9
Other Opiates	3	1.7	10	0.9
Anti-depressants	1	0.6	1	0.1
Other/Unknown	0	0	19	1.7
Total	174	100	1112	100

CONNEXIONS

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Background

Connexions provide a support service for young people, aged 13-19. The Greater Merseyside Connexions Partnership provides data presented here.

Table 32: Individuals in Contact with Connexions, by Gender

Gender	n	%
Male	19	65.5
Female	10	34.5
Total	29	100

Table 33: Year to Date, by Gender

Gender	n	%
Male	26	35
Female	14	65
Total	40	100

Table 34: Individuals in Contact with Connexions, by Age

Age Group	n	%
16	6	20.7
17	12	41.4
18	9	31.0
19	2	6.9
Total	29	100

Table 35: Year to Date, by Age

Age Group	n	%
16	6	15.0
17	13	32.5
18	15	37.5
19	6	15.0
Total	40	100

Table 36: Individuals in Contact with Connexions by Drug/Alcohol Problem

Substance	n	%
Alcohol/Other*	10	34.5
Drugs	19	65.5
Total	29	100

*"Other" is generally used to refer to solvents although this is not necessarily always the case.

Table 37: Year to Date, by Drug/Alcohol Problem

Substance	n	%
Alcohol/Other*	13	32.5
Drugs	27	67.5
Total	40	100

*"Other" is generally used to refer to solvents although this is not necessarily always the case.

COMBINED DATASETS

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Introduction

Data presented here are drawn from a combination of datasets relating to Arrest Referrals, Probation, Syringe Exchange (Agency and Pharmacy), NDTMS and Connexions. The combined data are aggregated on attributor and D(A)AT area of intervention (except Probation, which is based on residence), to produce overall figures for numbers of individuals in contact with services reporting to the IAD. Figures presented here will not necessarily reflect the combined totals of data presented earlier as duplicate attributors are removed. These figures should not be taken as a measure of prevalence of problem drug users, but reflects the total number of problem drug users in contact with a range of agencies. Further information on the processes of data manipulation, aggregation and analysis is available from the IAD Manager.

Table 38: Total Problem Drug Users reported to the IAD, by Gender and Age Group

Gender	n	%
Male	1118	76.6
Female	341	23.4
Age Group		
Under 18	102	7.0
18-19	64	4.4
20-24	212	14.5
25-29	233	16.0
30-34	323	22.1
35-39	286	19.6
40-44	158	10.8
45+	81	5.6
Total	1459	100

Table 39: Year to Date, by Gender and Age Group

Age Group	Gender				Total in Age Group	
	Male		Female			
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 18	55	3.9	48	12.5	103	5.8
18-19	76	5.4	14	3.6	90	5.1
20-24	234	16.8	44	11.5	278	15.6
25-29	230	16.5	60	15.6	290	16.3
30-34	299	21.4	90	23.4	389	21.8
35-39	275	19.7	68	17.7	343	19.3
40-44	165	11.8	36	9.4	201	11.3
45+	63	4.5	24	6.3	87	4.9
Total	1397	100	384	100	1781	100

CROSS-MATCHED DATASETS

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Data from Agency and Pharmacy Syringe Exchange and NDTMS were cross-matched to each other to reveal the number of clients accessing more than one of these services during the current reported quarter.

For the purposes of this analysis, known steroid users were removed as they are unlikely to be accessing structured drug treatment.

NB: Numbers in brackets refer to the total reported for that service type. These include the numbers appearing on the crossover sections. Analyses for the crossover areas are based on D(A)AT of Syringe Exchange site. The crossover between Agency and Pharmacy Syringe Exchange is based on the D(A)AT of Agency as this is the more robust dataset.

Fig 1: Crossover between Agency and Pharmacy Syringe Exchange, and NDTMS datasets

