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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	432	75.4
Female	141	24.6
Age Group		
Under 18	0	0
18-19	36	6.3
20-24	73	12.7
25-29	89	15.5
30-34	145	25.3
35-39	119	20.8
40-44	75	13.1
45+	36	6.3
Total	573	100

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

Age Group	Gender				Total in Age Group	
	Male		Female		n	%
	n	%	n	%		
Under 18	2	0.3	0	0	2	0.2
18-19	49	7.3	49	7.3	54	6.1
20-24	84	12.5	25	12.0	109	12.4
25-29	99	14.7	39	18.7	138	15.6
30-34	162	24.1	53	25.4	215	24.4
35-39	140	20.8	47	22.5	187	21.2
40-44	92	13.7	27	12.9	119	13.5
45+	45	6.7	13	6.2	58	6.6
Total	673	100	209	100	882	100

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

Drug of Use	Daily	Weekly
Amphetamines	2	0
Benzodiazepines	5	0
Cannabis	48	13
Crack	200	51
Cocaine	19	75
Ecstasy	0	5
Heroin	255	23
Methadone	42	2
Other	3	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 D(A)AT of Residence, NOT D(A)AT of contact as with other datasets.

Table 4: Probation Clients by Gender and Age Group

Gender	n	%
Male	583	82.6
Female	123	17.4
Age Group		
Under 18	1	0.1
18-19	54	7.6
20-24	179	25.4
25-29	112	15.9
30-34	114	16.1
35-39	118	16.7
40-44	83	11.8
45+	45	6.4
Total	706	100

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

Age Group	Gender				Total in Age Group	
	Male		Female		n	%
	n	%	n	%		
Under 18	1	0.1	1	0.4	2	0.1
18-19	116	8.3	10	3.6	126	7.6
20-24	375	27.0	41	14.7	416	24.9
25-29	249	17.9	34	12.2	283	17.0
30-34	194	14.0	65	23.4	259	15.5
35-39	229	16.5	63	22.7	292	17.5
40-44	140	10.1	42	15.1	182	10.9
45+	86	6.2	22	7.9	108	6.5
Total	1390	100	278	100	1668	100

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

Drug of Use	Daily	Weekly
Amphetamines	0	1
Benzodiazepines	5	0
Cannabis	110	68
Crack	45	37
Cocaine	4	12
Ecstasy	0	3
Heroin	90	37
Methadone	39	1
Other Opiate	1	0
Misused Prescribed	4	1
Other	5	1

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	127	84.1
Female	24	15.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>151</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	457	85.1
Female	80	14.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>537</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 8: Individuals by Gender: Steroids Users Omitted

New Clients	n	%
Male	75	75.8
Female	24	24.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>99</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	396	83.2
Female	80	16.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>476</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 9: Individuals by Age Group

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	1	0.7	1	0.2
18-19	3	2.0	6	1.1
20-24	14	9.3	52	9.7
25-29	38	25.2	95	17.7
30-34	33	21.9	123	22.9
35-39	34	22.5	135	25.0
40-44	17	11.3	80	14.9
45+	11	7.3	45	8.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>151</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>537</i>	<i>100</i>

10: Individuals by Age Group: Steroid Users omitted

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	1	1.0	1	0.2
18-19	2	2.0	5	1.1
20-24	2	2.0	34	7.2
25-29	16	16.2	71	14.9
30-34	25	25.3	115	24.2
35-39	26	26.3	127	26.5
40-44	17	17.2	80	16.8
45+	10	10.1	43	9.1
Total	99	100	476	100

Table 11: Gender by Age Group of Individuals

Age Group	Gender			
	Male		Female	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	1	1.3
18-19	5	1.1	1	1.3
20-24	47	10.3	5	6.3
25-29	85	18.6	10	12.5
30-34	104	22.8	19	23.8
35-39	113	24.6	22	27.5
40-44	65	14.3	15	18.8
45+	38	8.3	7	8.8
Total	457	100	80	100

Table 12: Gender by Age Group: Steroid Users omitted

	Gender			
	Male		Female	
Age Group	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	1	1.3
18-19	4	1.0	1	1.3
20-24	29	7.3	5	6.3
25-29	61	15.4	10	12.5
30-34	96	24.3	19	23.8
35-39	105	26.3	22	27.5
40-44	65	16.5	15	18.8
45+	36	9.1	7	8.8
Total	396	100	80	100

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

	Gender				Total in Age Group	
	Male		Female			
Age Group	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	1	1.0	1	0.1
18-19	9	1.3	2	1.9	11	1.4
20-24	81	11.8	7	6.7	88	11.1
25-29	137	20.0	14	13.3	151	19.1
30-34	147	21.4	29	27.6	176	22.3
35-39	159	23.2	28	26.7	187	23.6
40-44	95	13.8	17	16.2	112	14.2
45+	58	8.5	7	6.7	65	8.2
Total	686	100	105	100	791	100

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

Age Group	Gender				Total in Age Group	
	Male		Female			
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	1	1.0	1	0.2
18-19	4	0.8	2	1.9	6	1.0
20-24	30	6.1	7	6.7	37	6.2
25-29	68	13.9	14	13.3	82	13.8
30-34	118	24.2	29	27.6	147	24.8
35-39	135	27.7	28	26.7	163	27.5
40-44	86	17.6	17	16.2	103	17.4
45+	47	9.6	7	6.7	54	9.1
Total	488	100	105	100	593	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	0.8	0	0
Benzodiazepines	0	0	0	0
Cocaine	1	0.8	0	0
Crack	0	0	0	0
Heroin	73	57.5	21	87.5
Methadone	1	0.8	1	4.2
Steroids	52	40.9	0	0
Unknown/Other	0	0	1	4.2
Total	127	100	24	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		Cocaine		Heroin		Methadone		Steroids		Unknown/Other	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	0	0	1	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	0
18-19	0	0	0	0	2	2.1	0	0	1	1.9	0	0
20-24	0	0	0	0	2	2.1	0	0	12	23.1	0	0
25-29	0	0	1	100	14	14.9	1	50.0	22	42.3	0	0
30-34	0	0	0	0	25	26.6	0	0	8	15.4	0	0
35-39	0	0	0	0	25	26.6	0	0	8	15.4	1	100
40-44	0	0	0	0	16	17.0	1	50.0	0	0	0	0
45+	1	100	0	0	9	9.6	0	0	1	1.9	0	0
Total	1	100	1	100	94	100	2	100	52	100	1	100

PHARMACY SYRINGE EXCHANGE

Table 17: Individuals by Gender

New Clients	n	%
Male	13	92.9
Female	1	7.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	731	77.5
Female	212	22.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>943</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 18: Individuals by Age Group

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	8	0.8
18-19	1	7.1	30	3.2
20-24	0	0	71	7.5
25-29	1	7.1	110	11.7
30-34	6	42.9	225	23.9
35-39	3	21.4	253	26.8
40-44	3	21.4	163	17.3
45+	0	0	83	8.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>943</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	9	0.7	3	1.0	12	0.8
18-19	37	3.1	7	2.3	44	2.9
20-24	117	9.6	12	3.9	129	8.5
25-29	136	11.2	37	12.0	173	11.4
30-34	261	21.5	83	26.9	344	22.6
35-39	346	28.5	80	26.0	426	28.0
40-44	209	17.2	59	19.2	268	17.6
45+	98	8.1	27	8.8	125	8.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>1213</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>308</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>1521</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	140	84.8
Female	25	15.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>165</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	1113	80.4
Female	272	19.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>1385</i>	<i>100</i>

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

New Clients	n	%
Male	88	77.9
Female	25	22.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>113</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	1031	79.2
Female	270	20.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>1301</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 22: Individuals in Syringe Exchange, by Age Group

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	1	0	8	0.6
18-19	4	2.4	35	2.5
20-24	14	8.5	121	8.7
25-29	39	23.6	196	14.2
30-34	39	23.6	322	23.2
35-39	37	22.4	357	25.8
40-44	20	12.1	224	16.2
45+	11	6.7	122	8.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>165</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>1385</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	1	0.9	8	0.6
18-19	3	2.7	30	2.3
20-24	2	1.8	95	7.3
25-29	17	15.0	170	13.1
30-34	31	27.4	310	23.8
35-39	29	25.7	348	26.7
40-44	20	17.7	223	17.1
45+	10	8.8	117	9.0
Total	113	100	1301	100

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

Age Group	Gender				Total in Age Group	
	Male		Female			
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 18	9	0.5	3	0.8	12	0.6
18-19	45	2.5	9	2.3	54	2.5
20-24	194	11.0	19	5.0	213	9.9
25-29	262	14.8	51	13.3	313	14.5
30-34	378	21.4	102	26.6	480	22.3
35-39	457	25.8	99	25.8	556	25.8
40-44	275	15.5	69	18.0	344	16.0
45+	150	8.5	31	8.1	181	8.4
Total	1770	100	383	100	2153	100

Table 25: Total Syringes Provided

	This Quarter	Year to Date
Barrels	143,033	280,714
Needles	157,567	311,513

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	353	69.2
Female	157	30.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>510</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	2339	67.8
Female	1109	32.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>3448</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 27: Year to Date, by Gender

New Clients	n	%
Male	605	68.9
Female	273	31.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>878</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	2596	32
Female	1219	68
<i>Total</i>	<i>3815</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	17	3.3	57	1.7
18-19	2	0.4	15	0.4
20-24	30	5.9	153	4.4
25-29	61	11	306	8.9
30-34	113	22.2	693	20.1
35-39	130	25.5	1006	29.2
40-44	103	20.2	756	21.9
45+	54	10.6	462	13.4
Total	510	100	3448	100

Table 29: Year to Date, by Age Group

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	32	3.6	67	1.8
18-19	8	0.9	45	1.2
20-24	69	7.9	291	7.6
25-29	96	10.9	483	12.7
30-34	218	24.8	955	25
35-39	213	24.3	1090	28.6
40-44	162	18.5	556	14.6
45+	80	9.1	328	8.6
Total	878	100	3815	100

Table 30: Ethnicity of Individuals in Contact with Treatment Services

Ethnicity	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
White British	481	94.3	3182	92.3
White Irish	6	1.2	16	0.5
Other White	2	0.4	30	0.9
White & Black Caribbean	0	0	5	0.2
White & Black African	2	0.4	7	0.2
White & Asian	0	0	4	0.1
Other Mixed	1	0.2	8	0.2
Other Asian	0	0	4	0.1
Caribbean	0	0	4	0.1
African	1	0.2	6	0.2
Other Black	7	1.4	30	0.9
Chinese	0	0	7	0.2
Other	2	0.4	25	0.7
Unknown	8	1.6	120	3.5
Total	510	100	3448	100

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

Drug of Use	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Amphetamine	4	0.8	38	1.1
Benzodiazepine	1	0.2	10	0.3
Cannabis	37	7.3	157	4.6
Cocaine	64	12.6	304	8.8
Crack	26	5.1	93	2.7
Heroin	332	65.1	2085	60.5
Methadone	29	5.7	264	7.7
Other Opiates	4	0.8	119	3.5
Other/Unknown	0	0	350	10.2
Total	510	100	3448	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	78	75
Female	26	25
Total	104	100

Table 33: Year to Date, by Gender

Gender	n	%
Male	99	77.3
Female	29	22.7
Total	128	100

Table 34: Individuals in Contact with Connexions, by Age

Age Group	n	%
16	33	31.7
17	31	29.8
18	31	29.8
19	9	8.7
Total	104	100

Table 35: Year to Date, by Age

Age Group	n	%
16	37	28.9
17	35	27.3
18	39	30.5
19	17	13.3
Total	128	100

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

Substance	n	%
Alcohol/Other*	21	20.2
Drugs	83	79.8
Total	104	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*	27	21.1
Drugs	101	78.9
Total	128	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	4125	73.5
Female	1485	26.5
Age Group		
Under 18	133	2.4
18-19	200	3.6
20-24	613	10.9
25-29	777	13.9
30-34	1253	22.3
35-39	1379	24.6
40-44	786	14
45+	469	8.4
Total	5610	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	108	1.9	45	2.5	153	2
18-19	268	4.7	52	2.9	320	4.3
20-24	782	13.7	188	10.5	970	12.9
25-29	814	14.2	259	14.4	1073	14.3
30-34	1135	19.8	455	25.3	1590	21.1
35-39	1363	23.8	432	24	1795	23.9
40-44	787	13.7	232	12.9	1019	13.5
45+	467	8.2	136	7.6	603	8
Total	5724	100	1799	100	7523	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

