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Introduction

The Inter Agency Drug Misuse Database (IAD), which was 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.
- Demonstrate client care pathways and crossover of clients between services by cross matching datasets.
- Highlight changes in levels, demographics and characteristics of drug users and drug use.
- Perform comparisons between geographical areas.
- 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) and the National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS) and now includes Connexions (young people). It is anticipated that data will also soon be available from Big Life (homeless).

Efforts are continually being made to expand the range of service providers that report to the IAD.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: 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 quarters 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. However, the report will build from quarter to quarter with figures ultimately being provided for the three quarters prior to the reporting period. We will therefore update previous quarters figures with any data that arrived too late for a particular report where possible. The Centre for Public Health will continue to work closely with service providers and DAATs 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.

NB: In response to D(A)AT requests for year to date figures just for the current financial year, rather than the previous four quarters, we are now providing just that. So, in future, reports will only include year to date figures for the current financial year. The figures for year to date are calculated by aggregating successive quarterly datasets to omit double counting of those who present to services in every quarter.

ARRESTS UNDER THE MISUSE OF DRUGS ACT (1971)

Introduction

Data are provided by Management Information Analysis (MIA), on behalf of Merseyside Police, relating to arrests for Class A drug offences under the Misuse of Drugs Act (1971) (Possession of, Supply of, or Possession with intent to Supply, Class A drugs). Data are collated and analysed to enable the monitoring of problem drug users whose drug use has led to legal problems, but may not lead them into contact with treatment services.

Arrests under Misuse of Drugs Act monitoring

MIA have recently been unable to provide the Centre for Public Health with arrest data for this period. They are currently dealing with transitional issues involved with the introduction of the new NICHE database system by Merseyside Police. It is anticipated that the system will be fully implemented and data provision to resume around January 2006.

ARREST REFERRAL (AR)

Quarter 3 (2004/05) - Quarter 2 (2005/06)

Introduction

Data are provided by Lighthouse Project on assessments made at custody suites and courts. The total number of assessments figure is based on one person per location per date; this is to ensure duplicate data are not included. Duplicate records may appear for the same individual twice on the same day. In these circumstances data are aggregated to a single record. The same individual may however, be counted twice within the reporting period.

Table 1: Individuals assessed, by Gender and Age Group, within Liverpool DAAT

| | Liverpool | | | | | | | |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Q3 | | Q4 | | Q1 | | Q2 | |
| Gender | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % |
| Male | 139 | 67.8 | 152 | 63.3 | 207 | 69.0 | 164 | 67.2 |
| Female | 66 | 32.2 | 88 | 36.7 | 93 | 31.0 | 80 | 32.8 |
| Age | | | | | | | | |
| Under 19 | 6 | 2.8 | 2 | 0.8 | 2 | 0.7 | 3 | 1.2 |
| 19-25 | 8 | 4.0 | 18 | 7.5 | 19 | 6.3 | 18 | 7.4 |
| 25+ | 191 | 93.2 | 220 | 91.7 | 279 | 93.0 | 223 | 91.4 |
| <i>Totals</i> | <i>205</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>240</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>300</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>244</i> | <i>100</i> |

Table 2: Arrest Referral Year to Date: April – September 2005

| Gender | Liverpool | |
|---------------|------------|------------|
| | n | % |
| Male | 309 | 68.1 |
| Female | 145 | 31.9 |
| Age | | |
| Under 19 | 4 | 0.9 |
| 19-25 | 35 | 7.7 |
| 25+ | 415 | 91.4 |
| <i>Totals</i> | <i>454</i> | <i>100</i> |

Of all arrestees, 2 males (1.2% of males) were aged under 19 as was one female (1.3% of females). Of arrestees aged 19-25, 14 were male (8.5% males) and 4 were female (5.0% of females).

Table 3: Total Assessments by Main Drug of Use, within Liverpool DAAT, by Quarter

| Drug of Use* | Liverpool | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Q3 | | Q4 | | Q1 | | Q2 | |
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % |
| Amphetamines | 2 | 1.0 | 1 | 0.4 | 1 | 0.3 | - | - |
| Cocaine | 4 | 1.9 | 15 | 6.3 | 7 | 2.3 | - | - |
| Crack | 9 | 4.4 | 19 | 7.9 | 20 | 6.7 | 4 | 1.6 |
| Heroin | 153 | 74.6 | 174 | 72.5 | 128 | 42.7 | 34 | 13.9 |
| Heroin & benzo's | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 0.8 |
| Heroin & Cocaine | - | - | - | - | 5 | 1.7 | - | - |
| Heroin & Crack | - | - | - | - | 92 | 30.7 | 155 | 63.5 |
| Methadone | 14 | 6.8 | 14 | 5.8 | 8 | 2.7 | 15 | 6.1 |
| Methadone & Crack | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.3 | 1 | 0.4 |
| Methadone & Heroin | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 0.8 |
| Cannabis | 8 | 3.9 | 5 | 2.1 | 1 | 0.3 | 5 | 2.0 |
| Cannabis & Crack | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.4 |
| Cannabis & MDMA | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 0.8 |
| Alcohol | - | - | 5 | 2.1 | 1 | 0.3 | - | - |
| Unknown/Other | 15 | 7.3 | 7 | 2.9 | 36 | 12.0 | 23 | 9.4 |
| <i>Totals</i> | <i>205</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>240</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>300</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>244</i> | <i>100</i> |

*Changes in the monitoring system mean we can now reflect Polydrug use where reported. For this reason there are now categories included that were not reported at the end of 2004/05 such as heroin & crack combined.

Main Problem Drug by Gender

Amongst male arrestees the most common drugs were heroin & crack combined (59.8% of male arrestees), followed by heroin alone (17.1%). The pattern for female arrestees was the same, with heroin & crack combined being most common drugs (71.3% of females), followed by heroin (7.5%).

Main Problem Drug by Age Group

Amongst arrestees under 19 years old cannabis was the most common drug (66.7% of arrestees under 19). For those aged 19 to 25 heroin & crack combined (44.4%) were most common drugs. This was same for those over 25 with heroin and crack combined (65.5%) as the main drug followed by heroin alone (14.8%).

Table 4: Arrest Referral Year to Date: April – September 2005

| Main Drug of Use | Liverpool | |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| | n | % |
| Amphetamines | 1 | 0.2 |
| Cocaine | 7 | 1.5 |
| Crack | 13 | 2.9 |
| Heroin | 122 | 26.9 |
| Heroin & Cocaine | 2 | 0.4 |
| Heroin & Crack | 226 | 49.8 |
| Heroin & Benzodiazepines | 2 | 0.4 |
| Methadone | 22 | 4.8 |
| Methadone & Crack | 1 | 0.2 |
| Methadone & Heroin | 2 | 0.4 |
| Cannabis | 6 | 1.3 |
| Cannabis & Crack | 1 | 0.2 |
| Alcohol | 1 | 0.2 |
| Unknown/Other | 46 | 10.1 |
| <i>Totals</i> | <i>454</i> | <i>100</i> |

SYRINGE EXCHANGE SERVICES

Quarter 3 (2004/05) - Quarter 2 (2005/06)

Introduction

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

The tables refer to attributable data only, unless otherwise specified.

The DAAT referred to is the DAAT of the syringe exchange where the client was seen. Ages are calculated based on the last day of the month in which they were last seen.

AGENCY SYRINGE EXCHANGE

Table 5: Individuals by gender, within Liverpool DAAT

| | Liverpool | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|
| | Q3 | | Q4 | | Q1 | | Q2 | |
| New Clients | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % |
| Male | 57 | 82.6 | - | - | 171 | 90.0 | 196 | 91.6 |
| Female | 12 | 17.4 | - | - | 19 | 10.0 | 18 | 8.4 |
| <i>Totals</i> | 69 | 100 | - | - | 190 | 100 | 214 | 100 |
| All Clients | | | | | | | | |
| Male | 363 | 87.9 | 413 | 89.2 | 469 | 88.0 | 483 | 88.6 |
| Female | 50 | 12.1 | 50 | 10.8 | 64 | 12.0 | 62 | 11.4 |
| <i>Totals</i> | 413 | 100 | 463 | 100 | 533 | 100 | 545 | 100 |

Changes in data collection rendered it impossible to determine new clients by Gender or age for quarter 4 2004/05. This issue has now been resolved.

Table 6: Agency Syringe Exchange Year to Date: April – September 2005

| All Clients | Liverpool | |
|--------------------|-----------|------|
| | n | % |
| Male | 722 | 87.9 |
| Female | 99 | 12.1 |
| <i>Totals</i> | 821 | 100 |

Table 7: Individuals by Age Group, within Liverpool DAAT

| | Liverpool | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|
| | Q3 | | Q4 | | Q1 | | Q2 | |
| New Clients | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % |
| Under 19 | 0 | 0 | - | - | 9 | 4.7 | 1 | 0.5 |
| 19-25 | 5 | 7.2 | - | - | 46 | 24.2 | 42 | 19.6 |
| 25+ | 64 | 92.8 | - | - | 135 | 71.1 | 171 | 79.9 |
| <i>Totals</i> | 69 | 100 | - | - | 190 | 100 | 214 | 100 |
| All Clients | | | | | | | | |
| Under 19 | 3 | 0.7 | 3 | 0.6 | 12 | 2.3 | 4 | 0.7 |
| 19-25 | 59 | 14.3 | 76 | 16.4 | 89 | 16.7 | 77 | 14.1 |
| 25+ | 351 | 85.0 | 384 | 82.9 | 432 | 81.1 | 464 | 85.1 |
| <i>Totals</i> | 413 | 100 | 463 | 100 | 533 | 100 | 545 | 100 |

Changes in data collection rendered it impossible to determine new clients by Gender or age for quarter 4 2004/05. This issue has now been resolved.

Of all Agency based syringe exchange clients reported to the IAD for this period, 3 males (0.6% of males), and 1 female (1.6% of females) were under 19 years old. Seventy-four males were aged 19 to 25 (15.3%) and 3 were female (4.8% of females).

Table 8: Agency Syringe Exchange Year to Date: April – September 2005

| All Clients | Liverpool | |
|---------------|------------|------------|
| | n | % |
| Under 19 | 13 | 1.6 |
| 19-25 | 138 | 16.8 |
| 25+ | 670 | 81.6 |
| <i>Totals</i> | <i>821</i> | <i>100</i> |

Table 9: Main Drug of Use for Agency Syringe Exchange clients within Liverpool DAAT

| Drug of Use | Liverpool | | | | | | | |
|----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Q3 | | Q4 | | Q1 | | Q2 | |
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % |
| Heroin | 140 | 33.9 | 33 | 13.6 | 51 | 28.5 | 24 | 11.7 |
| Methadone | 4 | 1.0 | 5 | 2.1 | 2 | 1.1 | 0 | 0 |
| Amphetamines | 24 | 5.8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Steroids | 157 | 38.0 | 133 | 55.0 | 112 | 62.6 | 102 | 49.5 |
| Cocaine* | 5 | 1.2 | 3 | 1.2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.5 |
| Heroin & Crack | - | - | - | - | 14 | 7.8 | 79 | 38.3 |
| Other | 76 | 18.4 | 68 | 28.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unknown | 7 | 1.7 | 0 | 0 | - | - | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Totals</i> | <i>413</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>242</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>179</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>206</i> | <i>100</i> |

*Including Crack

Drug of use was only reported for a limited number of clients, hence the difference in numbers between those reported here and those in Tables 5 & 7.

The two main drugs of use reported by Agency syringe exchanges for this period were steroids followed by heroin & crack combined. Of those reporting steroids as their main drug of use, a total of 102 were Male (54.3% of all Males reported) and none were female. One steroid user (1.0% of steroid users) was under 19 with 36 (35.3%) being 19 to 25.

A total of 65 heroin & crack users were male (34.6% of male injectors in the dataset) and 14 were females (77.8% of females). Of all heroin & crack users, 3 were aged 19 to 25 (3.8% of heroin & crack users) and none were under 19.

Table 10: Quarterly Total Visits within Liverpool DAAT

| | Liverpool | | | |
|------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 |
| Attributable | 504 | 1290 | 1717 | 2061 |
| Non Attributable | 354 | - | - | - |
| <i>Totals</i> | <i>858</i> | <i>1290</i> | <i>1717</i> | <i>2061</i> |

PHARMACY SYRINGE EXCHANGE

Figures presented here refer to fully attributable data only unless otherwise stated.

Table 11: Individuals, by Gender, within Liverpool DAAT

| | Liverpool | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|
| | Q3 | | Q4 | | Q1 | | Q2 | |
| New Clients | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % |
| Male | 105 | 85.4 | 128 | 85.9 | 47 | 79.7 | 115 | 83.3 |
| Female | 18 | 14.6 | 21 | 14.1 | 12 | 20.3 | 23 | 16.7 |
| <i>Totals</i> | 123 | 100 | 149 | 100 | 59 | 100 | 138 | 100 |
| All Clients | | | | | | | | |
| Male | 576 | 78.8 | 774 | 78.0 | 658 | 79.7 | 613 | 81.2 |
| Female | 155 | 21.2 | 218 | 22.0 | 168 | 20.3 | 142 | 18.8 |
| <i>Totals</i> | 731 | 100 | 992 | 100 | 826 | 100 | 755 | 100 |

Table 12: Pharmacy Syringe Exchange Year to Date: April – September 2005

| All Clients | Liverpool | |
|--------------------|-----------|------|
| | n | % |
| Male | 946 | 79.8 |
| Female | 239 | 20.2 |
| <i>Totals</i> | 1185 | 100 |

Table 13: Individuals, by Age Group, within Liverpool DAAT

| | Liverpool | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|
| | Q3 | | Q4 | | Q1 | | Q2 | |
| New Clients | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % |
| Under 19 | 1 | 0.8 | 1 | 0.7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 19-25 | 9 | 7.3 | 9 | 6.0 | 2 | 3.4 | 6 | 4.3 |
| 25+ | 113 | 91.9 | 139 | 93.3 | 57 | 96.6 | 132 | 95.7 |
| <i>Totals</i> | 123 | 100 | 149 | 100 | 59 | 100 | 138 | 100 |
| All Clients | | | | | | | | |
| Under 19 | 3 | 0.4 | 3 | 0.3 | 1 | 0.1 | 1 | 0.1 |
| 19-25 | 28 | 3.8 | 28 | 2.8 | 15 | 1.8 | 16 | 2.1 |
| 25+ | 700 | 95.8 | 961 | 96.9 | 810 | 98.1 | 738 | 97.7 |
| <i>Totals</i> | 731 | 100 | 992 | 100 | 826 | 100 | 755 | 100 |

Of all pharmacy based syringe exchange clients reported to the IAD for this period, 1 male (0.2% of males), and no females were under 19 years old. Fourteen males (2.3% of males) and 2 females (1.4% of females) were aged 19 to 25.

Table 14: Pharmacy Syringe Exchange Year to Date: April – September 2005

| All Clients | Liverpool | |
|--------------------|-----------|------|
| | n | % |
| Under 19 | 2 | 0.2 |
| 19-25 | 28 | 2.4 |
| 25+ | 1155 | 97.5 |
| <i>Totals</i> | 1185 | 100 |

Table 15: Quarterly Total Visits within Liverpool DAAT

| | Liverpool | | | |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 |
| Attributable | 1150 | 9913 | 2259 | 1169 |
| Non Attributable | 703 | - | 1275 | 1010 |
| <i>Totals</i> | <i>1853</i> | <i>9913</i> | <i>3534</i> | <i>2179</i> |

COMBINED PHARMACY AND AGENCY-BASED SYRINGE EXCHANGE

Analyses here are based on a combination of the aggregated Agency and Pharmacy-based datasets. Data are aggregated by attributor and DAAT to one person per DAAT area. Individuals who appear in more than one DAAT area may therefore appear more than once in the final dataset.

Table 16: Individuals in Syringe Exchange by Gender and DAAT of Syringe Exchange

| | Liverpool | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| | Q3 | | Q4 | | Q1 | | Q2 | |
| New Clients | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % |
| Male | 163 | 84.5 | 113 | 85.0 | 214 | 88.1 | 299 | 88.5 |
| Female | 30 | 15.5 | 20 | 15.0 | 29 | 11.9 | 39 | 11.5 |
| <i>Totals</i> | <i>193</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>133</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>243</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>338</i> | <i>100</i> |
| All Clients | | | | | | | | |
| Male | 916 | 82.3 | 1125 | 81.5 | 1103 | 83.2 | 1066 | 84.3 |
| Female | 197 | 17.7 | 255 | 18.5 | 223 | 16.8 | 198 | 15.7 |
| <i>Totals</i> | <i>1113</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>1380</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>1326</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>1264</i> | <i>100</i> |

Table 17: Combined Syringe Exchange Year to Date: April – September 2005

| | Liverpool | |
|--------------------|-------------|------------|
| | n | % |
| All Clients | | |
| Male | 1609 | 83.5 |
| Female | 318 | 16.5 |
| <i>Totals</i> | <i>1927</i> | <i>100</i> |

Table 18: Individuals in Syringe Exchange by Age and DAAT of Syringe Exchange

| | Liverpool | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| | Q3 | | Q4 | | Q1 | | Q2 | |
| New Clients | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % |
| Under 19 | 1 | 0.5 | 1 | 0.8 | 9 | 3.7 | 1 | 0.3 |
| 19-25 | 15 | 7.8 | 10 | 7.5 | 48 | 19.8 | 48 | 14.2 |
| 25+ | 177 | 91.7 | 122 | 91.7 | 186 | 76.5 | 289 | 85.5 |
| <i>Totals</i> | <i>193</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>133</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>243</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>338</i> | <i>100</i> |
| All Clients | | | | | | | | |
| Under 19 | 6 | 0.5 | 6 | 0.4 | 13 | 1.0 | 5 | 0.4 |
| 19-25 | 86 | 7.7 | 103 | 7.5 | 104 | 7.8 | 93 | 7.4 |
| 25+ | 1021 | 91.7 | 1271 | 92.1 | 1209 | 91.2 | 1166 | 92.2 |
| <i>Totals</i> | <i>1113</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>1380</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>1326</i> | <i>47.4</i> | <i>1264</i> | <i>100</i> |

Table 19: Combined Syringe Exchange Year to Date: April – September 2005

| All Clients | Liverpool | |
|--------------------|-------------|------------|
| | n | % |
| Under 19 | 15 | 0.8 |
| 19-25 | 166 | 8.6 |
| 25+ | 1746 | 90.6 |
| <i>Totals</i> | <i>1927</i> | <i>100</i> |

National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS)

Quarter 3 (2004/05) - Quarter 2 (2005/06)

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 year, per DAAT. Individuals presenting in more than one DAAT within the time period will therefore be represented more than once in the original data. The DAAT referred to is DAAT 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 20: Individuals in contact with treatment service by Gender

| | Liverpool | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| | Q3 | | Q4 | | Q1 | | Q2 | |
| New Clients* | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % |
| Male | 343 | 72.7 | - | - | - | - | 200 | 66.2 |
| Female | 129 | 27.3 | - | - | - | - | 102 | 33.8 |
| <i>Totals</i> | <i>472</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>-</i> | <i>-</i> | <i>-</i> | <i>-</i> | <i>302</i> | <i>100</i> |
| All Clients | | | | | | | | |
| Male | 1887 | 67.7 | 2221 | 68.2 | 2394 | 68.8 | 2402 | 68.3 |
| Female | 902 | 32.3 | 1038 | 31.9 | 1084 | 31.2 | 1115 | 31.7 |
| <i>Totals</i> | <i>2789</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>3259</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>3478</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>3517</i> | <i>100</i> |

*A breakdown of new clients by Gender and Age was not available for quarter 4 2004/05 and quarter 1 2005/06.

Table 21: NDTMS Year to Date: April – September 2005

| All Clients | Liverpool | |
|--------------------|-------------|------------|
| | n | % |
| Male | 2725 | 68.6 |
| Female | 1249 | 31.4 |
| <i>Totals</i> | <i>3974</i> | <i>100</i> |

Table 22: Individuals in contact with treatment service by Age Group

| | Liverpool | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| | Q3 | | Q4 | | Q1 | | Q2 | |
| New Clients* | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % |
| Under 19 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 12 | 4.0 |
| 19-25 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 30 | 9.9 |
| 25+ | 436 | 92.4 | - | - | - | - | 260 | 86.1 |
| <i>Totals</i> | <i>472</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>-</i> | <i>-</i> | <i>-</i> | <i>-</i> | <i>302</i> | <i>100</i> |
| All Clients | | | | | | | | |
| Under 19** | - | - | - | - | - | - | 49 | 1.4 |
| 19-25** | - | - | - | - | - | - | 157 | 4.5 |
| 25+ | 2472 | 88.6 | 3077 | 94.4 | 3275 | 94.2 | 3311 | 94.1 |
| <i>Totals</i> | <i>2789</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>3259</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>3478</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>3517</i> | <i>100</i> |

*A breakdown of new clients by Gender and Age was not available for quarter 4 2004/05 and quarter 1 2005/06.

**Please Note Q3-Q1: Due to changes in the analysis and reporting of age groups by the IAD for Q2, a breakdown by number and percentage of the two age groups for those under 25 was not possible for this report.

Table 23: NDTMS Year to Date: April – September 2005

| | Liverpool | |
|--------------------|-------------|------------|
| All Clients | n | % |
| Under 19 | 80 | 2.0 |
| 19-25 | 176 | 4.4 |
| 25+ | 3718 | 93.6 |
| <i>Totals</i> | <i>3974</i> | <i>100</i> |

Probation

Quarter 3 (2004/05) - Quarter 2 (2005/06)

Introduction

Data is provided by Merseyside Probation Services on all clients with a reported substance use problem.

Table 24: Individuals assessed, by Gender and Age Group, within Liverpool DAAT

| | Liverpool | | | |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Q1 | | Q2 | |
| Gender | n | % | n | % |
| Male | 310 | 85.6 | 349 | 87.0 |
| Female | 52 | 14.4 | 52 | 13.0 |
| Age | | | | |
| Under 19 | 18 | 5.0 | 11 | 2.7 |
| 19-25 | 101 | 27.9 | 100 | 24.9 |
| 25+ | 243 | 67.1 | 290 | 72.3 |
| <i>Totals</i> | <i>362</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>401</i> | <i>100</i> |

Of all probation services clients 9 males (2.6% of males) were under 19, and 2 females (3.8% of females). Ninety-two males (31.6%) and 8 females (15.4%) were aged 19 to 25.

Table 25: Probation Year to Date: April – September 2005

| | Liverpool | |
|---------------|------------|------------|
| | n | % |
| Gender | | |
| Male | 647 | 86.4 |
| Female | 102 | 13.6 |
| Age | | |
| Under 19 | 28 | 3.7 |
| 19-25 | 199 | 26.6 |
| 25+ | 522 | 69.7 |
| <i>Totals</i> | <i>749</i> | <i>100</i> |

Table 26: Assessments by Drug of use, within Liverpool DAAT

| Drug of Use | Liverpool | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|------|-----|------|
| | Q1 | | Q2 | |
| | n | %* | n | %* |
| Heroin | 88 | 24.3 | 97 | 24.2 |
| Methadone | 6 | 1.7 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Opiate | 1 | 0.3 | 0 | 0 |
| Crack | 20 | 5.5 | 17 | 4.2 |
| Cocaine | 11 | 3.0 | 12 | 3.0 |
| Misused prescribed | 2 | 0.6 | 2 | 0.5 |
| Benzodiazepines | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.5 |
| Steroids | 1 | 0.3 | 0 | 0 |
| Amphetamines | 3 | 0.8 | 2 | 0.5 |
| Ecstasy | 2 | 0.6 | 3 | 0.7 |
| Cannabis | 128 | 35.4 | 134 | 33.4 |
| Other | 2 | 0.6 | 7 | 1.7 |
| Unknown | 1 | 0.3 | 23 | 5.7 |

* The percentages presented here are a proportion of the total number of individuals reported. Not all individuals were reported drug users due to either omissions in the reporting of drug use, or were present in the dataset due to problematic alcohol use only.

Table 27: Probation Year to Date: April – September 2005

| Drug of Use | Liverpool | |
|--------------------|-----------|------|
| | n | %* |
| Heroin | 182 | 24.3 |
| Methadone | 6 | 0.8 |
| Other Opiate | 1 | 0.1 |
| Crack | 35 | 4.7 |
| Cocaine | 23 | 3.1 |
| Misused prescribed | 4 | 0.5 |
| Benzodiazepines | 2 | 0.3 |
| Steroids | 1 | 0.1 |
| Amphetamines | 5 | 0.7 |
| Ecstasy | 4 | 0.5 |
| Cannabis | 258 | 34.4 |
| Other | 9 | 1.2 |
| Unknown | 24 | 3.2 |

* The percentages presented here are a proportion of the total number of individuals reported. Not all individuals were reported drug users due to either omissions in the reporting of drug use, or were present in the dataset due to problematic alcohol use only.

Table 28: Assessments by alcohol use, within Liverpool DAAT

| Alcohol a problem | Liverpool | | | |
|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Q1 | | Q2 | |
| | n | % | n | % |
| No | 197 | 54.6 | 210 | 52.4 |
| Problematic | 88 | 24.4 | 83 | 20.7 |
| Severe | 76 | 21.1 | 108 | 26.9 |
| <i>Totals</i> | <i>361</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>401</i> | <i>100</i> |

Of all clients with a reported drug problem 210 (70.2% of reported drug users) did not have an alcohol problem. Forty clients (13.4% of reported drug users) were problematic alcohol drinkers and 49 had a severe alcohol problem (16.4%). Of those clients with a severe alcohol problem and reported drug users, the main drug of use was cannabis (51% of clients with a severe alcohol problem).

Table 29: Probation Year to Date: April – September 2005

| Alcohol a problem | Liverpool | |
|-------------------|------------|------------|
| | n | % |
| No | 398 | 53.2 |
| Problematic | 169 | 22.6 |
| Severe | 181 | 24.2 |
| <i>Totals</i> | <i>748</i> | <i>100</i> |

CONNEXIONS

Quarter 3 (2004/05) - Quarter 2 (2005/06)

Background

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

Table 30: Gender by DAAT of contact

| Gender | Liverpool | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| | Q3 | | Q4 | | Q1 | | Q2 | |
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % |
| Male | 56 | 75.7 | 85 | 85.9 | 11 | 91.7 | 60 | 85.7 |
| Female | 18 | 24.3 | 14 | 14.1 | 1 | 8.3 | 10 | 14.3 |
| <i>Totals</i> | <i>74</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>99</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>12</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>70</i> | <i>100</i> |

Table 31: Connexions Year to Date: April – September 2005

| | Liverpool | |
|---------------|-----------|------------|
| | n | % |
| Male | 71 | 86.6 |
| Female | 11 | 13.4 |
| <i>Totals</i> | <i>82</i> | <i>100</i> |

Table 32: Age by DAAT of contact

| Age | Liverpool | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| | Q3 | | Q4 | | Q1 | | Q2 | |
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % |
| 16 | 36 | 48.6 | 39 | 39.4 | 2 | 16.7 | 20 | 28.6 |
| 17 | 18 | 24.3 | 30 | 30.3 | 3 | 25.0 | 25 | 35.7 |
| 18 | 9 | 12.2 | 13 | 13.1 | 5 | 41.7 | 12 | 17.1 |
| 19 | 11 | 14.9 | 17 | 17.2 | 2 | 16.7 | 13 | 18.6 |
| <i>Totals</i> | <i>74</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>99</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>12</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>70</i> | <i>100</i> |

Table 33: Connexions Year to Date: April – September 2005

| Age | Liverpool | |
|---------------|-----------|------------|
| | n | % |
| 16 | 22 | 26.8 |
| 17 | 28 | 34.1 |
| 18 | 17 | 20.7 |
| 19 | 15 | 18.3 |
| <i>Totals</i> | <i>82</i> | <i>100</i> |

Table 34: Drug/Alcohol problem by DAAT of contact

| | Liverpool | | | | | | | |
|----------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| | Q3 | | Q4 | | Q1 | | Q2 | |
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % |
| Alcohol/Other* | 22 | 29.7 | 23 | 23.2 | 2 | 16.7 | 27 | 42.2 |
| Drugs | 52 | 70.3 | 76 | 76.8 | 10 | 83.3 | 37 | 57.8 |
| <i>Totals</i> | <i>74</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>99</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>12</i> | <i>100</i> | <i>64</i> | <i>100</i> |

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

Combined Datasets

Quarter 3 (2004/05) - Quarter 2 (2005/06)

Introduction

Data presented here is drawn from a combination of datasets relating to Arrest Referrals, Syringe Exchange (Agency and Pharmacy), NDTMS, Probation and Connexions. The combined data are aggregated on attributer and DAAT area to produce overall figures for numbers of individuals presenting to any service reporting to the IAD. Figures presented here will therefore not necessarily reflect the combined totals of data presented earlier as the method of aggregating is somewhat different. Note that, for those in the Connexions dataset, only individuals with a reported drug problem were included. Further information on the processes of data manipulation, aggregation and analysis is available from the IAD Manager. These figures should not be taken as a measure of prevalence.

Table 35: Total Problem Drug Users (PDUs) reported to the IAD: by Gender and Age

| | Liverpool | | | | | | | |
|----------|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | Q3 | | Q4 | | Q1 | | Q2 | |
| Gender | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % |
| Male | 2899 | 72.3 | 3100 | 72.0 | 4719 | 75.6 | 3691 | 73.5 |
| Female | 1113 | 27.7 | 1206 | 28.0 | 1522 | 24.4 | 1334 | 26.5 |
| Age | | | | | | | | |
| Under 19 | 211 | 5.3 | 154 | 3.6 | 602 | 9.6 | 133 | 2.6 |
| 19-25 | 433 | 10.8 | 336 | 7.8 | 582 | 9.3 | 355 | 7.1 |
| 25+ | 3368 | 83.9 | 3816 | 88.6 | 5057 | 81.0 | 4537 | 90.3 |
| Totals | 4012 | 100 | 4306 | 100 | 6241 | 100 | 5025 | 100 |

Table 36: Year to Date

| | Liverpool | |
|----------|-----------|------|
| | n | % |
| Gender | | |
| Male | 5875 | 76.3 |
| Female | 1825 | 23.7 |
| Age | | |
| Under 19 | 684 | 8.9 |
| 19-25 | 791 | 10.3 |
| 25+ | 6225 | 80.8 |
| Totals | 7700 | 100 |

Combined Datasets Year to Date: April – September 2005

For the year to date a total of 554 males (9.4% of males) were under 19 and 655 (11.1%) were between 19 and 25 years. For female clients, 130 (7.1% of females) were under 19 and 136 (7.4%) were between 19 and 25 years.

Fig 1: Distribution of Problem Drug Users by Age Group and Gender

