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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	99	83.9
Female	19	16.1
Age Group		
Under 18	2	1.7
18-19	10	8.5
20-24	19	16.1
25-29	31	26.3
30-34	26	22.0
35-39	18	15.3
40-44	7	5.9
45+	5	4.2
Total	118	100

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

Age Group	Gender					
	Male		Female		Total in Age Group	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 18	2	1.7	0	0	2	1.4
18-19	10	8.3	0	0	10	6.9
20-24	17	14.2	4	16.7	21	14.6
25-29	26	21.7	11	45.8	37	25.7
30-34	25	20.8	6	25.0	31	21.5
35-39	24	20.0	2	8.3	26	18.1
40-44	10	8.3	1	4.2	11	7.6
45+	6	5.0	0	0	6	4.2
Total	120	100	24	100	144	100

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

Drug of Use	Daily	Weekly
Amphetamines	2	0
Benzodiazepines	2	2
Cannabis	1	0
Crack	13	1
Cocaine	6	4
Ecstasy	0	0
Heroin	33	5
Methadone	8	0
Other	1	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 & Age Group

Gender	n	%
Male	112	86.8
Female	17	13.2
Age Group		
Under 18	0	0
18-19	14	10.9
20-24	28	21.7
25-29	31	24.0
30-34	21	16.3
35-39	25	19.4
40-44	7	5.4
45+	3	2.3
Total	129	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	27	10.9	2	4.9	29	10.0
20-24	52	21.0	11	26.8	63	21.8
25-29	56	22.6	8	19.5	64	22.1
30-34	38	15.3	11	26.8	49	17.0
35-39	45	18.1	6	14.6	51	17.6
40-44	23	9.3	2	4.9	25	8.7
45+	7	2.8	1	2.4	8	2.8
Total	248	100	41	100	289	100

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

Drug of Use	Daily	Weekly
Amphetamines	1	3
Benzodiazepines	7	1
Cannabis	15	11
Crack	5	8
Cocaine	1	1
Ecstasy	0	2
Heroin	22	9
Methadone	4	0
Other Opiate	0	1
Misused Prescribed	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	42	93.3
Female	3	6.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	352	91.2
Female	34	8.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>386</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 8: Individuals by Gender: Steroids Users Omitted

New Clients	n	%
Male	14	82.4
Female	3	17.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	323	90.5
Female	34	9.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>357</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	1	2.2	6	1.6
20-24	17	37.8	39	10.1
25-29	11	24.4	76	19.7
30-34	5	11.1	97	25.1
35-39	7	15.6	94	24.4
40-44	4	8.9	50	13.0
45+	0	0	24	6.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>386</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	5	1.4
20-24	2	11.8	24	6.7
25-29	4	23.5	69	19.3
30-34	3	17.6	94	26.5
35-39	5	29.4	92	25.7
40-44	3	17.6	49	13.7
45+	0	0	24	6.7
Total	17	100	357	100

Table 11: Gender by Age Group of Individuals

Age Group	Gender			
	Male		Female	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	0	0
18-19	5	1.4	1	2.9
20-24	35	10.0	4	11.8
25-29	65	18.5	11	32.4
30-34	88	24.8	9	26.5
35-39	91	25.9	3	8.8
40-44	45	12.8	5	14.7
45+	23	6.6	1	2.9
Total	352	100	34	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	4	1.2	1	2.9
20-24	20	6.2	4	11.8
25-29	58	18.0	11	32.4
30-34	85	26.3	9	26.5
35-39	89	27.6	3	8.8
40-44	44	13.6	5	14.7
45+	23	7.1	1	2.9
Total	323	100	34	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	8	1.7	2	4.0	10	1.9
20-24	49	10.4	4	8.0	53	10.2
25-29	87	18.5	14	28.0	101	19.4
30-34	124	26.4	13	26.0	137	26.3
35-39	113	24.0	9	18.0	122	23.5
40-44	57	12.1	6	12.0	63	12.1
45+	32	6.8	2	4.0	34	6.5
Total	470	100	50	100	520	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	4	1.0	2	4.0	6	1.3
20-24	22	5.5	4	8.0	26	5.8
25-29	71	17.8	14	28.0	85	19.0
30-34	113	28.4	13	26.0	126	28.1
35-39	106	26.6	9	18.0	115	25.7
40-44	53	13.3	6	12.0	59	13.2
45+	29	7.3	2	4.0	31	6.9
Total	398	100	50	100	448	100

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

Drug of Use	Gender			
	Male		Female	
	n	%	n	%
Amphetamines	4	9.5	1	33.3
Benzodiazepines	0	0	0	0
Cocaine	1	2.4	0	0
Crack	0	0	0	0
Heroin	5	11.9	2	66.7
Methadone	0	0	0	0
Steroids	28	66.7	0	0
Unknown	4	9.5	0	0
Total	42	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		Cocaine		Heroin		Steroids		Unknown	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18-19	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3.6	0	0
20-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	53.6	2	50.0
25-29	2	40.0	0	0	1	14.3	7	25.0	1	25.0
30-34	2	40.0	0	0	1	14.3	2	7.1	0	0
35-39	1	20.0	0	0	4	57.1	2	7.1	0	0
40-44	0	0	1	100	1	14.3	1	3.6	1	25.0
45+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5	100	1	100	7	100	28	100	4	100

PHARMACY SYRINGE EXCHANGE

Table 17: Individuals by Gender

New Clients	n	%
Male	3	100
Female	0	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	135	80.8
Female	32	19.2
Total	167	100

Table 18: Individuals by Age Group

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	1	0.6
18-19	0	0	4	2.4
20-24	1	33.3	18	10.8
25-29	1	33.3	33	19.8
30-34	1	33.3	44	26.3
35-39	0	0	36	21.6
40-44	0	0	18	10.8
45+	0	0	13	7.8
Total	3	100	167	100

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	1	2.4	1	0.4
18-19	4	1.9	2	4.9	6	2.4
20-24	16	7.7	6	14.6	22	8.8
25-29	45	21.5	12	29.3	57	22.8
30-34	61	29.2	8	19.5	69	27.6
35-39	44	21.1	7	17.1	51	20.4
40-44	23	11.0	5	12.2	28	11.2
45+	16	7.7	0	0	16	6.4
Total	209	100	41	100	250	100

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	45	93.8
Female	3	6.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	440	88.7
Female	56	11.3
Total	496	100

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

New Clients	n	%
Male	17	85.0
Female	3	15.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	408	87.9
Female	56	12.1
Total	464	100

Table 22: Individuals in Syringe Exchange, by Age Group

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	1	0.2
18-19	1	2.1	9	1.8
20-24	18	37.5	51	10.3
25-29	12	25.0	96	19.4
30-34	6	12.5	126	25.4
35-39	7	14.6	119	24.0
40-44	4	8.3	61	12.3
45+	0	0	33	6.7
Total	48	100	496	100

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

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	1	0.2
18-19	0	0	8	1.7
20-24	3	15.0	35	7.5
25-29	5	25.0	87	18.7
30-34	4	20.0	124	26.7
35-39	5	25.0	117	25.2
40-44	3	15.0	60	12.9
45+	0	0	33	7.1
Total	20	100	465	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	1	1.3	1	0.1
18-19	13	2.1	3	3.9	16	2.3
20-24	60	9.9	8	10.4	68	10.0
25-29	121	20.0	21	27.3	142	20.8
30-34	161	26.6	18	23.4	179	26.2
35-39	136	22.5	15	19.5	151	22.1
40-44	72	11.9	9	11.7	81	11.9
45+	42	6.9	2	2.6	44	6.5
Total	605	100	77	100	682	100

Table 25: Total Syringes Provided

	This Quarter	Year to Date
Barrels	23,835	45,742
Needles	34,502	65,864

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	89	72.4
Female	34	27.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>123</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	638	73.8
Female	226	26.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>864</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 27: Year to Date, by Gender

New Clients	n	%
Male	174	78.4
Female	48	21.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>222</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	654	74.0
Female	230	26.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>884</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	9	7.3	63	7.3
18-19	3	2.4	27	3.1
20-24	19	15.5	70	8.1
25-29	27	22.0	148	17.1
30-34	19	15.6	197	22.8
35-39	25	20.3	185	21.4
40-44	14	11.4	99	11.5
45+	7	5.7	75	8.7
Total	123	100	864	100

Table 29: Year to Date, by Age Group

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	18	8.1	74	8.4
18-19	11	5.0	28	3.2
20-24	34	15.3	130	14.7
25-29	49	22.1	191	21.6
30-34	39	17.6	190	21.5
35-39	39	17.6	155	17.5
40-44	21	9.5	71	8.0
45+	11	5.0	45	5.1
Total	222	100	884	100

Table 30: Ethnicity of Individuals in Contact with Treatment Services

Ethnicity	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
White British	123	123	856	99.1
White Irish	0	0	1	0.1
Other White	0	0	0	0
White & Black Caribbean	0	0	1	0.1
White & Black African	0	0	1	0.1
White & Asian	0	0	0	0
Other Mixed	0	0	0	0
Other Asian	0	0	0	0
Caribbean	0	0	0	0
African	0	0	0	0
Other Black	0	0	1	0.1
Chinese	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	4	0.5
Unknown	0	0	0	0
Total	123	100	864	100

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

Drug of Use	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Amphetamine	7	5.7	25	2.9
Benzodiazepine	2	1.6	7	0.8
Cannabis	12	9.8	97	11.2
Cocaine	11	8.9	61	7.1
Crack	2	1.6	20	2.3
Hallucinogens	0	0	1	0.1
Ecstasy	0	0	4	0.5
Heroin	80	65	562	65.1
Methadone	5	4.1	66	7.6
Other Opiates	3	2.4	12	1.4
Solvents	1	0.8	5	0.6
Other/Unknown	0	0	4	0.5
Total	123	100	864	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	34	40.4
Female	23	59.6
Total	57	100

Table 33: Year to Date, by Gender

Gender	n	%
Male	36	59.0
Female	25	41.0
Total	61	100

Table 34: Individuals in Contact with Connexions, by Age

Age Group	n	%
16	10	17.5
17	14	24.6
18	15	26.3
19	18	31.6
Total	57	100

Table 35: Year to Date, by Age

Age Group	n	%
16	10	16.4
17	15	24.6
18	15	24.6
19	21	34.4
Total	61	100

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

Substance	n	%
Alcohol/Other*	17	29.8
Drugs	40	70.2
Total	57	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*	20	32.8
Drugs	41	67.2
Total	61	100

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

COMBINED DATASETS

Quarter 2 (2006/07)

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	1123	78.9
Female	300	21.1
Age Group		
Under 18	94	6.6
18-19	80	5.6
20-24	206	14.5
25-29	289	20.3
30-34	303	21.3
35-39	259	18.2
40-44	120	8.4
45+	72	5.1
Total	1423	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	73	5.3	19	5.8	92	5.4
18-19	75	5.5	28	8.5	103	6.1
20-24	186	13.6	55	16.7	241	14.2
25-29	262	19.2	73	22.2	335	19.7
30-34	289	21.1	75	22.8	364	21.4
35-39	260	19	47	14.3	307	18.1
40-44	140	10.2	21	6.4	161	9.5
45+	83	6.1	11	3.3	94	5.5
Total	1368	100	329	100	1697	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

