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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. As of April 2005, the IAD was expanded to include the DATs of Halton and Warrington. 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)ATs' (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.

**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 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.

**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 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 IAD with arrest data. 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 collection to resume around January 2006.

## ARREST REFERRAL (AR)

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

### Introduction

Data are provided by ARCH Initiatives 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 Wirral DAAT**

	Wirral							
	Q3		Q4		Q1		Q2	
<b>Gender</b>	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Male	22	81.5	62	89.9	60	84.5	103	82.4
Female	5	18.5	7	10.1	11	15.5	22	17.6
<b>Age</b>								
Under 19	0	0	3	4.3	1	1.4	7	5.6
19-25	3	11.1	6	8.7	11	15.5	15	12.0
25+	24	88.9	60	87.0	59	83.1	103	82.4
<i>Totals</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>100</i>

Of all arrestees 7 males (6.8% of males) were under 19. No females were under 19 years old. Thirteen males (12.6%) and two females (9.1% of females) were aged between 19-25.

**Table 2: Year to Date**

	Wirral	
	n	%
Male	157	83.5
Female	31	16.5
<b>Age</b>		
Under 19	8	4.3
19-25	25	13.3
25+	155	82.4
<i>Totals</i>	<i>188</i>	<i>100</i>

**Table 3: Total Assessments by Drug of use, within Wirral DAAT**

Drug of Use	Wirral							
	Q3		Q4		Q1		Q2	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Amphetamines	0	0	2	2.9	3	4.2	0	0
Cocaine	1	3.7	8	11.6	10	14.1	0	0
Crack	4	14.8	3	4.3	10	14.1	4	3.2
Crack & Cannabis	-	-	-	-	0	0	1	0.8
Heroin	15	55.6	31	44.9	27	38.0	19	15.2
Heroin & Cocaine	-	-	-	-	1	1.4	0	0
Heroin & Crack	-	-	-	-	2	2.8	33	26.4
Heroin & Benzo	-	-	-	-	0	0	1	0.8
Methadone	1	3.7	2	2.9	4	5.6	4	3.2
Methadone & Crack	-	-	-	-	0	0	4	3.2
Methadone & Heroin	-	-	-	-	0	0	14	11.2
Cannabis	4	14.8	3	4.3	2	2.8	0	0
Cannabis & MDMA	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1.6
Cannabis & Alcohol	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1.6
Alcohol	-	-	11	15.9	2	2.8	5	4.0
Unknown/Other	0	0	9	13.0	10	12.7	24	19.2
<i>Totals</i>	*	*	69	100	71	100	125	100

\* The original data allows for more than one drug to be recorded per individual. Consequently, the percentages given in Q3 of Table 4 are as a proportion of the total number of individuals, as detailed in Table 1.

#### **Main Problem Drug by Gender**

Amongst male arrestees the most common reported drugs of use were heroin & crack combined (20.4% of male arrestees), followed by heroin alone (16.5%). For female arrestees heroin & crack combined was also most common (54.5% of females), followed by methadone & heroin (13.6%).

#### **Main Problem Drug by Age Group**

For arrestees under 19 years old, cannabis was the main drug of arrest (42.9% of arrestees under 19). For the 19-25 age group the main known drug of arrest was also cannabis (26.7% of arrests in this age group). Of all arrestees 25 years and older heroin & crack combined was most common (31.1%). This was followed by heroin alone (17.5% of those over 25).

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

<b>Drug of Use</b>	<b>Wirral</b>	
	<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>
Amphetamines	2	1.1
Cocaine	9	4.8
Crack	12	6.4
Heroin	42	22.3
Heroin & Cocaine	1	0.5
Heroin & Crack	35	18.6
Heroin & Benzodiazepines	1	0.5
Methadone	8	4.3
Methadone & Crack	4	2.1
Methadone & Heroin	14	7.4
Cannabis	14	7.4
Cannabis & Alcohol	2	1.1
Cannabis & Crack	1	0.5
Cannabis & MDMA	2	1.1
Alcohol	7	3.7
Unknown/Other	34	18.1
<i>Totals</i>	<i>188</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

We are awaiting data for June-September 2005 from Wirral agency syringe exchange, therefore figures for Quarter 1 & 2 do not reflect true service activity for the year to date.

**Table 5: Individuals by gender, within Wirral DAAT**

	Wirral							
	Q3		Q4		Q1		Q2	
<b>New Clients</b>	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Male	36	83.7	15	93.8	-	-	-	-
Female	7	16.3	1	6.3	-	-	-	-
<i>Totals</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
<b>All Clients</b>								
Male	247	87.3	246	91.4	106	89.1	-	-
Female	36	12.7	23	8.6	13	10.9	-	-
<i>Totals</i>	<i>283</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>269</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>

**Table 6: Year to Date**

<b>All Clients</b>	Wirral	
	n	%
Male	106	89.1
Female	13	10.9
<i>Totals</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>100</i>

**Table 7: Individuals by Age Group, within Wirral DAAT**

	Wirral							
	Q3		Q4		Q1		Q2	
<b>New Clients</b>	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 19	2	4.7	0	0	-	-	-	-
19-25	11	25.6	8	50.0	-	-	-	-
25+	30	69.8	8	50.0	-	-	-	-
<i>Totals</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
<b>All Clients</b>								
Under 19	2	0.7	1	0.4	0	0.0	-	-
19-25	25	8.8	28	10.4	4	3.4	-	-
25+	256	90.5	240	89.2	115	96.6	-	-
<i>Totals</i>	<i>283</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>269</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>

**Table 8: Agency Syringe Exchange: Year to Date by Age Group. April – September 2005**

All Clients	Wirral	
	n	%
Under 19	0	0.0
19-25	4	3.4
25+	115	96.6
<i>Totals</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>100</i>

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

Drug of Use	Wirral							
	Q3		Q4		Q1		Q2	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Heroin	142	50.2	121	45.0	58	54.7	-	-
Methadone	22	7.8	22	8.2	16	15.1	-	-
Amphetamines	10	3.5	8	3.0	3	2.8	-	-
Steroids	80	28.3	83	30.9	22	20.8	-	-
Cocaine*	9	2.8	9	3.3	5	4.7	-	-
Other	3	1.4	2	0.7	1	0.9	-	-
Unknown/Various	17	6.0	3	1.1	1	0.9	-	-
<i>Totals</i>	<i>283</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>106</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>

\*Including Crack

Please Note Q2: The client figures recorded for Drug of Use are based on the limited information provided and are not representative of the number of clients overall.

**Table 10: Quarterly Total Visits within Wirral DAAT**

	Wirral			
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Attributable	810	879	199	-
Non Attributable	100	-	28	-
<i>Totals</i>	<i>910</i>	<i>879</i>	<i>227</i>	<i>-</i>

Please note: The figures for Q1 are for one month only. Some data is outstanding for this period. The figures will be updated when data is made available.

## PHARMACY SYRINGE EXCHANGE

**Table 11: Individuals, by Gender, within Wirral DAAT**

New Clients	Wirral							
	Q3		Q4		Q1		Q2	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Male	65	83.3	74	90.2	56	84.8	51	87.9
Female	13	16.7	8	9.8	10	15.2	7	12.1
<i>Totals</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>82</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients								
Male	195	82.6	232	85.0	180	84.9	167	87.9
Female	41	17.4	41	15.0	32	15.1	23	12.1
<i>Totals</i>	<i>236</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>273</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>212</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>190</i>	<i>100</i>

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

All Clients	Wirral	
	n	%
Male	252	86.6
Female	39	13.4
<i>Totals</i>	<i>291</i>	<i>100</i>

**Table 13: Individuals, by Age Group, within Wirral DAAT**

	Wirral							
	Q3		Q4		Q1		Q2	
New Clients	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 19	0	0	0	0	1	1.5	1	1.7
19-25	6	7.7	6	7.3	4	6.1	3	5.2
25+	72	92.3	76	92.7	61	92.4	54	93.1
<i>Totals</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>82</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients								
Under 19	0	0	0	0	1	0.5	1	0.5
19-25	10	4.2	9	3.3	5	2.4	8	4.2
25+	226	95.8	264	96.7	206	97.2	181	95.3
<i>Totals</i>	<i>236</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>273</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>212</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>190</i>	<i>100</i>

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

All Clients	Wirral	
	n	%
Under 19	2	0.7
19-25	10	3.4
25+	279	95.9
<i>Totals</i>	<i>291</i>	<i>100</i>

**Table 15: Quarterly Total Visits within Wirral DAAT**

	Wirral			
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Attributable	416	579	342	344
Non Attributable	32	50	32	30
<i>Totals</i>	<i>448</i>	<i>629</i>	<i>374</i>	<i>374</i>

Please note: The figure presented here for Q4 is the revised figure.

# 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**

	Wirral							
	Q3		Q4*		Q1*		Q2	
<b>New Clients</b>	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Male	232	74.4	-	-	-	-	155	83.8
Female	80	25.6	-	-	-	-	30	16.2
<i>Totals</i>	<i>312</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>185</i>	<i>100</i>
<b>All Clients</b>								
Male	1509	71.6	1721	71.4	1772	71.4	1829	72.1
Female	599	28.4	690	28.6	711	28.6	707	27.9
<i>Totals</i>	<i>2108</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>2411</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>2483</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>2536</i>	<i>100</i>

\*A breakdown of new clients by gender and age was not available for these quarters

**Table 21: Year to Date**

<b>All Clients</b>	Wirral	
	n	%
Male	1950	72.4
Female	743	27.6
<i>Totals</i>	<i>2693</i>	<i>100</i>

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

	Wirral							
	Q3*		Q4*		Q1*		Q2	
<b>New Clients</b>	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 19	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	8.1
19-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	9.7
25+	258	82.7	-	-	-	-	152	82.2
<i>Totals</i>	<i>312</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>185</i>	<i>100</i>
<b>All Clients</b>								
Under 19*	-	-	-	-	-	-	103	4.1
19-25*	-	-	-	-	-	-	116	4.6
25+	1781	84.5	2172	90.1	2250	90.6	2317	91.4
<i>Totals</i>	<i>2108</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>2411</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>2483</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>2536</i>	<i>100</i>

\*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**

<b>All Clients</b>	Wirral	
	n	%
Under 19	150	5.6
19-25	126	4.7
25+	2417	89.8
<i>Totals</i>	2693	100

## Probation

**Quarter 1 (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 Wirral DAAT**

	Wirral			
	Q1		Q2	
<b>Gender</b>	n	%	n	%
Male	184	82.5	234	85.7
Female	39	17.5	39	14.3
<b>Age</b>				
Under 19	13	5.8	15	5.5
19-25	56	25.1	65	23.8
25+	154	69.1	193	70.7
<i>Totals</i>	223	100	273	100

Of all clients 13 males (5.6% of males) were under 19, and 2 females (5.1% of females). Fifty-eight males (24.8% of males) and 7 females (17.9% of females) were aged 19 to 25.

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

	Wirral	
	n	%
<b>Gender</b>		
Male	410	84.2
Female	77	15.8
<b>Age</b>		
Under 19	26	5.3
19-25	118	24.2
25+	343	70.4
<i>Totals</i>	487	100

**Table 26: Assessments by Drug of Use, within Wirral DAAT**

	Wirral			
	Q1		Q2	
<b>Drug of Use</b>	n	%*	n	%*
Heroin	37	16.6	46	16.8
Methadone	5	2.2	1	0.4
Crack	11	4.9	10	3.7
Cocaine	13	5.8	9	3.3
Benzodiazepines	0	0	1	0.4
Amphetamines	9	4.0	5	1.8
Ecstasy	8	3.6	1	0.4
Cannabis	59	26.5	78	28.6
Solvents	1	0.4	0	0
Other	6	2.7	5	1.8
Unknown	0	0	17	6.2

\* 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. 'Main Drug' refers to the main drug of use reported by clients within the last 12 months.

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

Drug of Use	Wirral	
	n	%*
Heroin	83	17.0
Methadone	6	1.2
Crack	21	4.3
Cocaine	22	4.5
Benzodiazepines	1	0.2
Amphetamines	14	2.9
Ecstasy	8	1.6
Cannabis	136	27.9
Solvents	1	0.2
Other	10	2.1
Unknown	17	3.5

\* 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. 'Main Drug' refers to the main drug of use reported by clients within the last 12 months.

**Table 28: Assessments by alcohol use, within Wirral DAAT**

Alcohol a problem	Wirral			
	Q1		Q2	
	n	%	n	%
No	77	34.7	84	30.9
Problematic	75	33.8	106	39.0
Severe	70	31.5	82	30.1
<i>Totals</i>	<i>222</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>272</i>	<i>100</i>

Of all clients with a reported drug problem 84 (48.8% of reported drug users) did not report an alcohol problem. Forty-eight clients (27.9% of reported drug users) were problematic alcohol drinkers and 40 had a severe alcohol problem (23.3%). Of those clients with a severe alcohol problem and reported drug use, the main drug of use was cannabis (60% of clients with a severe alcohol problem).

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

Alcohol a problem	Wirral	
	n	%
No	159	32.8
Problematic	177	36.5
Severe	149	30.7

# 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	Wirral							
	Q3		Q4		Q1		Q2	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Male	28	77.8	40	69.0	4	66.7	49	76.6
Female	8	22.2	18	31.0	2	33.3	15	23.4
<i>Totals</i>	36	100	58	100	6	100	64	100

**Table 31: Year to Date**

	Wirral	
	n	%
Male	53	75.7
Female	17	24.3
<i>Totals</i>	70	100

**Table 32: Age by DAAT of contact**

Age	Wirral							
	Q3		Q4		Q1		Q2	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
16	9	25.0	19	32.8	1	16.7	13	20.3
17	12	33.3	24	41.4	2	33.3	26	40.6
18	7	19.4	5	8.6	2	33.3	16	25.0
19	8	22.2	10	17.2	1	16.7	9	14.1
<i>Totals</i>	36	100	58	100	6	100	64	100

**Table 33: Year to Date**

Age	Wirral	
	n	%
16	14	20.0
17	28	40.0
18	18	25.7
19	10	14.3
<i>Totals</i>	70	100

**Table 34: Drug/Alcohol problem by DAAT of contact**

	Wirral							
	Q3		Q4		Q1		Q2	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Alcohol/Other*	15	41.7	25	43.1	3	50.0	27	42.2
Drugs	21	58.3	33	56.9	3	50.0	37	57.8
<i>Totals</i>	36	100	58	100	6	100	64	100

\* "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. 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 as the method for calculating that is somewhat different.

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

	Wirral							
	Q3		Q4		Q1		Q2	
Gender	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Male	1880	74.4	1984	73.3	1959	72.6	2233	74.2
Female	648	25.6	723	26.7	738	27.4	778	25.8
Age								
Under 19	147	5.8	183	6.8	145	5.4	182	6.0
19-25	305	12.1	149	5.5	112	4.2	200	6.6
25+	2076	82.1	2375	87.7	2440	90.5	2629	87.3
<i>Totals</i>	<i>2528</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>2707</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>2697</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>3011</i>	<i>100</i>

**Table 36: Combined datasets Year to Date: April – September 2005**

	Wirral	
	n	%
Male	2495	74.9
Female	835	25.1
Age		
Under 19	239	7.2
19-25	216	6.5
25+	2875	86.3
<i>Totals</i>	<i>3330</i>	<i>100</i>

**Year to Date:** Of all males reported to the IAD for this period, 182 (7.3% of males) were under 19 and 172 (6.9% of males) were between 19 and 25 years. For female clients 57 (6.8% of females) were under 19 and 44 (5.3%) were between 19 and 25 years.

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

