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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 3 (2006/07)****Introduction**

Raw data are provided by the Drug Interventions 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	373	77.7
Female	107	22.3
Age Group		
Under 18	0	0
18-19	36	7.5
20-24	66	13.8
25-29	68	14.2
30-34	101	21.0
35-39	107	22.3
40-44	69	14.4
45+	33	6.9
Total	480	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	0.2	0	0	2	0.2
18-19	71	7.4	11	3.9	82	6.6
20-24	139	14.5	32	11.3	171	13.8
25-29	147	15.3	47	16.7	194	15.6
30-34	213	22.2	63	22.3	276	22.2
35-39	195	20.3	68	24.1	263	21.2
40-44	126	13.1	46	16.3	172	13.8
45+	68	7.1	15	5.3	83	6.7
Total	961	100	282	100	1243	100

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

Drug of Use	Daily	Weekly
Amphetamines	0	0
Benzodiazepines	10	3
Cannabis	36	7
Crack	214	42
Cocaine	20	72
Ecstasy	0	1
Heroin	266	34
Methadone	38	1
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 3 (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 DAAT of Residence, NOT DAAT of contact as with other datasets.

Table 4: Probation Clients by Gender and Age Group

Gender	n	%
Male	810	88.3
Female	107	11.7
Age Group		
Under 18	0	0
18-19	85	9.3
20-24	225	24.5
25-29	148	16.1
30-34	149	16.2
35-39	167	18.2
40-44	92	10.0
45+	51	5.6
Total	917	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	1	0.3	1	<0.1
18-19	170	8.8	11	3.2	181	7.9
20-24	524	27.0	50	14.7	574	25.2
25-29	336	17.3	42	12.4	378	16.6
30-34	276	14.2	80	23.6	356	15.6
35-39	323	16.6	83	24.5	406	17.8
40-44	195	10.0	50	14.7	245	10.7
45+	118	6.1	22	6.5	140	6.1
Total	1942	100	339	100	2281	100

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

Drug of Use	Daily	Weekly
Amphetamines	2	1
Benzodiazepines	6	4
Cannabis	151	82
Crack	67	46
Cocaine	4	26
Ecstasy	0	7
Heroin	119	35
Methadone	39	1
Other Opiate	1	0
Misused Prescribed	1	1
Other	5	1

NB: 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

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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.

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Table 7: Individuals by Gender

New Clients	n	%
Male	135	84.4
Female	25	15.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>160</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	393	86.4
Female	62	13.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>455</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 8: Individuals by Gender: Steroids Users Omitted

New Clients	n	%
Male	93	79.5
Female	24	20.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>117</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	350	85.2
Female	61	14.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>411</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 9: Individuals by Age Group

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	1	0.6	1	0.2
18-19	6	3.8	8	1.8
20-24	22	13.8	44	9.7
25-29	24	15.0	64	14.1
30-34	42	26.3	98	21.5
35-39	38	23.8	121	26.6
40-44	14	8.8	70	15.4
45+	13	8.1	49	10.8
Total	160	100	455	100

Table 10: Individuals by Age Group: Steroid Users Omitted

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	1	0.9	1	0.2
18-19	0	0	2	0.5
20-24	8	6.8	30	7.3
25-29	14	12.0	53	12.9
30-34	35	29.9	91	22.1
35-39	35	29.9	118	28.7
40-44	11	9.4	67	16.3
45+	13	11.1	49	11.9
Total	117	100	411	100

Table 11: Gender by Age Group of Individuals

Age Group	Gender			
	Male		Female	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	1	1.6
18-19	7	1.8	1	1.6
20-24	39	9.9	5	8.1
25-29	54	13.7	10	16.1
30-34	81	20.6	17	27.4
35-39	107	27.2	14	22.6
40-44	62	15.8	8	12.9
45+	43	10.9	6	9.7
Total	393	100	62	100

Table 12: Gender by Age Group: Steroid Users Omitted

Age Group	Gender			
	Male		Female	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	1	1.6
18-19	1	0.3	1	1.6
20-24	26	7.4	4	6.6
25-29	43	12.3	10	16.4
30-34	74	21.1	17	27.9
35-39	104	29.7	14	23.0
40-44	59	16.9	8	13.1
45+	43	12.3	6	9.8
Total	350	100	61	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	1	0.8	1	0.1
18-19	15	1.8	2	1.6	17	1.8
20-24	102	12.2	10	7.8	112	11.6
25-29	162	19.3	18	14.0	180	18.6
30-34	184	22.0	38	29.5	222	23.0
35-39	197	23.5	33	25.6	230	23.8
40-44	108	12.9	18	14.0	126	13.0
45+	70	8.4	9	7.0	79	8.2
Total	838	100	129	100	967	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	0.8	1	0.2
18-19	3	0.6	2	1.6	5	0.8
20-24	27	5.0	9	7.0	36	5.4
25-29	66	12.3	18	14.1	84	12.6
30-34	133	24.7	38	29.7	171	25.7
35-39	160	29.7	33	25.8	193	29.0
40-44	92	17.1	18	14.1	110	16.5
45+	57	12.0	9	7.0	66	9.9
Total	538	100	128	100	666	100

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

Drug of Use	Gender			
	Male		Female	
	n	%	n	%
Amphetamines	0	0	0	0
Cocaine	1	0.7	0	0
Crack	0	0	1	4.0
Heroin	60	44.4	19	76.0
Methadone	0	0	0	0
Steroids	42	31.1	1	4.0
Unknown	32	23.7	4	16.0
Total	135	100	25	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	Cocaine		Crack		Heroin		Steroids		Unknown	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0
18-19	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	100	0	0
20-24	0	0	0	0	3	13.6	14	63.6	5	22.7
25-29	0	0	0	0	10	41.7	10	41.7	4	16.7
30-34	0	0	0	0	30	71.4	7	16.7	5	11.9
35-39	1	2.6	1	2.6	21	55.3	3	7.9	12	31.6
40-44	0	0	0	0	7	50.0	3	21.4	4	28.6
45+	0	0	0	0	7	53.8	0	0	6	46.2
Total*	1	0.6	1	0.6	79	49.4	43	26.9	36	22.5

* % Totals are by Drug, not Age Group

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Table 17: Individuals by Gender

New Clients	n	%
Male	348	85.9
Female	57	14.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>405</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	816	81.7
Female	183	18.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>999</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 18: Individuals by Age Group

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	3	0.7	4	0.4
18-19	13	3.2	23	2.3
20-24	43	10.6	77	7.7
25-29	60	14.8	104	10.4
30-34	90	22.2	217	21.7
35-39	90	22.2	279	27.9
40-44	77	19.0	196	19.6
45+	29	7.2	99	9.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>405</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>999</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	13	0.8	3	0.8	16	0.8
18-19	53	3.1	8	2.0	61	2.9
20-24	169	9.9	19	4.8	188	8.9
25-29	206	12.0	52	13.0	258	12.2
30-34	367	21.4	104	26.1	471	22.3
35-39	462	27.0	105	26.3	567	26.8
40-44	303	17.7	73	18.3	376	17.8
45+	141	8.2	35	8.8	176	8.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>1714</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>399</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>2113</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 of Agency to one person per D(A)AT area.

Table 20: Individuals in Syringe Exchange, by Gender

New Clients	n	%
Male	474	85.3
Female	82	14.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>556</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	1128	83.1
Female	229	16.9
Total	1357	100

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

New Clients	n	%
Male	432	84.2
Female	81	15.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>513</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	1085	82.6
Female	228	17.4
Total	1313	100

*Only known steroid users, based on Agency SES data, have been omitted.

Table 22: Individuals in Syringe Exchange, by Age Group

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	4	0.7	4	0.3
18-19	19	3.4	31	2.3
20-24	65	11.7	119	8.8
25-29	84	15.1	164	12.1
30-34	125	22.5	287	21.1
35-39	128	23.0	369	27.2
40-44	90	16.2	247	18.2
45+	41	7.4	136	10.0
Total	556	100	1357	100

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

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	4	0.8	4	0.3
18-19	13	2.5	25	1.9
20-24	51	9.9	105	8.0
25-29	74	14.4	153	11.7
30-34	118	23.0	280	21.3
35-39	125	24.4	366	27.9
40-44	87	17.0	244	18.6
45+	41	8.0	136	10.4
Total	513	100	1313	100

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

Age Group	Gender				Total in Age Group	
	Male		Female			
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 18	13	0.6	3	0.6	16	0.6
18-19	67	2.8	10	2.0	77	2.7
20-24	261	11.1	28	5.7	289	10.2
25-29	355	15.1	69	14.1	424	14.9
30-34	494	21.0	130	26.5	624	21.9
35-39	589	25.0	125	25.5	714	25.1
40-44	374	15.9	83	16.9	457	16.1
45+	200	8.5	42	8.6	242	8.5
Total	2353	100	490	100	2843	100

Table 25: Total Syringes Provided

	This Quarter	Year to Date
Barrels	143719	432694
Needles	155768	476513

NB: We will no longer be reporting needle returns as it is not possible to accurately calculate them from the data available. Total Syringes include exchanges by non-attributable individuals.

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	421	72.5
Female	160	27.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>581</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	2644	68.3
Female	1229	31.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>3873</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 27: Year to Date, by Gender

New Clients	n	%
Male	954	70.4
Female	401	29.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>1355</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	2959	68.5
Female	1359	31.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>4318</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	53	9.1	146	3.8
18-19	12	2.1	39	1.0
20-24	27	4.6	169	4.4
25-29	73	12.6	341	8.8
30-34	125	21.5	732	18.9
35-39	150	25.8	1102	28.5
40-44	90	15.5	845	21.8
45+	51	8.8	499	12.9
Total	581	100	3873	100

Table 29: Year to Date, by Age Group

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	135	10.0	171	4.0
18-19	24	1.8	62	1.4
20-24	97	7.2	320	7.4
25-29	153	11.3	543	12.6
30-34	311	23.0	1054	24.4
35-39	308	22.7	1189	27.5
40-44	221	16.3	620	14.4
45+	106	7.8	359	8.3
Total	1355	100	4318	100

Table 30: Ethnicity of Individuals in Contact with Treatment Services

Ethnicity	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
White British	541	93.1	3615	93.3
White Irish	9	1.6	26	0.7
Other White	5	0.9	36	0.9
White & Black Caribbean	2	0.3	7	0.2
White & Black African	0	0	1	<0.1
White & Asian	0	0	4	0.1
Other Mixed	3	0.5	11	0.3
Other Asian	0	0	4	0.1
Caribbean	2	0.3	5	0.1
African	0	0	7	0.2
Other Black	11	1.9	39	1.0
Chinese	1	0.2	8	0.2
Other	5	0.9	22	0.6
Unknown	2	0.3	88	2.3
Total	581	100	3873	100

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

Drug of Use	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Amphetamine	2	0.3	34	0.9
Benzodiazepine	0	0	9	0.2
Cannabis	67	11.5	260	6.7
Cocaine	79	13.6	367	9.5
Crack	14	2.4	100	2.6
Hallucinogens	1	0.2	1	<0.1
Ecstasy	0	0	21	0.5
Heroin	357	61.5	2311	59.7
Methadone	50	8.6	315	8.1
Other Opiates	8	1.4	112	2.9
Solvents	1	0.2	3	0.1
Anti-Depressants	0	0	2	0.1
Other/Unknown	2	0.3	338	8.7
Total	581	100	3873	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	80	78.4
Female	22	21.6
Total	102	100

Table 33: Year to Date, by Gender

Gender	n	%
Male	112	78.9
Female	30	21.1
Total	142	100

Table 34: Individuals in Contact with Connexions, by Age

Age Group	n	%
16	29	28.4
17	26	25.5
18	30	29.4
19	17	16.7
Total	102	100

Table 35: Year to Date, by Age

Age Group	n	%
16	42	29.6
17	39	27.5
18	42	29.6
19	19	13.4
Total	142	100

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

Substance	n	%
Alcohol/Other*	21	20.6
Drugs	81	79.4
Total	102	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*	29	20.4
Drugs	113	79.6
Total	142	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	4420	74.7
Female	1496	25.3
Age Group		
Under 18	218	3.7
18-19	228	3.9
20-24	644	10.9
25-29	760	12.8
30-34	1211	20.5
35-39	1470	24.8
40-44	877	14.8
45+	508	8.6
Total	5916	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	202	2.8	63	3.0	265	2.9
18-19	366	5.1	63	3.0	429	4.7
20-24	1046	14.7	222	10.7	1268	13.8
25-29	1066	15.0	305	14.7	1371	14.9
30-34	1375	19.3	519	25.0	1894	20.6
35-39	1600	22.5	493	23.7	2093	22.7
40-44	925	13.0	266	12.8	1191	12.9
45+	544	7.6	149	7.2	693	7.5
Total	7124	100	2080	100	9204	100

CROSS-MATCHED DATASETS

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Data are shown for the crossover between each type of Syringe Exchange and NDTMS, separately, during the current reported quarter. For the purposes of this analysis, known steroid users were removed as they are less likely to be accessing structured drug treatment.

For methodological reasons the crossover between all three datasets will no longer be reported. Further information is available from the IAD manager if required.

NB: Numbers in brackets refer to the total reported for that service type, with steroid users omitted. These include the numbers appearing on the crossover sections. Analyses for the crossover areas are based on D(A)AT of Syringe Exchange site.

Fig 1: Crossover between Agency Syringe Exchange and NDTMS datasets

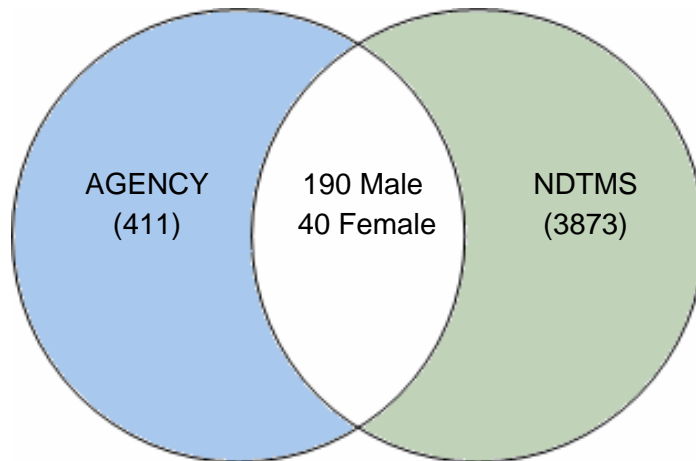


Fig 2: Crossover between Pharmacy Syringe Exchange and NDTMS datasets

