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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 (2007/08)****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	72	78.3
Female	20	21.7
Age Group		
Under 18	0	0.0
18-19	8	8.7
20-24	21	22.8
25-29	15	16.3
30-34	16	17.4
35-39	16	17.4
40-44	12	13.0
45+	4	4.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 2: 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	0	0.0
18-19	22	8.1	3	3.3	25	6.9
20-24	53	19.5	15	16.7	68	18.8
25-29	38	14.0	15	16.7	53	14.6
30-34	50	18.4	24	26.7	74	20.4
35-39	53	19.5	17	18.9	70	19.3
40-44	33	12.1	15	16.7	48	13.3
45+	23	8.5	1	1.1	24	6.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>100</b>

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

Drug of Use	Daily	Weekly
Amphetamines	0	0
Benzodiazepines	2	1
Cannabis	7	2
Crack	25	16
Cocaine	3	23
Ecstasy	0	0
Heroin	35	7
Methadone	12	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 3 (2007/08)**

### **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

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

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

**Merseyside Probation data was not received in time for this report. The IAD is endeavouring to resolve this and will hopefully present updated figures in the Quarter 4 report, due out early June 2008.**

## SYRINGE EXCHANGE SERVICES

Quarter 3 (2007/08)

### 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.

### AGENCY SYRINGE EXCHANGE

**Table 7: Individuals by Gender**

<b>New Clients</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>
Male	11	84.6
Female	2	15.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>100</i>
<b>All Clients</b>		
Male	308	86.3
Female	49	13.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>357</i>	<i>100</i>

**Table 8: Individuals by Gender: Steroids Users Omitted**

<b>New Clients</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>
Male	6	85.7
Female	1	14.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>100</i>
<b>All Clients</b>		
Male	148	79.6
Female	38	20.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>186</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 9: Individuals by Age Group

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0.0	1	<1
18-19	0	0.0	3	<1
20-24	1	7.7	33	9.2
25-29	4	30.8	54	15.1
30-34	3	23.1	60	16.8
35-39	3	23.1	102	28.6
40-44	2	15.4	67	18.8
45+	0	0.0	37	10.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>100</b>

Table 10: Individuals by Age Group: Steroid Users omitted

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0.0	0	0.0
18-19	0	0.0	0	0.0
20-24	0	0.0	5	2.7
25-29	0	0.0	14	7.5
30-34	2	28.6	27	14.5
35-39	3	42.9	70	37.6
40-44	2	28.6	51	27.4
45+	0	0.0	19	10.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>100</b>

Table 11: Gender by Age Group of Individuals

Age Group	Gender			
	Male		Female	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	1	<1	0	0.0
18-19	3	1.0	0	0.0
20-24	31	10.1	2	4.1
25-29	48	15.6	6	12.2
30-34	44	14.3	16	32.7
35-39	90	29.2	12	24.5
40-44	57	18.5	10	20.4
45+	34	11.0	3	6.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>100</b>

Table 12: Gender by Age Group: Steroid Users omitted

Age Group	Gender			
	Male		Female	
	n	%	n	%
20-24	3	2.0	2	5.3
25-29	9	6.1	5	13.2
30-34	15	10.1	12	31.6
35-39	59	39.9	11	28.9
40-44	44	29.7	7	18.4
45+	18	12.2	1	2.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>100</b>

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

Age Group	Gender				Total in Age Group	
	Male		Female			
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 18	1	<1	0	0.0	1	<1
18-19	8	1.8	0	0.0	8	1.5
20-24	51	11.2	2	2.8	53	10.1
25-29	72	15.9	8	11.3	80	15.2
30-34	65	14.3	19	26.8	84	16.0
35-39	136	30.0	20	28.2	156	29.7
40-44	73	16.1	15	21.1	88	16.8
45+	48	10.6	7	9.9	55	10.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>100</b>

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

Age Group	Gender				Total in Age Group	
	Male		Female			
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 18	1	<1	0	0.0	1	<1
18-19	2	<1	0	0.0	2	<1
20-24	19	6.4	2	2.9	21	5.7
25-29	31	10.4	7	10.1	38	10.3
30-34	34	11.4	18	26.1	52	14.1
35-39	116	38.8	20	29.0	136	37.0
40-44	61	20.4	15	21.7	76	20.7
45+	35	11.7	7	10.1	42	11.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>100</b>

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

Drug of Use	Gender			
	Male		Female	
	n	%	n	%
Amphetamines	1	<1	0	0.0
Benzodiazepines	1	<1	0	0.0
Cocaine	3	1.2	1	2.6
Crack	3	1.2	1	2.6
Heroin	125	50.0	31	79.5
Methadone	12	4.8	3	7.7
Steroids	102	40.8	1	2.6
Other	3	1.2	2	5.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>100</b>

**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		Benzodiazepine		Cocaine		Crack		Heroin		Methadone		Steroids	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
18-19	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	1.9
20-24	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	2.6	1	6.7	17	16.5
25-29	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	10	6.4	1	6.7	29	28.2
30-34	1	100	0	0.0	1	25.0	1	25.0	23	14.7	1	6.7	22	21.4
35-39	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	50.0	1	25.0	61	39.1	4	26.7	15	14.6
40-44	0	0.0	1	100	0	0.0	1	25.0	46	29.5	2	13.3	9	8.7
45+	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	12	7.7	6	40.0	9	8.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>100</b>

\* % Totals are by Drug, not Age Group

## PHARMACY SYRINGE EXCHANGE

**Table 17: Individuals by Gender**

<b>New Clients</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>
Male	16	80.0
Female	4	20.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>100</i>
<b>All Clients</b>		
Male	189	85.1
Female	33	14.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>222</i>	<i>100</i>

**Table 18: Individuals by Age Group**

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>New Clients</b>		<b>All Clients</b>	
	<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>
Under 18	0	0.0	0	0.0
18-19	0	0.0	0	0.0
20-24	0	0.0	10	4.5
25-29	3	15.0	30	13.5
30-34	4	20.0	30	13.5
35-39	6	30.0	68	30.6
40-44	7	35.0	50	22.5
45+	0	0.0	34	15.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>222</i>	<i>100</i>

**Table 19: Year to Date, by Gender & Age Group**

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Gender</b>				<b>Total in Age Group</b>	
	<b>Male</b>		<b>Female</b>			
	<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>
Under 18	2	<1	0	0.0	2	<1
18-19	7	1.1	1	<1	8	1.1
20-24	45	7.0	3	2.4	48	6.4
25-29	77	12.0	29	23.4	103	13.8
30-34	108	16.8	25	20.2	129	17.3
35-39	173	27.0	35	28.2	202	27.1
40-44	131	20.4	21	16.9	145	19.5
45+	98	15.3	10	8.1	108	14.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>641</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>124</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>745</i>	<i>100</i>

## COMBINED PHARMACY AND AGENCY SYRINGE EXCHANGE

Analyses here are based on an aggregated combination of Agency and Pharmacy-based datasets for the reporting period. Data are aggregated by attributor and D(A)AT to one person per D(A)AT area.

**Table 20: Individuals in Syringe Exchange, by Gender**

New Clients	n	%
Male	26	83.9
Female	5	16.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	471	85.6
Female	79	14.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>550</i>	<i>100</i>

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

New Clients	n	%
Male	7	87.5
Female	1	12.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	369	82.6
Female	78	17.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>447</i>	<i>100</i>

**Table 22: Individuals in Syringe Exchange, by Age Group**

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0.0	1	<1
18-19	0	0.0	3	<1
20-24	1	3.2	42	7.6
25-29	7	22.6	80	14.5
30-34	7	22.6	88	16.0
35-39	7	22.6	155	28.2
40-44	9	29.0	115	20.9
45+	0	0.0	66	12.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>550</i>	<i>100</i>

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

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0.0	1	<1
18-19	0	0.0	1	<1
20-24	0	0.0	25	5.6
25-29	0	0.0	51	11.4
30-34	2	25.0	66	14.8
35-39	3	37.5	140	31.3
40-44	3	37.5	106	23.7
45+	0	0.0	57	12.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>100</b>

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

Age Group	Gender				Total in Age Group	
	Male		Female			
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 18	3	<1	0	0.0	3	<1
18-19	15	1.5	1	<1	16	1.3
20-24	95	9.3	4	2.3	99	8.2
25-29	143	13.9	33	18.9	176	14.6
30-34	164	16.0	38	21.7	202	16.8
35-39	280	27.3	52	29.7	332	27.6
40-44	190	18.5	31	17.7	221	18.4
45+	137	13.3	16	9.1	153	12.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1027</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1202</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 25: Total Syringes Provided**

	Agency	Pharmacy	Total (Q)	Year to Date
Barrels	30,925	14,305	45,230	122,938

**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)

Quarter 3 (2007/08)

### 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**

<b>New Clients</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>
Male	171	68.7
Female	78	31.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>249</i>	<i>100</i>
<b>All Clients</b>		
Male	1174	69.9
Female	506	30.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,680</i>	<i>100</i>

**Table 27: Year to Date, by Gender**

<b>New Clients</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>
Male	488	70.9
Female	200	29.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>688</i>	<i>100</i>
<b>All Clients</b>		
Male	1255	70.0
Female	539	30.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,794</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	31	12.4	95	5.6
18-19	6	2.4	36	2.1
20-24	13	5.2	91	5.4
25-29	36	14.5	161	9.6
30-34	43	17.3	278	16.5
35-39	61	24.5	476	28.3
40-44	37	14.9	334	19.9
45+	22	8.8	209	12.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,680</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 29: Year to Date, by Age Group**

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	82	11.9	115	6.4
18-19	13	1.9	28	1.6
20-24	52	7.6	159	8.9
25-29	95	13.8	247	13.8
30-34	137	19.9	398	22.2
35-39	155	22.5	449	25.0
40-44	93	13.5	246	13.7
45+	61	8.9	152	8.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,794</b>	<b>100</b>

Table 30: Ethnicity of Individuals in Contact with Treatment Services

Ethnicity	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
White British	243	97.6	1,645	97.9
White Irish	1	<1	5	<1
Other White	2	<1	11	<1
Chinese	0	0.0	1	<1
White & Black African	0	0.0	1	<1
Other Mixed	1	<1	3	<1
Other Asian	1	<1	1	<1
African	0	0.0	1	<1
Other Black	0	0.0	3	<1
Other	0	0.0	6	<1
Unknown	1	<1	3	<1
<b>Total</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,680</b>	<b>100</b>

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

Drug of Use	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Heroin	145	58.2	1,051	62.6
Methadone	19	7.63	86	5.12
Other Opiates	0	0.0	15	<1
Benzodiazepine	2	<1	10	<1
Amphetamines	2	<1	15	<1
Cocaine	26	10.4	207	12.3
Crack	10	4.0	35	2.1
Ecstasy	2	<1	10	<1
Cannabis	35	14.1	163	9.7
Solvents	3	1.2	3	<1
Hallucinogens	2	<1	3	<1
Other/Unknown	3	1.2	82	5.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,680</b>	<b>100</b>

## 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	35	56.5
Female	27	43.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 33: Year to Date, by Gender**

Gender	n	%
Male	58	60.4
Female	38	39.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 34: Individuals in Contact with Connexions, by Age**

Age Group	n	%
16	14	22.6
17	21	33.9
18	17	27.4
19	10	16.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 35: Year to Date, by Age**

Age Group	n	%
16	25	26.0
17	28	29.2
18	23	24.0
19	20	20.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>100</b>

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

Substance	n	%
Alcohol/Other*	16	25.8
Drugs	46	74.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>100</b>

\*"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	30.2
Drugs	67	69.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>100</b>

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

## COMBINED DATASETS

Quarter 3 (2007/08)

### 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	1,585	73.3
Female	578	26.7
Age Group		
Under 18	125	5.8
18-19	72	3.3
20-24	147	6.8
25-29	237	11.0
30-34	340	15.7
35-39	574	26.5
40-44	412	19.0
45+	256	11.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,163</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 39: Year to Date, by Gender and Age Group**

Age Group	Gender				Total in Age Group	
	Male		Female			
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 18	126	5.3	44	6.0	170	5.5
18-19	85	3.6	27	3.7	112	3.6
20-24	282	11.8	61	8.3	343	11.0
25-29	342	14.4	114	15.5	456	14.6
30-34	443	18.6	166	22.6	609	19.6
35-39	542	22.8	175	23.8	717	23.0
40-44	316	13.3	96	13.1	412	13.2
45+	245	10.3	51	6.9	296	9.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,381</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,115</b>	<b>100</b>

## CROSS-MATCHED DATASETS

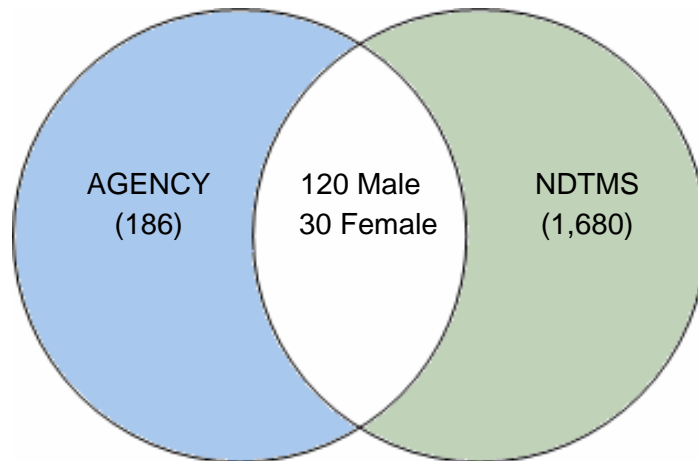
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Data are shown for the crossover between each type of Syringe Exchange and NDTMS, separately, during the current reported quarter. For the purposes of this analysis, known steroid users were removed as they are less likely to be accessing structured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

