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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	28	80.0
Female	7	20.0
Age Group		
Under 18	0	0
18-19	1	2.9
20-24	3	8.6
25-29	7	20.0
30-34	12	34.3
35-39	7	20.0
40-44	4	11.4
45+	1	2.9
Total	35	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	1.5	0	0	2	1.2
18-19	10	7.3	0	0	10	6.1
20-24	19	13.9	4	14.3	23	13.9
25-29	30	21.9	11	39.3	41	24.8
30-34	31	22.6	7	25.0	38	23.0
35-39	26	19.0	4	14.3	30	18.2
40-44	12	8.8	2	7.1	14	8.5
45+	7	5.1	0	0	7	4.2
Total	137	100	28	100	165	100

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

Drug of Use	Daily	Weekly
Amphetamines	0	0
Benzodiazepines	5	0
Cannabis	0	0
Crack	15	2
Cocaine	4	1
Ecstasy	0	0
Heroin	27	3
Methadone	7	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 (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 and Age Group

Gender	n	%
Male	141	84.9
Female	25	15.1
Age Group		
Under 18	0	0
18-19	20	12.0
20-24	35	21.1
25-29	37	22.3
30-34	28	16.9
35-39	30	18.1
40-44	12	7.2
45+	4	2.4
Total	166	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	36	10.7	3	5.4	39	9.9
20-24	73	21.7	13	23.2	86	21.9
25-29	75	22.3	15	26.8	90	22.9
30-34	56	16.6	11	19.6	67	17.0
35-39	60	17.8	10	17.9	70	17.8
40-44	27	8.0	3	5.4	30	7.6
45+	10	3.0	1	1.8	11	2.8
Total	337	100	56	100	393	100

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

Drug of Use	Daily	Weekly
Amphetamines	4	1
Benzodiazepines	5	5
Cannabis	21	9
Crack	6	16
Cocaine	1	0
Ecstasy	0	1
Steroids	1	0
Heroin	38	6
Methadone	6	1
Misused Prescribed	1	0
Other	3	0

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.

Please Note: Short term issues surrounding the recent implementation of an electronic method of data recording has impacted on the recording of new clients. These issues should be resolved in time for the next quarterly report.

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Table 7: Individuals by Gender

New Clients	n	%
Male	0	0
Female	0	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
All Clients		
Male	253	88.8
Female	32	11.2
Total	285	100

Table 8: Individuals by Gender: Steroids Users Omitted

New Clients	n	%
Male	0	0
Female	0	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
All Clients		
Male	213	86.9
Female	32	13.1
Total	245	100

Table 9: Individuals by Age Group

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	0	0
18-19	0	0	5	1.8
20-24	0	0	22	7.7
25-29	0	0	49	17.2
30-34	0	0	73	25.6
35-39	0	0	78	27.4
40-44	0	0	38	13.3
45+	0	0	20	7.0
Total	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>285</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	4	1.6
20-24	0	0	11	4.5
25-29	0	0	43	17.6
30-34	0	0	63	25.7
35-39	0	0	71	29.0
40-44	0	0	35	14.3
45+	0	0	18	7.3
Total	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>245</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 11: Gender by Age Group of Individuals

	Gender			
	Male		Female	
Age Group	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	0	0
18-19	4	1.6	1	3.1
20-24	20	7.9	2	6.3
25-29	39	15.4	10	31.3
30-34	66	26.1	7	21.9
35-39	72	28.5	6	18.8
40-44	33	13.0	5	15.6
45+	19	7.5	1	3.1
Total	253	100	32	100

Table 12: Gender by Age Group: Steroid Users Omitted

	Gender			
	Male		Female	
Age Group	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	0	0
18-19	3	1.4	1	3.1
20-24	9	4.2	2	6.3
25-29	33	15.5	10	31.3
30-34	56	26.3	7	21.9
35-39	65	30.5	6	18.8
40-44	30	14.1	5	15.6
45+	17	8.0	1	3.1
Total	213	100	32	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	10	1.9	2	3.4	12	2.0
20-24	56	10.4	4	6.9	60	10.1
25-29	99	18.4	19	32.8	118	19.8
30-34	140	26.0	13	22.4	153	25.7
35-39	125	23.2	10	17.2	135	22.7
40-44	65	12.1	8	13.8	73	12.2
45+	43	8.0	2	3.4	45	7.6
Total	538	100	58	100	596	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	0	0	0	0
18-19	5	1.2	2	3.4	7	1.5
20-24	18	4.3	4	6.9	22	4.6
25-29	74	17.8	19	32.8	93	19.6
30-34	118	28.4	13	22.4	131	27.6
35-39	108	26.0	10	17.2	118	24.9
40-44	57	13.7	8	13.8	65	13.7
45+	36	8.7	2	3.4	38	8.0
Total	416	100	58	100	474	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
Benzodiazepines	0	0	0	0
Cocaine	0	0	0	0
Crack	0	0	0	0
Heroin	0	0	0	0
Methadone	0	0	0	0
Steroids	0	0	0	0
Total	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

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	Ampheta- mine		Benzodi- azepine		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
18-19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25-29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30-34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35-39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40-44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

PHARMACY SYRINGE EXCHANGE

Table 17: Individuals by Gender

New Clients	n	%
Male	72	88.9
Female	9	11.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>81</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	168	86.6
Female	26	13.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>194</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 18: Individuals by Age Group

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	0	0
18-19	1	1.2	2	1.0
20-24	4	4.9	13	6.7
25-29	24	29.6	49	25.3
30-34	19	23.5	47	24.2
35-39	17	21.0	44	22.7
40-44	9	11.1	22	11.3
45+	7	8.6	17	8.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>81</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>194</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	0	0	1	1.9	1	0.3
18-19	5	1.6	2	3.8	7	2.0
20-24	23	7.6	6	11.5	29	8.1
25-29	68	22.4	16	30.8	84	23.6
30-34	84	27.6	12	23.1	96	27.0
35-39	65	21.4	7	13.5	72	20.2
40-44	34	11.2	7	13.5	41	11.5
45+	25	8.2	1	1.9	26	7.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>304</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>356</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	72	88.9
Female	9	11.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>81</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	379	88.3
Female	50	11.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>429</i>	<i>100</i>

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

New Clients	n	%
Male	72	88.9
Female	9	11.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>81</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	339	87.1
Female	50	12.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>389</i>	<i>100</i>

*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	0	0	0	0
18-19	1	1.2	6	1.4
20-24	4	4.9	32	7.5
25-29	24	29.6	85	19.8
30-34	19	23.5	105	24.5
35-39	17	21.0	110	25.6
40-44	9	11.1	57	13.3
45+	7	8.6	34	7.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>81</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>429</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	0
18-19	1	1.2	5	1.3
20-24	4	4.9	21	5.4
25-29	24	29.6	79	20.3
30-34	19	23.5	95	24.4
35-39	17	21.0	103	26.5
40-44	9	11.1	54	13.9
45+	7	8.6	32	8.2
Total	81	100	389	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	1.1	1	0.1
18-19	15	2.0	3	3.2	18	2.1
20-24	74	9.9	7	7.4	81	9.6
25-29	148	19.8	31	33.0	179	21.2
30-34	190	25.4	21	22.3	211	25.0
35-39	170	22.7	16	17.0	186	22.1
40-44	92	12.3	12	12.8	104	12.3
45+	60	8.0	3	3.2	63	7.5
Total	749	100	94	100	843	100

Table 25: Total Syringes Provided

	This Quarter	Year to Date
Barrels	50197	88491
Needles	50259	116835

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	112	78.3
Female	31	21.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>143</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	737	74.4
Female	253	25.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>990</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 27: Year to Date, by Gender

New Clients	n	%
Male	258	79.1
Female	68	20.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>326</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	743	74.5
Female	254	25.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>997</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	6.3	69	7.0
18-19	7	4.9	35	3.5
20-24	17	11.9	89	9.0
25-29	25	17.5	160	16.2
30-34	28	19.6	225	22.7
35-39	33	23.1	207	20.9
40-44	13	9.1	116	11.7
45+	11	7.7	89	9.0
Total	143	100	990	100

Table 29: Year to Date, by Age Group

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	27	8.3	85	8.5
18-19	16	4.9	33	3.3
20-24	54	16.6	152	15.2
25-29	65	19.9	207	20.8
30-34	59	18.1	214	21.5
35-39	58	17.8	174	17.5
40-44	28	8.6	79	7.9
45+	19	5.8	53	5.3
Total	326	100	997	100

Table 30: Ethnicity of Individuals in Contact with Treatment Services

Ethnicity	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
White British	143	100	986	99.6
White Irish	0	0	1	0.1
Other White	0	0	0	0
White & Black Caribbean	0	0	0	0
White & Black African	0	0	0	0
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	0	0
Chinese	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	3	0.3
Unknown	0	0	0	0
Total	143	100	990	100

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

Drug of Use	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Amphetamine	0	0	24	2.4
Benzodiazepine	2	1.4	9	0.9
Cannabis	10	7.0	106	10.7
Cocaine	21	14.7	84	8.5
Crack	4	2.8	29	2.9
Hallucinogens	0	0	1	0.1
Ecstasy	1	0.7	6	0.6
Heroin	87	60.8	625	63.1
Methadone	11	7.7	78	7.9
Other Opiates	6	4.2	19	1.9
Solvents	0	0	4	0.4
Other/Unknown	1	0.7	5	0.5
Total	143	100	990	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	28	66.7
Female	14	33.3
Total	42	100

Table 33: Year to Date, by Gender

Gender	n	%
Male	40	60.6
Female	26	39.4
Total	66	100

Table 34: Individuals in Contact with Connexions, by Age

Age Group	n	%
16	11	26.2
17	11	26.2
18	10	23.8
19	10	23.8
Total	42	100

Table 35: Year to Date, by Age

Age Group	n	%
16	15	22.7
17	15	22.7
18	15	22.7
19	21	31.8
Total	66	100

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

Substance	n	%
Alcohol/Other*	13	31.0
Drugs	29	69.0
Total	42	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	30.3
Drugs	46	69.7
Total	66	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	1090	78.8
Female	294	21.2
Age Group		
Under 18	95	6.9
18-19	68	4.9
20-24	185	13.4
25-29	261	18.9
30-34	298	21.5
35-39	262	18.9
40-44	131	9.5
45+	84	6.1
Total	1384	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	87	5.4	21	5.7	108	5.4
18-19	84	5.2	29	7.9	113	5.7
20-24	239	14.8	64	17.5	303	15.3
25-29	319	19.7	86	23.5	405	20.4
30-34	343	21.2	78	21.3	421	21.2
35-39	298	18.4	56	15.3	354	17.9
40-44	157	9.7	18	4.9	175	8.8
45+	90	5.6	14	3.8	104	5.2
Total	1617	100	366	100	1983	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

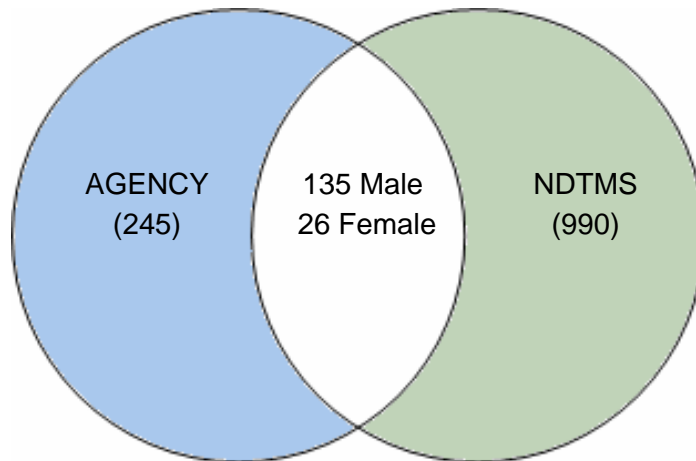


Fig 2: Crossover between Pharmacy Syringe Exchange and NDTMS datasets

