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Introduction

This publication is part of the 2006/07 series of monthly reports produced by the Centre for Public Health detailing the results of the National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS) in the North West of England. The report aims to provide each of the 22 North West Drug (and Alcohol) Action Teams (D(A)ATs) with timely information on the number, and profile, of those in contact with treatment services in the area. In order to provide D(A)ATs with timely information, the monthly reports detail year-to-date figures for the number of people in contact with treatment services up to, and inclusive of, the previous month. Therefore, this monthly report details year to date information from 1st April 2006 up to 31st March 2007. The report gives D(A)ATs the ability to monitor the main routes of referral for those in contact with services, whilst also providing information on the discharge reasons for those leaving treatment services. The report gives information on all D(A)ATs in the region to offer individual D(A)ATs the ability to track their own performance in relation to other areas within the North West.

The total number of clients in each D(A)AT quoted in this report may differ slightly to the Local Delivery Plan (LDP) figures produced nationally by National Drug Evidence Centre (NDEC) and NTA. This is due to methodological differences between North West NDTMS (CPH, Liverpool John Moores University) and NDEC. NDEC figures include North West residents who were in contact with services outside of the region. Additionally, where a client does not have a D(A)AT of residence, NDEC use a method of interpolation, calculating the proportion of people resident in D(A)AT areas found in complete records and applying this to missing data. The Centre for Public Health does not use this method and reports on only those clients for whom the relevant data have been provided. The Centre for Public Health, Liverpool John Moores University, uses the last day of the reporting month to calculate the age of those in contact with treatment services. This is in contrast to the method of age calculation used by NDEC.

This monthly reporting method is currently in a pilot phase. Therefore, the Centre for Public Health, Liverpool John Moores University would welcome feedback on the content of the report to help with future reporting methods. Feedback on the method of report dissemination would also be appreciated. Developments in future monthly reporting will occur following this consultation period.

In addition to NDTMS monthly reports, the North West NDTMS, based at the Centre for Public Health, Liverpool John Moores University, will also be producing additional outputs based on NDTMS information. These future outputs will include an annual report, based on 2005/06 data and thematic reports, which will focus in detail on particular aspects of the NDTMS dataset.

Triage and Discharge Information for March 2007

The following section details the number of individuals who were triaged during March 2007. This information has been taken from individuals' latest treatment episode. An individual may have been in service during the year prior to their treatment episode in this particular month and is therefore not an indication of the number of new clients for the year. A person may be counted more than once if they were resident in more than one D(A)AT area during the reporting month. The section also details the number of discharges that occurred during March 2007, along with the discharge reasons for individuals leaving treatment services.

Table One: Number of triages and discharges during March 2007 by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	No. Triaged in March 2007	No. successful completions March 2007	No. unplanned discharges March 2007	No. discharges reason 'not known' March 2007	No. discharges reason 'other' March 2007
Blackburn with Darwen	45	22	16	0	-
Blackpool	68	18	12	0	-
Bolton	81	11	34	-	5
Bury	45	15	9	0	0
Cheshire	56	5	11	0	-
Cumbria	31	-	9	13	0
Halton	32	-	-	0	0
Knowsley	121	45	21	0	0
Lancashire	287	116	60	-	5
Liverpool	134	58	87	-	9
Manchester	92	9	36	0	-
Oldham	48	6	10	-	0
Rochdale	103	19	17	-	0
Salford	44	19	12	0	0
Sefton	88	36	24	-	-
St Helens	42	17	12	0	0
Stockport	36	-	-	0	-
Tameside	39	-	12	0	0
Trafford	39	9	5	0	-
Warrington	22	16	19	0	0
Wigan and Leigh	71	6	9	0	0
Wirral	55	18	20	0	0

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Discharge Reasons

In this report, the discharge reason data has been collapsed into four categories. These categories are Successful Completion, which incorporates 'treatment completed', 'treatment completed drug free' and 'referred on'; Unplanned Discharge which includes 'treatment withdrawn/breached', 'no appropriate treatment', 'dropped out/left', 'prison', 'moved away', 'died', 'treatment declined by client' and 'inappropriate referral'. The other two categories are Other and Not Known. The Not Known category includes episode data that included a discharge date but no discharge reason.

Number of individuals in contact with treatment services by D(A)AT

Table Two details the year-to-date figure for the number of individuals in contact with treatment services by D(A)AT of residence. These figures detail all individuals in contact with treatment agencies from 1st April 2006 to 31st March 2007. The table only includes data for those resident within the region who were in contact with treatment services within the North West. The figures also only include those individuals in contact with structured treatment services (i.e. high threshold tier 3 and 4 services as defined by the Models of Care, National Treatment Agency (NTA), 2002, see www.nta.nhs.uk). Low threshold interventions, such as open access and syringe exchange services are not recorded within the NDTMS. The system excludes those who presented to service with alcohol as their primary problematic substance. A person may be counted more than once if they were resident in more than one D(A)AT area during the reporting period.

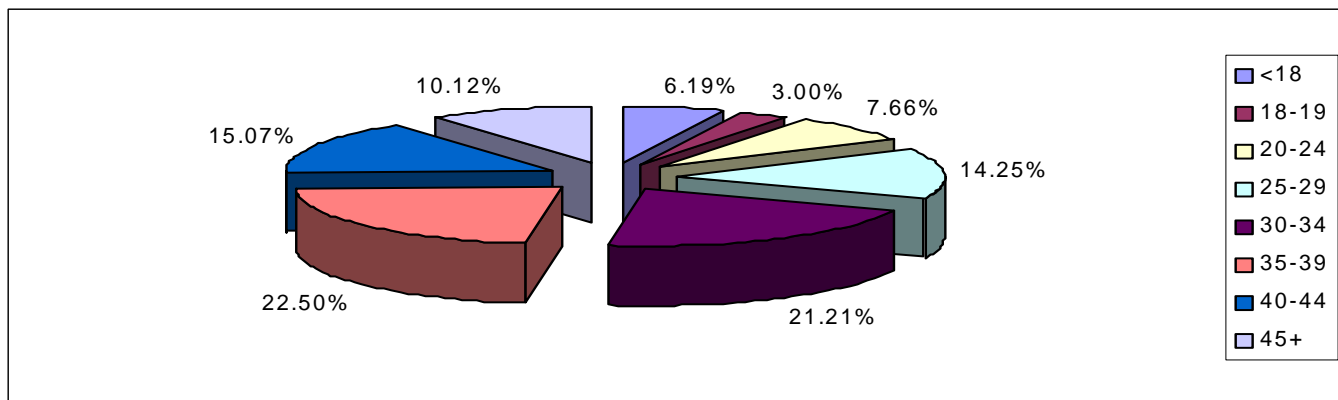
**Table Two: Number of individuals in contact with treatment services
(From 01/04/2006 to 31/03/2007) by D(A)AT of residence**

D(A)AT	Number in treatment YTD
Blackburn with Darwen	1082
Blackpool	1509
Bolton	1870
Bury	1003
Cheshire	2324
Cumbria	1613
Halton	879
Knowsley	1226
Lancashire	4870
Liverpool	4035
Manchester	3583
Oldham	1133
Rochdale	1794
Salford	1233
Sefton	1560
St Helens	1140
Stockport	936
Tameside	1123
Trafford	703
Warrington	961
Wigan and Leigh	1455
Wirral	2815

Age

The following section details the age profile of those in contact with treatment services in the North West of England. The age of individuals has been calculated from the last day of the reporting month (31/03/2007).

Figure One: Regional percentages of individuals in treatment by age bands



Whilst regionally 6.19% individuals in contact with treatment services were aged under 18, the proportion of clients in this age band varied considerably across D(A)ATs (see Table Three). In Manchester and Blackpool, 2.85% and 3.31% of the treatment population respectively were aged under 18. In contrast, 16.35% and 15.61% of those in contact with treatment services in Bury and Rochdale respectively were aged under 18. In Blackburn with Darwen, 14.60% of those in contact with service were aged 40 and over, whereas in Liverpool and Wirral this age group comprised 36.06% and 37.34% respectively of the treatment population.

Table Three: Age of individuals in contact with treatment services by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Age bands							
	<18	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45+
Blackburn with Darwen	77	28	89	170	308	252	89	69
Blackpool	50	31	115	250	343	370	207	143
Bolton	75	68	205	376	486	366	189	105
Bury	164	95	80	139	164	174	106	81
Cheshire	106	68	210	414	550	425	339	212
Cumbria	61	42	170	371	411	262	168	128
Halton	49	34	83	143	190	180	107	93
Knowsley	113	24	105	159	226	299	208	92
Lancashire	328	106	385	846	1210	997	558	440
Liverpool	166	61	160	355	703	1135	907	548
Manchester	102	63	198	408	770	946	647	449
Oldham	70	35	112	146	224	268	151	127
Rochdale	280	101	138	208	292	354	219	202
Salford	131	27	84	162	281	268	166	114
Sefton	69	32	97	148	295	443	302	174
St Helens	69	43	111	181	260	242	135	99
Stockport	59	47	100	129	207	176	111	107
Tameside	39	24	111	234	281	225	125	84
Trafford	56	41	54	71	100	169	140	72
Warrington	65	26	81	152	239	212	110	76
Wigan and Leigh	92	53	140	284	334	289	182	81
Wirral	117	91	143	224	444	745	682	369

Gender and Ethnicity of individuals in contact with treatment services

During 2006/07 (YTD), 71.57% of individuals in contact with treatment services in the North West were male. Whilst regionally, 95.77% of those individuals stating their ethnicity were described as 'white', there was a degree of variation in this percentage from 85.99% in Oldham to 99.60% in Blackpool. It should be noted that ethnicity percentages were calculated from those that stated an ethnicity and did not include missing data.

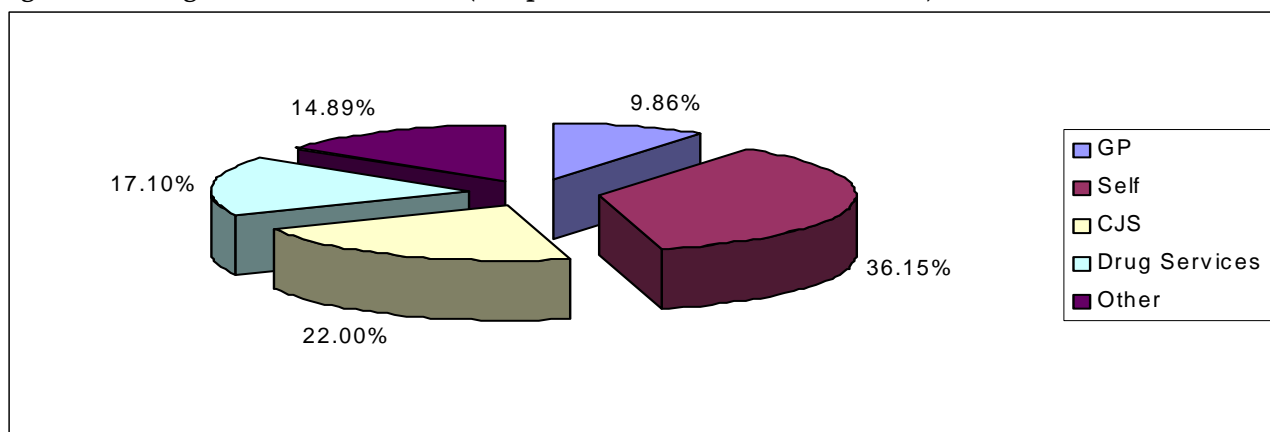
Table Four: Gender and Ethnicity by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Male		White	
	No.	%	No.	%
Blackburn with Darwen	850	78.56	911	94.21
Blackpool	1046	69.32	1501	99.60
Bolton	1343	71.82	1766	94.74
Bury	714	71.19	925	92.69
Cheshire	1708	73.49	2217	98.36
Cumbria	1068	66.21	1519	97.56
Halton	617	70.19	873	99.43
Knowsley	883	72.02	1189	97.86
Lancashire	3356	68.91	4487	96.29
Liverpool	2786	69.05	3804	96.70
Manchester	2561	71.48	3093	88.12
Oldham	840	74.14	970	85.99
Rochdale	1256	70.01	1664	93.91
Salford	919	74.53	1160	95.16
Sefton	1101	70.58	1538	98.72
St Helens	862	75.61	1132	99.30
Stockport	695	74.25	883	95.77
Tameside	813	72.40	1056	96.35
Trafford	515	73.26	610	89.97
Warrington	724	75.34	953	99.17
Wigan and Leigh	1073	73.75	1436	98.76
Wirral	2073	73.64	2780	99.14

Referral sources of individuals in contact with treatment in the North West

In this section of the report, all episodes of treatment in 2006/07 have been recorded, regardless of whether an individual has entered treatment on more than one occasion over the year (n=52203 including double counting). All episodes of treatment have been included to provide the fullest possible understanding of the ways in which people are referred into services in each D(A)AT area. Regionally, the most common route of referral into treatment services was through self-referral (36.15%).

Figure Two: Regional route of referral (all episodes of treatment for the YTD)



See page 11 for list of 'Other' routes of referral

Whilst regionally, 22.00% of referrals were from Criminal Justice Services, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 9.00% in Knowsley to 36.08% in Blackburn with Darwen.

Table Five: Referral Sources for all episodes of treatment by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	GP	Self	CJS	Drug services	Other
Blackburn with Darwen	108	518	508	80	194
Blackpool	46	432	693	1034	178
Bolton	124	1079	845	315	230
Bury	109	356	391	161	231
Cheshire	310	1558	423	234	288
Cumbria	663	476	402	223	334
Halton	109	462	173	280	193
Knowsley	124	620	147	268	474
Lancashire	433	2712	1742	834	926
Liverpool	1362	1053	758	1494	731
Manchester	196	1582	1031	818	962
Oldham	102	690	264	107	128
Rochdale	194	914	541	295	469
Salford	72	800	315	242	275
Sefton	186	534	577	786	201
St Helens	109	715	345	170	228
Stockport	49	531	265	181	130
Tameside	101	608	373	112	161
Trafford	58	257	242	107	141
Warrington	87	607	166	338	139
Wigan and Leigh	64	1045	434	165	146
Wirral	444	973	635	518	867

Discharge reasons for individuals in contact with treatment services

The following section details the discharge reasons for individuals exiting structured drug treatment during 2006/07 (YTD). In this section, only data from a client's latest episode were used. The NDTMS has 12 outcome measures. In Figure Three and Table Six, the data has been collapsed into five categories. These categories are Successful Completion, Unplanned Discharge, Ongoing, which includes all clients in contact with service on 31st March 2007, Other and Not Known. Where agencies did not complete a discharge date a client was assumed to be still in contact. Regionally, the majority of clients in contact with treatment services during 2006/07 (YTD) were in an ongoing treatment episode (68.82%).

Figure Three: Regional client status for latest treatment episode

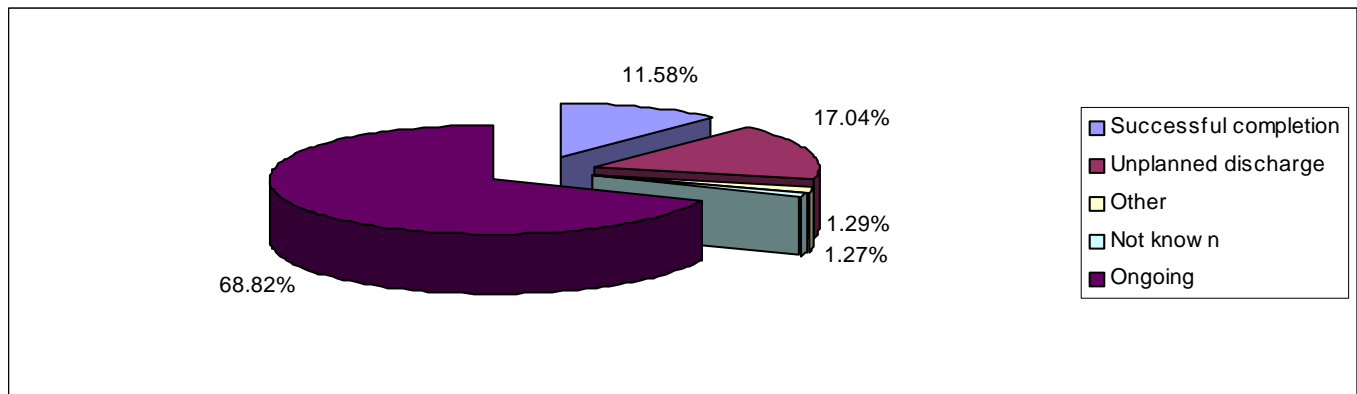


Table Six: Client status for latest episode of treatment by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Ongoing		Successful completion		Unplanned discharge		Not known		Other	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Blackburn with Darwen	667	61.65	192	17.74	211	19.50	-	-	10	0.92
Blackpool	948	62.82	220	14.58	272	18.03	-	-	68	4.51
Bolton	1152	61.60	193	10.32	453	24.22	34	1.82	38	2.03
Bury	627	62.51	155	15.45	212	21.14	0	0.00	9	0.90
Cheshire	1684	72.46	210	9.04	412	17.73	-	-	17	0.73
Cumbria	1115	69.13	87	5.39	155	9.61	246	15.25	10	0.62
Halton	690	78.50	94	10.69	86	9.78	-	-	7	0.80
Knowsley	855	69.74	159	12.97	181	14.76	0	0.00	31	2.53
Lancashire	3171	65.11	746	15.32	879	18.05	14	0.29	60	1.23
Liverpool	2561	63.47	517	12.81	797	19.75	94	2.33	66	1.64
Manchester	2742	76.53	218	6.08	563	15.71	18	0.50	42	1.17
Oldham	758	66.90	139	12.27	218	19.24	14	1.24	-	-
Rochdale	1110	61.87	265	14.77	358	19.96	25	1.39	36	2.01
Salford	705	57.18	257	20.84	261	21.17	-	-	9	0.73
Sefton	1015	65.06	204	13.08	292	18.72	18	1.15	31	1.99
St Helens	699	61.32	236	20.70	192	16.84	-	-	10	0.88
Stockport	606	64.74	161	17.20	155	16.56	6	0.64	8	0.85
Tameside	709	63.13	96	8.55	307	27.34	9	0.80	-	-
Trafford	476	67.71	106	15.08	98	13.94	0	0.00	23	3.27
Warrington	743	77.32	87	9.05	129	13.42	0	0.00	-	-
Wigan and Leigh	1063	73.06	113	7.77	271	18.63	-	-	-	-
Wirral	2242	79.64	225	7.99	306	10.87	17	0.60	25	0.89

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Breakdown of successful completions for individuals in contact with treatment services

Figure Four illustrates the breakdown of successful completions for those concluding treatment regionally (n=4680) and Table Seven details the number of successful completions according to D(A)AT of residence. A successful completion is defined as a person being discharged from treatment having completed the treatment or completed drug free or being referred on to another treatment service.

Figure Four: Regional breakdown of successful completions for latest episode of treatment for year to date.

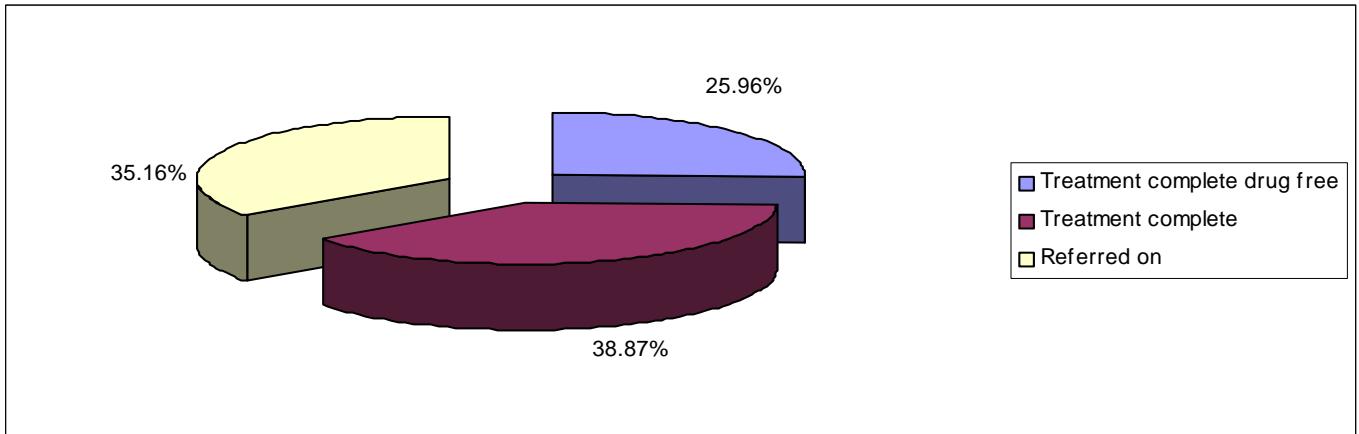


Table Seven: Breakdown of successful treatment completions for latest episode of treatment by D(A)AT of residence for the year to date.

D(A)AT	Treatment Complete Drug Free	Treatment Completed	Referred on
Blackburn with Darwen	26	84	82
Blackpool	50	71	99
Bolton	58	72	63
Bury	45	80	30
Cheshire	75	63	72
Cumbria	13	62	12
Halton	27	50	17
Knowsley	92	43	24
Lancashire	111	240	395
Liverpool	154	158	205
Manchester	39	77	102
Oldham	46	51	42
Rochdale	61	141	63
Salford	20	100	137
Sefton	36	72	96
St Helens	39	33	164
Stockport	40	114	7
Tameside	27	52	17
Trafford	27	33	46
Warrington	46	21	20
Wigan and Leigh	22	51	40
Wirral	118	69	38

Primary drug of use of individuals in contact with treatment services

This section details the primary drug of use of those in contact with treatment services in the North West of England. Whilst regionally 62.78% of individuals reported heroin as their primary drug of use, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 79.26% and 75.27% in Blackpool and Manchester respectively to 41.88% in Stockport.

Figure Five: Regional primary drug of use.

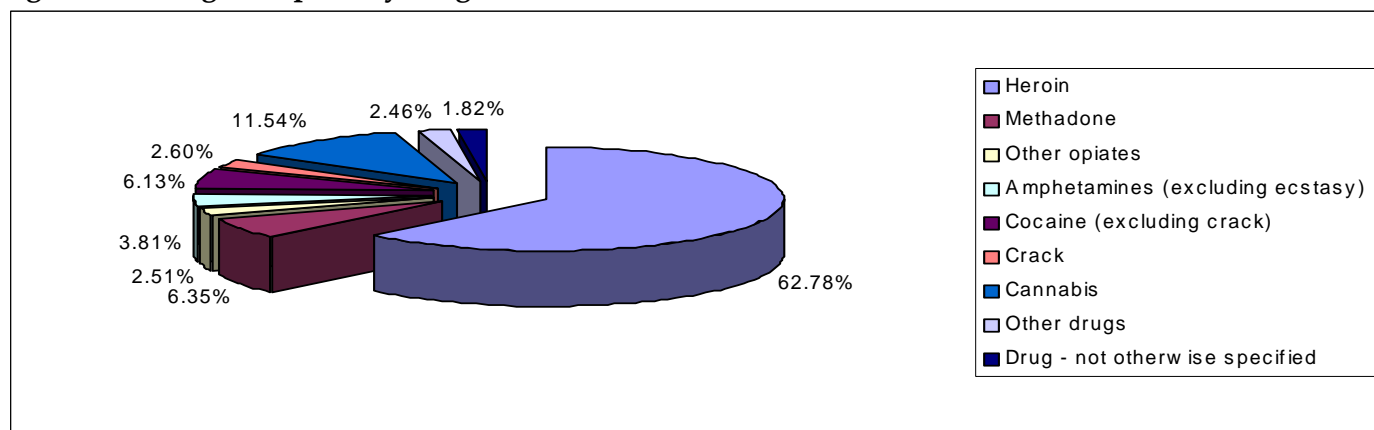


Table Eight: Primary drug of use by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Heroin	Methadone	Other Opiates	Amphetamines (excluding ecstasy)	Cocaine (excluding crack)	Crack	Cannabis	Other Drugs	Drug - not otherwise specified	Total
Blackburn with Darwen	742	34	39	61	20	19	125	13	29	1082
Blackpool	1196	87	26	57	27	22	64	30	0	1509
Bolton	1229	100	67	124	82	52	158	47	11	1870
Bury	529	16	9	47	70	34	260	32	6	1003
Cheshire	1503	280	52	71	104	56	181	32	45	2324
Cumbria	1080	106	97	89	39	-	112	82	-	1613
Halton	347	68	16	38	97	41	193	79	0	879
Knowsley	594	39	12	42	206	29	263	26	15	1226
Lancashire	3286	245	87	225	123	94	438	142	230	4870
Liverpool	2514	321	100	32	332	118	354	37	227	4035
Manchester	2697	180	61	80	103	152	232	34	44	3583
Oldham	748	44	24	60	67	30	124	35	-	1133
Rochdale	846	120	21	78	124	73	402	102	28	1794
Salford	709	110	46	47	55	21	213	31	-	1233
Sefton	1095	56	20	18	147	21	143	14	46	1560
St Helens	696	81	22	26	115	32	137	23	8	1140
Stockport	392	119	41	75	87	31	163	13	15	936
Tameside	670	120	43	56	70	27	93	29	15	1123
Trafford	350	74	20	20	82	24	117	15	-	703
Warrington	508	94	29	24	84	22	167	29	-	961
Wigan and Leigh	897	74	27	114	101	27	168	45	-	1455
Wirral	1906	88	122	74	201	100	258	45	21	2815

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'Other Drugs' includes benzodiazepines, hallucinogens, ecstasy, solvents, barbiturates, major tranquillisers, anti-depressants, other drugs and polydrug use.

Table Nine: Breakdown of primary drug of use by age and D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Heroin		Methadone		Other Opiates		Amphetamines (excluding ecstasy)		Cocaine (excluding crack)		Crack		Cannabis		Other Drugs		Drug - not otherwise specified		Total	
	<18	18+	<18	18+	<18	18+	<18	18+	<18	18+	<18	18+	<18	18+	<18	18+	<18	18+	<18	18+
Blackburn with Darwen	-	741	0	34	0	39	-	58	5	15	0	19	68	57	0	13	0	29	77	1005
Blackpool	-	1193	-	86	0	26	-	54	0	27	0	22	30	34	13	17	0	0	50	1459
Bolton	-	1225	-	99	0	67	6	118	5	77	-	48	45	113	10	37	0	11	75	1795
Bury	0	529	0	16	0	9	-	43	6	64	-	33	138	122	13	19	-	-	164	839
Cheshire	5	1498	0	280	-	51	5	66	-	103	0	56	85	96	5	27	-	41	106	2218
Cumbria	-	1077	0	106	0	97	-	87	-	36	0	-	41	71	12	70	0	-	61	1552
Halton	0	347	0	68	0	16	0	38	-	96	0	41	47	146	-	78	0	0	49	830
Knowsley	0	594	0	39	0	12	0	42	7	199	-	28	103	160	-	24	0	15	113	1113
Lancashire	5	3281	-	244	0	87	16	209	9	114	0	94	260	178	37	105	0	230	328	4542
Liverpool	0	2514	0	321	0	100	0	32	-	328	0	118	151	203	-	34	8	219	166	3869
Manchester	-	2695	0	180	0	61	0	80	19	84	-	150	73	159	6	28	0	44	102	3481
Oldham	0	748	0	44	0	24	-	59	0	67	0	30	65	59	-	32	-	0	70	1063
Rochdale	-	843	0	120	0	21	5	73	18	106	0	73	231	171	23	79	0	28	280	1514
Salford	0	709	0	110	0	46	-	45	5	50	0	21	114	99	10	21	0	-	131	1102
Sefton	0	1095	0	56	0	20	0	18	5	142	-	20	61	82	-	12	0	46	69	1491
St Helens	0	696	0	81	0	22	-	24	-	112	0	32	56	81	8	15	0	8	69	1071
Stockport	-	391	0	119	0	41	-	73	11	76	0	31	38	125	0	13	7	8	59	877
Tameside	0	670	0	120	0	43	-	55	-	69	0	27	29	64	8	21	0	15	39	1084
Trafford	-	349	0	74	0	20	0	20	0	82	0	24	52	65	-	12	0	-	56	647
Warrington	0	508	0	94	-	28	-	23	-	80	0	22	49	118	8	21	-	-	65	896
Wigan and Leigh	-	896	0	74	0	27	-	113	11	90	0	27	63	105	16	29	0	-	92	1363
Wirral	-	1904	0	88	0	122	-	73	18	183	0	100	82	176	14	31	0	21	117	2698

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'Other Drugs' includes benzodiazepines, hallucinogens, ecstasy, solvents, barbiturates, major tranquillisers, anti-depressants, other drugs and polydrug use.

'Other' referral sources include:

- A&E
- Syringe exchange
- Psychiatry
- Community Care Assessment
- Employment service
- Education service
- Pupil Referral Unit (PRU)
- Connexions
- Social services
- Looked After Children (LAC)
- Sex worker project
- General hospital
- Psychological services
- Relative
- Concerned other
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)
- Other

North West NDTMS Regional Team

The NDTMS is operated in the North West by a regional team based in the North West Public Health Observatory. This is housed within the Centre for Public Health at Liverpool John Moores University. The regional team collects data from all of the North West structured drug treatment providers. This is then provided to the National Treatment Agency (NTA) and monthly figures are produced for each D(A)AT.

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