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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 July 2006**. 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 August 2006

The following section details the number of individuals who were triaged during July 2006. 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 July 2006, along with the discharge reasons for individuals leaving treatment services.

Table One: Number of triages and discharges during July 2006 by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	No. triaged in July 2006	No. successful completions July 2006	No. unplanned discharges July 2006	No. discharges reason 'not known' July 2006	No. discharges reason 'other' July 2006
Blackburn with Darwen	32	8	12	0	-
Blackpool	68	9	18	-	5
Bolton	109	20	56	-	-
Bury	50	25	38	0	7
Cheshire	38	9	23	0	0
Cumbria	-	-	-	5	-
Halton	10	-	8	0	0
Knowsley	19	11	7	0	-
Lancashire	125	35	56	0	0
Liverpool	141	41	56	7	-
Manchester	43	9	15	-	-
Oldham	66	13	43	0	-
Rochdale	70	16	26	10	-
Salford	39	10	36	0	0
Sefton	52	13	15	0	-
St Helens	28	14	15	0	-
Stockport	30	8	23	0	-
Tameside	26	-	29	-	0
Trafford	17	-	9	0	-
Warrington	31	6	6	0	0
Wigan and Leigh	47	-	16	-	0
Wirral	53	15	23	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' and 'died'. 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 July 2006. 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.

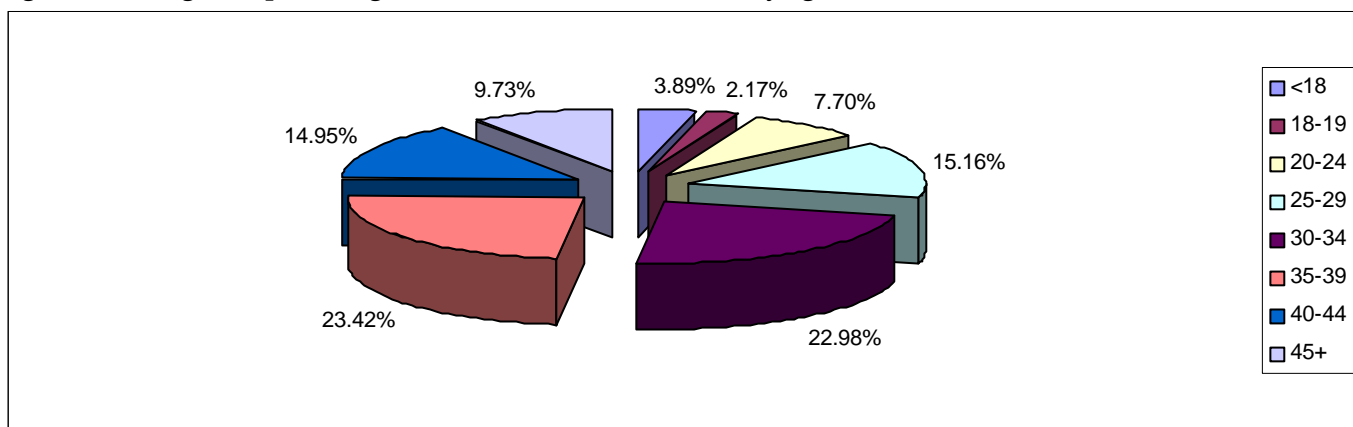
Table Two: Number of individuals in contact with treatment services (From 01/04/2006 to 31/07/2006) by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Number in treatment YTD
Blackburn with Darwen	763
Blackpool	1345
Bolton	1621
Bury	862
Cheshire	1756
Cumbria	1009
Halton	633
Knowsley	785
Lancashire	3880
Liverpool	3410
Manchester	2809
Oldham	1018
Rochdale	1237
Salford	865
Sefton	1392
St Helens	815
Stockport	710
Tameside	988
Trafford	587
Warrington	776
Wigan and Leigh	1143
Wirral	2460

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 (31/07/2006).

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



Whilst regionally 3.89% of 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 Blackburn with Darwen and Cheshire, 0.26% and 0.91% of the treatment population respectively were aged under 18. In contrast, 13.46% and 13.18% of those in contact with treatment services in Bury and Rochdale respectively were aged under 18. In Bolton, 14.07% of those in contact with service were aged 40 and over, whereas in Liverpool and Wirral this age group comprised 34.34% and 35.53% 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	-	10	70	136	248	183	58	56
Blackpool	13	20	124	226	333	331	182	116
Bolton	52	40	190	348	451	312	143	85
Bury	116	60	75	131	159	157	89	75
Cheshire	16	29	148	361	440	344	270	148
Cumbria	30	18	113	241	245	170	114	78
Halton	48	20	51	124	145	123	80	42
Knowsley	66	17	52	87	154	244	108	57
Lancashire	53	57	366	769	1063	760	468	344
Liverpool	46	16	153	302	692	1030	739	432
Manchester	37	27	146	325	661	789	489	335
Oldham	46	26	96	137	216	235	144	118
Rochdale	163	41	86	156	215	251	167	158
Salford	55	18	52	121	204	206	122	87
Sefton	56	22	99	146	283	395	248	143
St Helens	61	22	65	133	200	175	89	70
Stockport	32	26	64	109	173	137	89	80
Tameside	28	19	108	217	260	183	108	65
Trafford	67	42	34	54	80	141	120	49
Warrington	45	15	55	136	207	174	80	64
Wigan and Leigh	68	32	118	224	282	224	138	57
Wirral	76	72	106	201	420	711	567	307

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Gender and Ethnicity of individuals in contact with treatment services

During 2006/07 (YTD), 71.26% of individuals in contact with treatment services in the North West were male. Regionally, there were proportionately more females in contact with treatment services aged 30-34 in comparison to other age groups (23.76%).

Whilst regionally, 95.92% of those individuals stating their ethnicity were described as 'white', there was a degree of variation in this percentage from 87.48% in Oldham to 99.49% in Cumbria. Over 99% of individuals in contact with treatment services in Blackpool, Cumbria, Halton, Warrington, Wigan and Leigh and Wirral stated their ethnicity as 'white' It should be noted that ethnicity percentages were calculated from those that stated an ethnicity and did not include missing data.

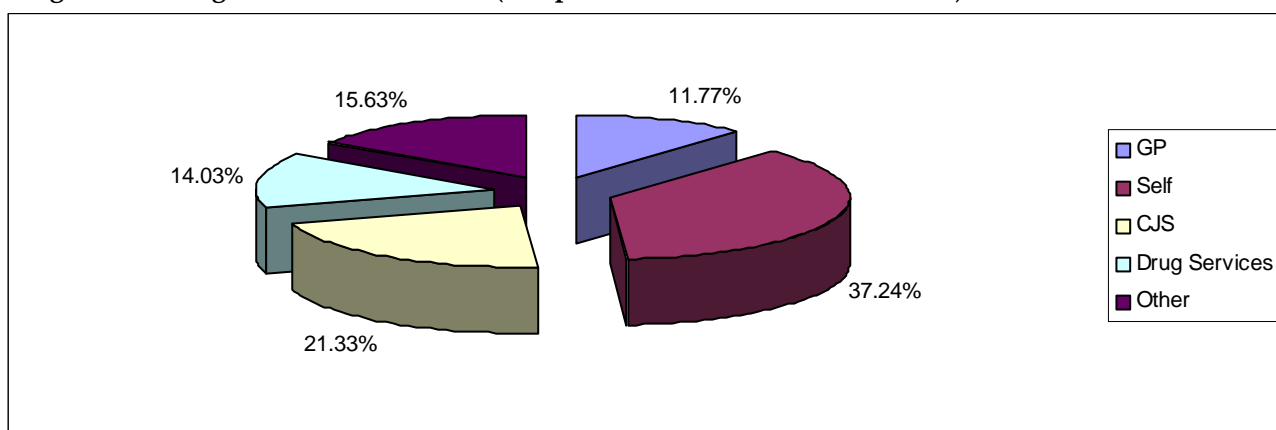
Table Four: Gender and Ethnicity by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Male		White	
	No.	%	No.	%
Blackburn with Darwen	584	76.54	631	95.03
Blackpool	950	70.63	1333	99.40
Bolton	1169	72.12	1536	95.46
Bury	624	72.39	770	92.33
Cheshire	1259	71.70	1644	98.33
Cumbria	660	65.41	985	99.49
Halton	456	72.04	624	99.05
Knowsley	554	70.57	771	98.47
Lancashire	2689	69.30	3585	96.32
Liverpool	2306	67.62	3143	96.71
Manchester	1999	71.16	2436	88.94
Oldham	762	74.85	887	87.48
Rochdale	886	71.62	1141	92.99
Salford	648	74.91	810	94.52
Sefton	963	69.18	1372	98.92
St Helens	605	74.23	805	98.89
Stockport	515	72.54	664	95.68
Tameside	710	71.86	923	96.35
Trafford	436	74.28	498	90.22
Warrington	587	75.64	769	99.10
Wigan and Leigh	829	72.53	1130	99.04
Wirral	1810	73.58	2432	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 (YTD) have been recorded, regardless of whether an individual has entered treatment on more than one occasion over the year (n= 37794 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 routes of referral into treatment services were through self-referral (37.24%) and the Criminal Justice Services (21.33%).

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



Other includes syringe exchange, psychiatry, Community Care Assessment, employment services, education service, Pupil Referral Unit (PRU), Connexions, social services, Looked After Children (LAC) and other

During 2006/07 37.24% (YTD) of treatment episodes were self-referred, this percentage varied across D(A)ATs from 17.58% in Blackpool to 59.68% and 56.89% in Wigan and Cheshire respectively. Whilst regionally, 21.33% of referrals were from Criminal Justice Services, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 6.76% in Knowsley to 37.92% in Blackpool.

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	95	358	280	17	115
Blackpool	39	313	675	647	106
Bolton	107	866	613	183	202
Bury	122	312	352	129	157
Cheshire	269	1094	234	147	179
Cumbria	529	222	185	101	219
Halton	89	339	141	59	113
Knowsley	80	413	60	116	218
Lancashire	402	1913	1471	343	518
Liverpool	1114	876	430	900	603
Manchester	153	1014	640	596	785
Oldham	94	571	278	112	129
Rochdale	143	482	282	81	438
Salford	43	575	179	118	147
Sefton	183	604	266	517	217
St Helens	95	470	100	89	175
Stockport	44	398	184	121	102
Tameside	96	475	309	90	137
Trafford	58	214	133	27	127
Warrington	73	510	114	178	139
Wigan and Leigh	59	774	266	85	113
Wirral	410	787	497	372	745

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 July 2006, 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 (87.02%). Table Seven details the successful completions for those concluding treatment 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 Three: Regional client status for latest treatment episode

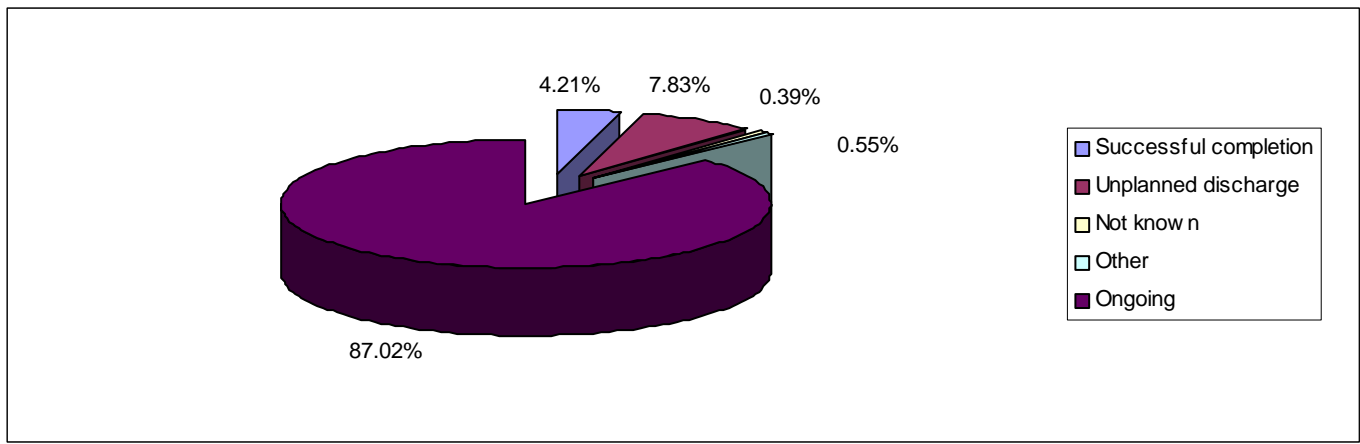


Table Six: Client status for latest episode of treatment by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Ongoing	Successful completion	Unplanned discharge	Not known	Other
Blackburn with Darwen	646	38	76	0	-
Blackpool	1123	73	114	-	33
Bolton	1305	72	229	8	7
Bury	632	64	152	-	13
Cheshire	1563	60	131	0	-
Cumbria	950	17	18	20	-
Halton	577	29	21	-	5
Knowsley	710	29	31	0	15
Lancashire	3390	173	285	17	15
Liverpool	2979	144	260	9	18
Manchester	2611	45	128	11	14
Oldham	845	34	134	-	-
Rochdale	981	74	136	27	19
Salford	652	105	106	0	-
Sefton	1237	64	86	0	5
St Helens	683	73	57	0	-
Stockport	578	45	83	-	-
Tameside	851	26	106	-	-
Trafford	513	32	39	0	-
Warrington	717	24	34	0	-
Wigan and Leigh	1007	21	98	16	-
Wirral	2257	70	123	-	7

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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	-	19	17
Blackpool	12	20	41
Bolton	25	14	33
Bury	21	34	9
Cheshire	28	11	21
Cumbria	-	11	-
Halton	14	13	-
Knowsley	7	15	7
Lancashire	24	50	99
Liverpool	46	24	74
Manchester	8	11	26
Oldham	16	6	12
Rochdale	23	31	20
Salford	-	10	91
Sefton	9	15	40
St Helens	6	11	56
Stockport	10	34	-
Tameside	8	13	5
Trafford	11	-	18
Warrington	19	-	-
Wigan and Leigh	-	13	-
Wirral	40	17	13

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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 61.76% of individuals reported heroin as their primary drug of use, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 76.41% in Blackburn with Darwen to 43.38% in Stockport.

Figure Four: Regional primary drug of use.

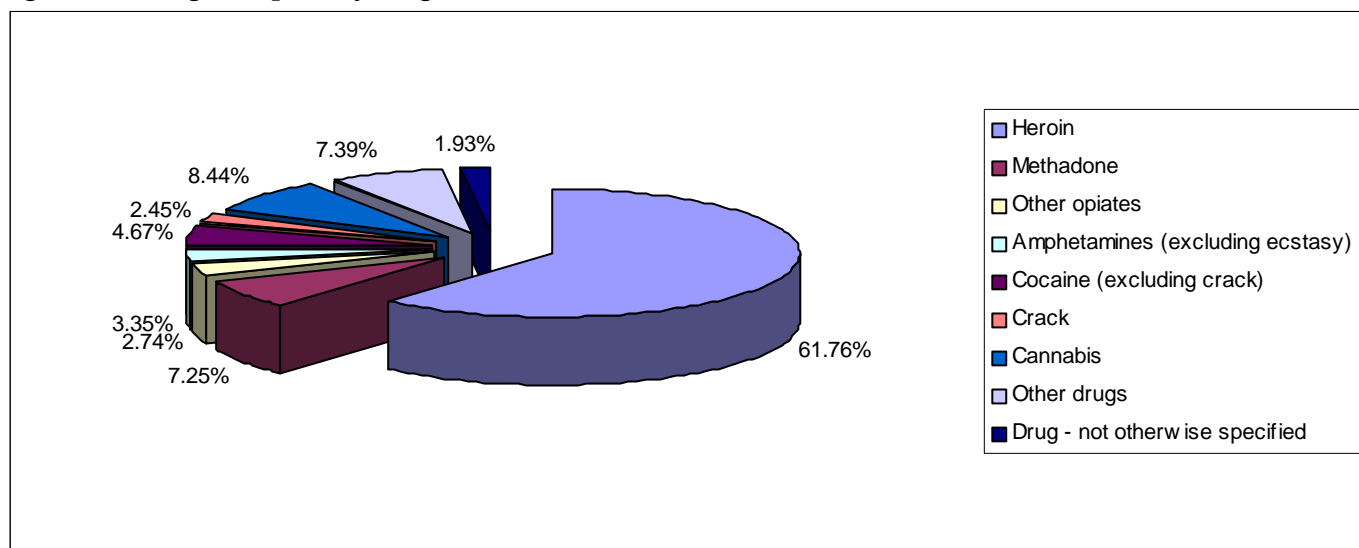


Table Eight: Primary drug of use by D(A)AT of residence

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	583	43	24	34	10	14	16	5	34	763
Blackpool	976	166	31	47	27	21	48	29	0	1345
Bolton	1048	82	52	88	40	43	127	47	94	1621
Bury	377	59	12	48	50	36	193	23	64	862
Cheshire	1215	255	33	42	43	34	52	19	63	1756
Cumbria	701	58	56	59	21	-	64	39	8	1009
Halton	347	50	10	28	67	31	86	13	-	633
Knowsley	435	41	7	22	111	16	125	9	19	785
Lancashire	2536	294	72	124	80	80	173	79	442	3880
Liverpool	2031	266	181	38	237	84	163	35	375	3410
Manchester	1415	96	31	52	41	89	148	19	918	2809
Oldham	680	55	26	47	57	24	76	51	-	1018
Rochdale	578	116	10	56	80	46	247	49	55	1237
Salford	541	93	36	23	20	16	112	12	12	865
Sefton	973	55	12	22	129	23	100	9	69	1392
St Helens	527	65	9	21	52	18	93	15	15	815
Stockport	308	91	39	46	49	24	98	10	45	710
Tameside	610	113	35	49	39	30	74	26	12	988
Trafford	277	64	20	17	38	15	121	15	20	587
Warrington	446	84	24	17	45	25	114	18	-	776
Wigan and Leigh	735	73	24	82	58	11	124	36	0	1143
Wirral	1741	59	120	64	128	89	199	34	26	2460

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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	0	583	-	42	-	23	0	34	0	10	0	14	0	16	0	5	0	34	-	761
Blackpool	-	974	-	165	0	31	-	46	0	27	0	21	7	41	-	27	0	0	13	1332
Bolton	6	1042	-	81	0	52	-	87	-	38	-	41	30	97	10	37	0	94	52	1569
Bury	0	377	0	59	0	12	-	46	-	49	-	35	101	92	9	14	-	62	116	746
Cheshire	-	1214	0	255	0	33	5	37	0	43	0	34	8	44	-	18	-	62	16	1740
Cumbria	-	699	0	58	0	56	-	58	-	19	0	-	22	42	-	36	0	8	30	979
Halton	0	347	0	50	0	10	0	28	-	63	0	31	43	43	-	12	0	-	48	585
Knowsley	0	435	0	41	0	7	0	22	-	107	-	15	57	68	-	6	-	18	66	719
Lancashire	-	2532	0	294	0	72	-	123	-	78	-	79	34	139	0	79	11	431	53	3827
Liverpool	-	2030	0	266	0	181	0	38	0	237	0	84	34	129	-	33	9	366	46	3364
Manchester	-	1414	-	95	0	31	0	52	-	39	0	89	31	117	-	17	0	918	37	2772
Oldham	-	679	0	55	0	26	0	47	0	57	0	24	41	35	-	48	-	-	46	972
Rochdale	-	575	0	116	0	10	0	56	13	67	0	46	143	104	-	45	0	55	163	1074
Salford	0	541	0	93	0	36	0	23	-	18	0	16	53	59	0	12	0	12	55	810
Sefton	-	969	0	55	0	12	-	21	-	125	0	23	46	54	-	8	0	69	56	1336
St Helens	0	527	0	65	0	9	-	20	-	51	0	18	55	38	-	11	0	15	61	754
Stockport	0	308	0	91	0	39	-	45	-	46	0	24	17	81	0	10	11	34	32	678
Tameside	0	610	0	113	0	35	0	49	0	39	-	29	23	51	-	22	0	12	28	960
Trafford	0	277	0	64	0	20	0	17	0	38	0	15	60	61	7	8	0	20	67	520
Warrington	0	446	0	84	0	24	0	17	0	45	0	25	40	74	-	15	-	-	45	731
Wigan and Leigh	-	732	0	73	0	24	-	80	5	53	0	11	48	76	10	26	0	0	68	1075
Wirral	-	1740	0	59	0	120	-	63	5	123	0	89	64	135	5	29	0	26	76	2384

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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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