

North West NDTMS Monthly Report

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Introduction

This publication is the seventh in the 2009/10 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 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 2009 up to 30th November 2009.

The Centre for Public Health, Liverpool John Moores University welcomes 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, produce additional outputs based on NDTMS information. Additional outputs include annual and thematic reports, which focus in detail on particular aspects of the NDTMS dataset. These can be found at <http://www.cph.org.uk/substanceuse/ndtms/index.aspx?teamid=29>

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

Table One 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 2009 to 30th November. 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 One: Number of individuals in contact with treatment services (From 01/04/2009 to 30/11/2009) by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Number in treatment YTD
Blackburn with Darwen	1054
Blackpool	1747
Bolton	1661
Bury	740
Cheshire	2192
Cumbria	1705
Halton	667
Knowsley	1137
Lancashire	4944
Liverpool	4709
Manchester	3596
Oldham	1050
Rochdale	1423
Salford	1106
Sefton	1669
St Helens	1098
Stockport	920
Tameside	1199
Trafford	756
Warrington	795
Wigan and Leigh	1478
Wirral	2537

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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