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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 30th November 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 November 2006

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

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

D(A)AT	No. Triaged in November 2006	No. successful completions November 2006	No. unplanned discharges November 2006	No. discharges reason 'not known' November 2006	No. discharges reason 'other' November 2006
Blackburn with Darwen	28	15	13	-	0
Blackpool	38	-	19	0	-
Bolton	72	13	52	0	-
Bury	33	-	19	0	0
Cheshire	48	19	8	0	-
Cumbria	17	7	8	-	-
Halton	14	7	11	0	0
Knowsley	57	10	12	0	0
Lancashire	101	28	37	-	8
Liverpool	171	50	98	0	-
Manchester	74	17	28	-	-
Oldham	39	8	19	0	0
Rochdale	86	13	14	-	0
Salford	56	22	27	0	0
Sefton	77	32	24	-	-
St Helens	53	22	12	0	0
Stockport	30	6	9	0	0
Tameside	23	-	-	0	0
Trafford	40	-	8	0	-
Warrington	28	5	6	0	0
Wigan and Leigh	49	5	11	0	-
Wirral	47	19	35	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 30th November 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.

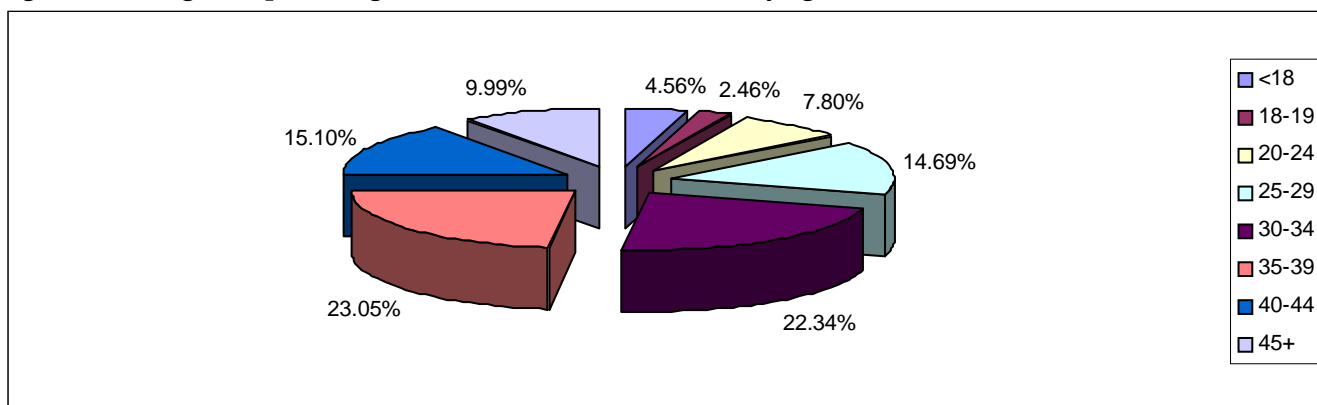
**Table Two: Number of individuals in contact with treatment services
(From 01/04/2006 to 30/11/2006) by D(A)AT of residence**

D(A)AT	Number in treatment YTD
Blackburn with Darwen	888
Blackpool	1330
Bolton	1719
Bury	841
Cheshire	2043
Cumbria	976
Halton	698
Knowsley	1043
Lancashire	4191
Liverpool	3702
Manchester	3279
Oldham	1054
Rochdale	1426
Salford	1077
Sefton	1557
St Helens	1018
Stockport	829
Tameside	1031
Trafford	635
Warrington	856
Wigan and Leigh	1296
Wirral	2638

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 (30/11/2006).

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



Whilst regionally 4.56% 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 Manchester and Liverpool, 1.1% and 1.86% of the treatment population respectively were aged under 18. In contrast, 14.03% and 11.5% of those in contact with treatment services in Bury and Rochdale respectively were aged under 18. In Blackburn with Darwen, 14.86% of those in contact with service were aged 40 and over, whereas in Liverpool and Wirral this age group comprised 35.44% and 36.24% 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	37	14	77	149	266	213	71	61
Blackpool	35	26	94	225	314	336	177	123
Bolton	51	45	200	358	477	332	155	101
Bury	118	65	72	130	141	155	84	76
Cheshire	50	57	169	396	513	376	305	177
Cumbria	39	21	105	224	236	161	111	79
Halton	52	28	59	128	163	133	90	45
Knowsley	96	26	76	121	202	283	162	77
Lancashire	138	64	385	785	1105	843	499	372
Liverpool	69	26	176	333	708	1078	816	496
Manchester	36	35	178	383	770	875	590	412
Oldham	36	26	106	145	222	249	144	126
Rochdale	164	66	114	178	261	286	190	167
Salford	87	27	77	141	257	240	145	103
Sefton	65	28	110	170	312	424	286	162
St Helens	69	34	97	172	235	212	114	85
Stockport	46	39	79	121	192	156	99	97
Tameside	40	24	104	218	257	209	103	76
Trafford	56	34	46	65	91	158	131	54
Warrington	54	19	71	144	225	184	95	64
Wigan and Leigh	86	37	130	242	318	263	153	67
Wirral	93	83	121	209	436	740	614	342

Gender and Ethnicity of individuals in contact with treatment services

During 2006/07 (YTD), 71.28% 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 30-39 in comparison to other age groups. Whilst regionally, 95.83% of those individuals stating their ethnicity were described as 'white', there was a degree of variation in this percentage from 85.62% in Oldham to 99.55% in Blackpool. It should be noted that ethnicity percentages were calculated from those that stated an ethnicity and did not include missing data.

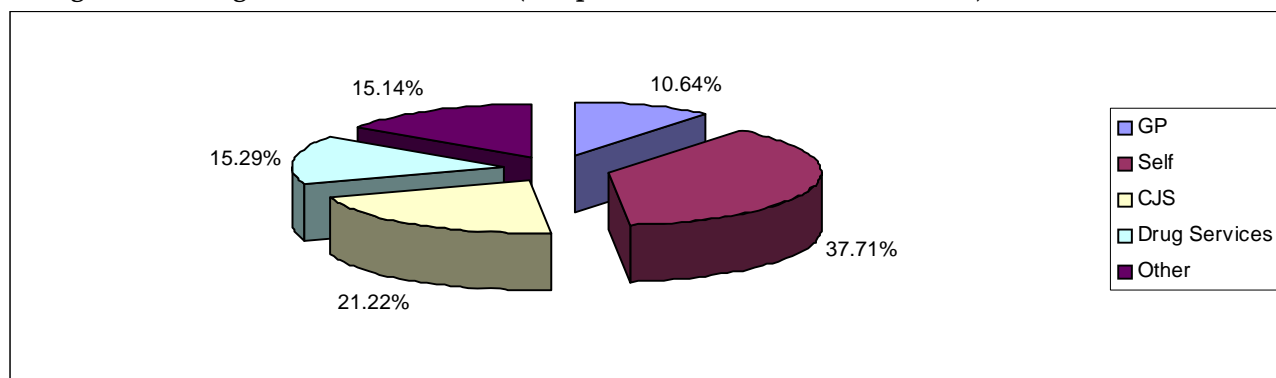
Table Four: Gender and Ethnicity by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Male		White	
	No.	%	No.	%
Blackburn with Darwen	694	78.15	750	94.94
Blackpool	918	69.02	1322	99.55
Bolton	1237	71.96	1629	95.21
Bury	608	72.29	774	92.81
Cheshire	1484	72.64	1913	98.35
Cumbria	636	65.16	952	99.17
Halton	506	72.49	689	99.14
Knowsley	747	71.62	1022	98.27
Lancashire	2891	68.98	3895	96.41
Liverpool	2516	67.96	3502	97.12
Manchester	2334	71.18	2834	88.26
Oldham	778	73.81	899	85.62
Rochdale	1031	72.30	1322	93.49
Salford	798	74.09	1002	94.08
Sefton	1101	70.71	1537	98.91
St Helens	759	74.56	1012	99.41
Stockport	603	72.74	779	95.58
Tameside	738	71.58	966	96.22
Trafford	468	73.70	547	90.56
Warrington	646	75.47	845	98.95
Wigan and Leigh	944	72.84	1267	98.83
Wirral	1935	73.35	2604	99.09

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= 43662 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 (37.71%).

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

Whilst regionally, 21.22% of referral were from Criminal Justice Services, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 7.45% in Knowsley to 37.73% 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	96	385	406	47	142
Blackpool	45	377	497	797	122
Bolton	113	969	697	257	200
Bury	97	301	279	128	162
Cheshire	294	1365	316	182	230
Cumbria	423	234	231	172	194
Halton	98	374	162	88	134
Knowsley	100	555	95	182	343
Lancashire	355	2093	1591	481	640
Liverpool	1284	1031	539	1120	692
Manchester	188	1456	859	733	907
Oldham	100	634	233	95	101
Rochdale	168	652	360	114	479
Salford	59	708	253	188	206
Sefton	226	701	475	666	194
St Helens	104	591	270	148	202
Stockport	47	486	233	148	123
Tameside	95	551	297	90	151
Trafford	61	248	182	55	121
Warrington	77	550	138	237	151
Wigan and Leigh	64	915	349	126	132
Wirral	433	867	566	451	813

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 30/11/2006, 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 (76.09%). 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

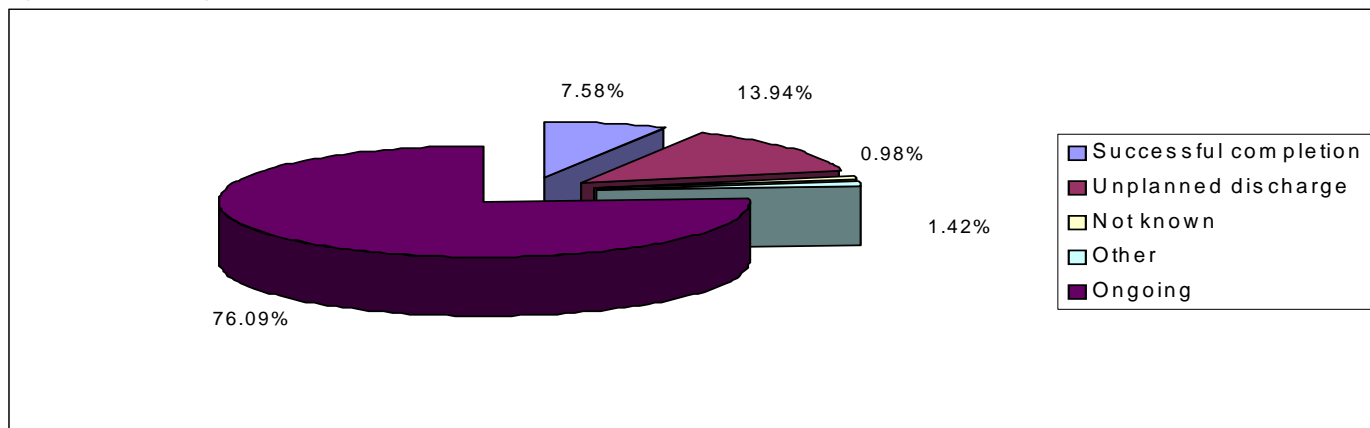


Table Six: Client status for latest episode of treatment by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Ongoing		Successful completion		Unplanned discharge		Not known		Other	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Blackburn with Darwen	654	73.65	91	10.25	134	15.09	-	-	6	0.68
Blackpool	957	71.95	98	7.37	219	16.47	-	-	55	4.14
Bolton	1168	67.95	123	7.16	378	21.99	36	2.09	14	0.81
Bury	568	67.54	92	10.94	172	20.45	-	-	8	0.95
Cheshire	1620	79.30	138	6.75	275	13.46	0	0.00	10	0.49
Cumbria	760	77.87	54	5.53	84	8.61	71	7.27	7	0.72
Halton	558	79.94	71	10.17	64	9.17	-	-	-	-
Knowsley	819	78.52	74	7.09	115	11.03	0	0.00	35	3.36
Lancashire	3261	77.81	334	7.97	536	12.79	16	0.38	44	1.05
Liverpool	2611	70.53	298	8.05	622	16.80	109	2.94	62	1.67
Manchester	2746	83.75	139	4.24	341	10.40	24	0.73	29	0.88
Oldham	768	72.87	89	8.44	193	18.31	-	-	-	-
Rochdale	981	68.79	151	10.59	219	15.36	28	1.96	47	3.30
Salford	690	64.07	159	14.76	219	20.33	-	-	7	0.65
Sefton	1089	69.94	150	9.63	190	12.20	13	0.83	115	7.39
St Helens	698	68.57	162	15.91	145	14.24	-	-	10	0.98
Stockport	598	72.14	92	11.10	127	15.32	8	0.97	-	-
Tameside	751	72.84	62	6.01	208	20.17	9	0.87	-	-
Trafford	499	78.58	58	9.13	66	10.39	0	0.00	12	1.89
Warrington	699	81.66	55	6.43	100	11.68	0	0.00	-	-
Wigan and Leigh	1043	80.48	57	4.40	188	14.51	-	-	5	0.39
Wirral	2177	82.52	168	6.37	255	9.67	15	0.57	23	0.87

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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	10	50	31
Blackpool	15	42	41
Bolton	41	39	43
Bury	29	46	17
Cheshire	61	24	53
Cumbria	6	39	9
Halton	23	38	10
Knowsley	30	24	20
Lancashire	66	116	152
Liverpool	101	52	145
Manchester	26	41	72
Oldham	32	28	29
Rochdale	44	75	32
Salford	13	45	101
Sefton	18	40	92
St Helens	21	26	115
Stockport	21	67	-
Tameside	19	32	11
Trafford	18	16	24
Warrington	32	14	9
Wigan and Leigh	11	32	14
Wirral	97	44	27

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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 63.98% of individuals reported heroin as their primary drug of use, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 77.98% in Manchester to 44.51% in Stockport.

Figure Four: Regional primary drug of use.

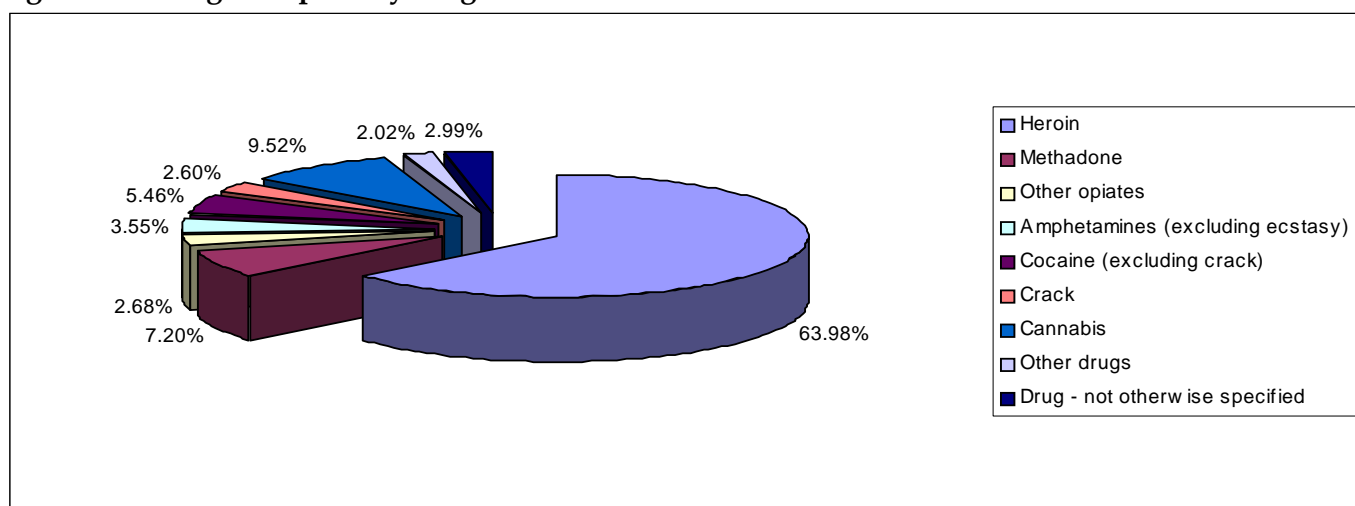


Table Eight: Primary drug of use by D(A)AT of residence

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	637	44	36	46	14	16	57	5	33	888
Blackpool	988	141	35	45	21	18	56	23	-	1330
Bolton	1149	97	71	103	50	43	128	45	33	1719
Bury	433	45	13	43	41	36	199	20	11	841
Cheshire	1364	273	44	58	71	43	112	26	52	2043
Cumbria	634	67	60	62	20	-	80	45	-	976
Halton	361	60	10	33	83	36	103	12	0	698
Knowsley	547	34	10	34	162	23	200	17	16	1043
Lancashire	2765	289	79	142	99	76	262	100	379	4191
Liverpool	2287	284	105	36	324	92	230	31	313	3702
Manchester	2557	161	59	70	56	129	166	25	56	3279
Oldham	739	41	21	51	57	25	76	43	-	1054
Rochdale	684	122	15	61	102	68	273	79	22	1426
Salford	642	106	43	39	37	23	160	20	7	1077
Sefton	1088	57	12	20	137	29	134	18	62	1557
St Helens	637	74	18	24	86	30	120	19	10	1018
Stockport	369	112	42	62	61	22	134	10	17	829
Tameside	629	122	37	50	55	26	77	24	11	1031
Trafford	325	76	17	20	57	20	105	14	-	635
Warrington	479	89	29	21	62	21	129	22	-	856
Wigan and Leigh	801	77	23	105	83	20	149	38	0	1296
Wirral	1824	80	126	67	161	94	226	39	21	2638

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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	637	-	43	-	35	-	43	-	12	0	16	30	27	0	5	0	33	37	851
Blackpool	-	986	-	140	-	34	-	44	0	21	0	18	24	32	6	17	0	-	35	1295
Bolton	-	1145	-	96	0	71	-	101	-	49	-	41	30	98	11	34	0	33	51	1668
Bury	0	433	0	45	0	13	-	39	-	37	-	35	100	99	7	13	-	9	118	723
Cheshire	5	1359	0	273	0	44	5	53	0	71	0	43	37	75	-	23	0	52	50	1993
Cumbria	-	633	0	67	0	60	-	61	-	19	0	-	32	48	-	41	0	-	39	937
Halton	-	360	0	60	0	10	0	33	-	81	0	36	48	55	-	11	0	0	52	646
Knowsley	0	547	0	34	0	10	0	34	8	154	-	22	84	116	-	14	0	16	96	947
Lancashire	8	2757	0	289	0	79	9	133	-	95	0	76	104	158	10	90	-	376	138	4053
Liverpool	-	2284	0	284	0	105	0	36	-	323	0	92	54	176	-	28	8	305	69	3633
Manchester	-	2556	-	160	0	59	0	70	-	55	0	129	31	135	-	23	0	56	36	3243
Oldham	0	739	0	41	0	21	0	51	-	56	0	25	33	43	-	42	-	0	36	1018
Rochdale	-	681	0	122	0	15	0	61	9	93	0	68	141	132	11	68	0	22	164	1262
Salford	0	642	0	106	0	43	-	38	-	35	0	23	80	80	-	16	0	7	87	990
Sefton	-	1085	0	57	0	12	0	20	-	134	0	29	58	76	-	17	0	62	65	1492
St Helens	0	637	0	74	0	18	-	22	6	80	0	30	54	66	7	12	0	10	69	949
Stockport	0	369	0	112	0	42	-	61	8	53	0	22	29	105	0	10	8	9	46	783
Tameside	0	629	0	122	0	37	-	49	-	54	0	26	31	46	7	17	0	11	40	991
Trafford	-	324	0	76	0	17	-	19	0	57	0	20	49	56	-	9	0	-	56	579
Warrington	0	479	0	89	-	28	-	20	-	60	-	20	41	88	6	16	-	-	54	802
Wigan and Leigh	-	798	0	77	0	23	-	103	12	71	0	20	56	93	13	25	0	0	86	1210
Wirral	0	1824	0	80	0	126	-	65	11	150	0	94	69	157	11	28	0	21	93	2545

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

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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