

# North West NDTMS Monthly Report

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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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006 up to 31<sup>st</sup> January 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 January 2007

The following section details the number of individuals who were triaged during January 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 January 2007, along with the discharge reasons for individuals leaving treatment services.

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

D(A)AT	No. Triaged in January 2007	No. successful completions January 2007	No. unplanned discharges January 2007	No. discharges reason 'not known' January 2007	No. discharges reason 'other' January 2007
Blackburn with Darwen	21	20	10	0	0
Blackpool	60	23	23	0	6
Bolton	90	19	47	0	-
Bury	32	8	13	0	0
Cheshire	54	13	10	0	0
Cumbria	27	6	5	-	0
Halton	29	5	17	0	0
Knowsley	48	8	17	0	0
Lancashire	161	76	62	0	-
Liverpool	167	51	86	0	-
Manchester	89	8	47	0	-
Oldham	29	5	24	0	-
Rochdale	84	11	27	0	0
Salford	60	13	30	0	0
Sefton	80	26	24	0	-
St Helens	37	24	18	0	0
Stockport	32	19	12	0	-
Tameside	9	-	7	0	0
Trafford	16	16	7	0	-
Warrington	24	-	-	0	0
Wigan and Leigh	55	10	10	-	0
Wirral	74	10	11	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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 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](http://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.

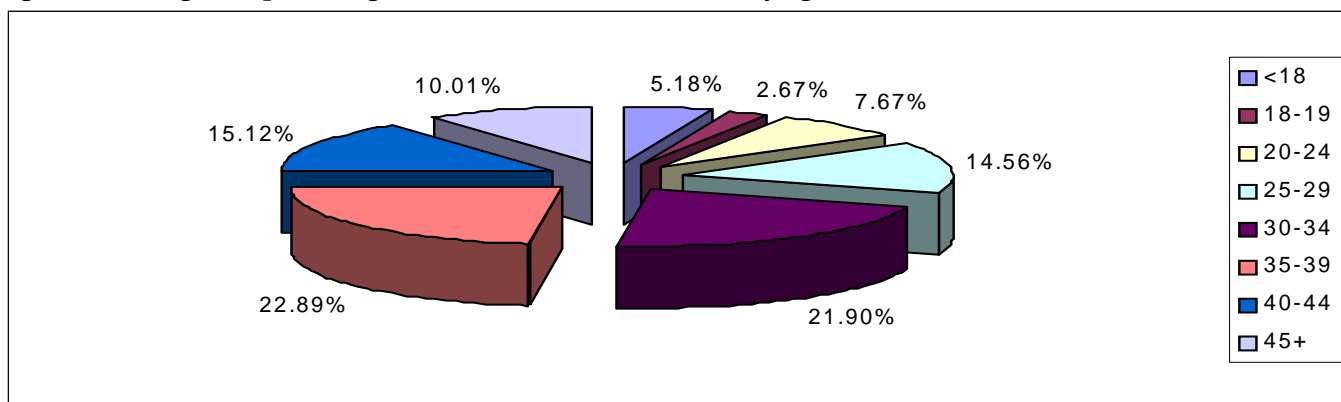
**Table Two: Number of individuals in contact with treatment services  
(From 01/04/2006 to 31/01/2007) by D(A)AT of residence**

D(A)AT	Number in treatment YTD
Blackburn with Darwen	1006
Blackpool	1422
Bolton	1837
Bury	885
Cheshire	2168
Cumbria	1277
Halton	733
Knowsley	1131
Lancashire	4427
Liverpool	4067
Manchester	3376
Oldham	1087
Rochdale	1517
Salford	1188
Sefton	1392
St Helens	1080
Stockport	901
Tameside	1065
Trafford	655
Warrington	891
Wigan and Leigh	1376
Wirral	2719

## 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 (31/01/2007).

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



Whilst regionally 5.18% 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 Blackpool, 1.13% and 2.60% of the treatment population respectively were aged under 18. In contrast, 14.12% and 11.60% of those in contact with treatment services in Bury and Rochdale respectively were aged under 18. In Blackburn with Darwen, 14.31% of those in contact with service were aged 40 and over, whereas in Liverpool and Wirral this age group comprised 34.62% and 36.78% 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	64	24	81	164	292	237	81	63
Blackpool	37	25	107	240	329	358	192	134
Bolton	74	61	212	370	490	358	169	103
Bury	125	72	74	134	152	159	92	77
Cheshire	82	62	184	405	531	393	320	191
Cumbria	52	39	141	295	312	209	134	95
Halton	49	28	67	125	171	148	93	52
Knowsley	113	24	93	136	213	287	183	82
Lancashire	185	71	367	806	1165	905	523	405
Liverpool	146	51	191	385	738	1148	882	526
Manchester	38	41	181	404	764	907	615	426
Oldham	47	29	109	146	224	253	149	130
Rochdale	176	72	119	184	269	315	200	182
Salford	108	28	83	157	272	268	157	115
Sefton	62	26	73	128	271	401	278	153
St Helens	68	40	100	179	247	227	123	96
Stockport	60	40	91	131	205	166	105	103
Tameside	39	25	103	224	267	218	111	78
Trafford	49	37	48	65	95	165	134	62
Warrington	50	22	77	142	233	195	104	68
Wigan and Leigh	89	45	138	254	327	280	167	76
Wirral	106	84	134	216	440	739	647	353

## Gender and Ethnicity of individuals in contact with treatment services

During 2006/07 (YTD), 71.34% 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, 95.72% of those individuals stating their ethnicity were described as 'white', there was a degree of variation in this percentage from 85.60% in Oldham to 99.72% in Blackpool. It should be noted that ethnicity percentages were calculated from those that stated an ethnicity and did not include missing data.

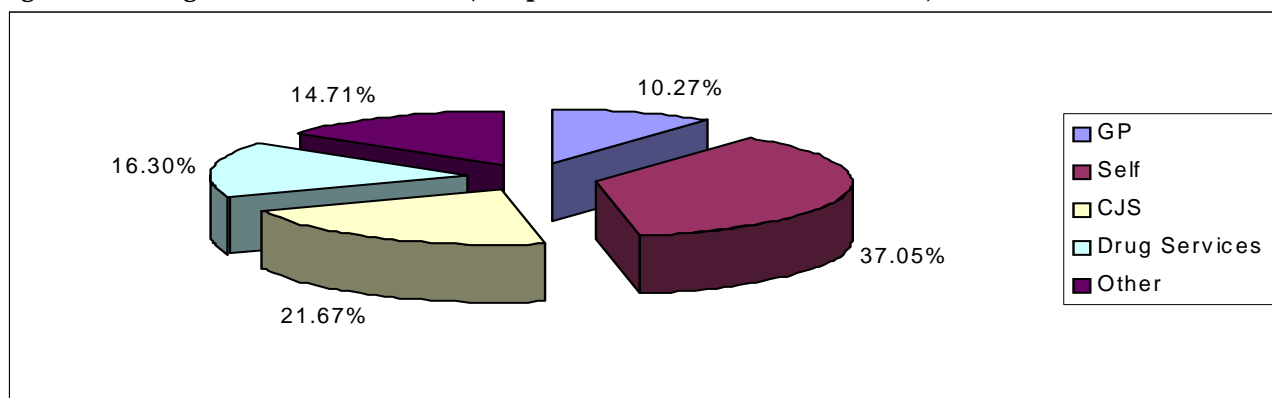
**Table Four: Gender and Ethnicity by D(A)AT of residence**

D(A)AT	Male		White	
	No.	%	No.	%
Blackburn with Darwen	785	78.03	856	93.96
Blackpool	974	68.50	1417	99.72
Bolton	1327	72.24	1738	94.92
Bury	642	72.54	813	92.49
Cheshire	1587	73.20	2019	98.39
Cumbria	831	65.07	1240	97.95
Halton	531	72.44	723	99.04
Knowsley	801	70.82	1104	97.96
Lancashire	3026	68.35	4079	96.23
Liverpool	2793	68.67	3834	96.79
Manchester	2412	71.45	2920	88.24
Oldham	803	73.87	927	85.60
Rochdale	1089	71.79	1403	93.53
Salford	888	74.75	1117	95.06
Sefton	981	70.47	1375	98.92
St Helens	809	74.91	1072	99.26
Stockport	663	73.58	847	95.71
Tameside	769	72.21	1001	96.44
Trafford	480	73.28	566	90.13
Warrington	672	75.42	881	98.99
Wigan and Leigh	1010	73.40	1356	98.76
Wirral	2002	73.63	2686	99.19

## 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= 47180 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 (37.05%).

**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, 21.67% of referral were from Criminal Justice Services, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 8.32% in Knowsley to 37.65% in Blackburn with Darwen.

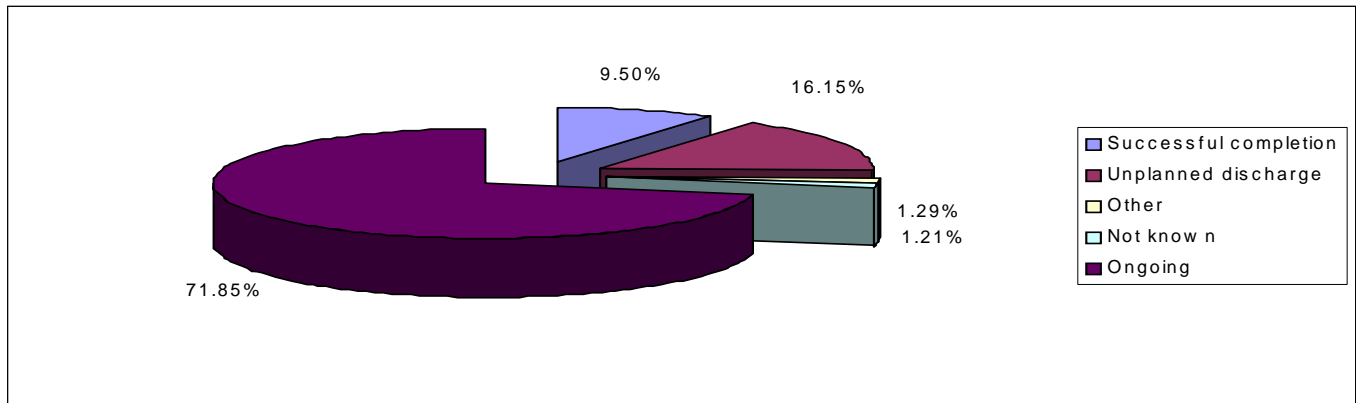
**Table Five: Referral Sources for all episodes of treatment by D(A)AT of residence**

D(A)AT	GP	Self	CJS	Drug services	Other
Blackburn with Darwen	102	459	474	57	167
Blackpool	47	392	565	919	147
Bolton	118	1032	821	295	234
Bury	100	333	314	138	177
Cheshire	309	1450	351	194	263
Cumbria	504	296	275	203	263
Halton	103	405	173	131	123
Knowsley	108	591	117	223	367
Lancashire	376	2441	1577	573	801
Liverpool	1350	1161	712	1346	746
Manchester	201	1498	965	747	908
Oldham	100	660	242	101	115
Rochdale	196	716	411	267	361
Salford	71	764	301	232	243
Sefton	165	432	494	681	167
St Helens	108	657	303	161	212
Stockport	48	540	261	171	131
Tameside	97	565	325	96	154
Trafford	61	255	191	78	127
Warrington	77	576	149	303	119
Wigan and Leigh	63	974	393	139	142
Wirral	443	923	597	479	829

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> January 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 (71.84%).

**Figure Three: Regional client status for latest treatment episode**



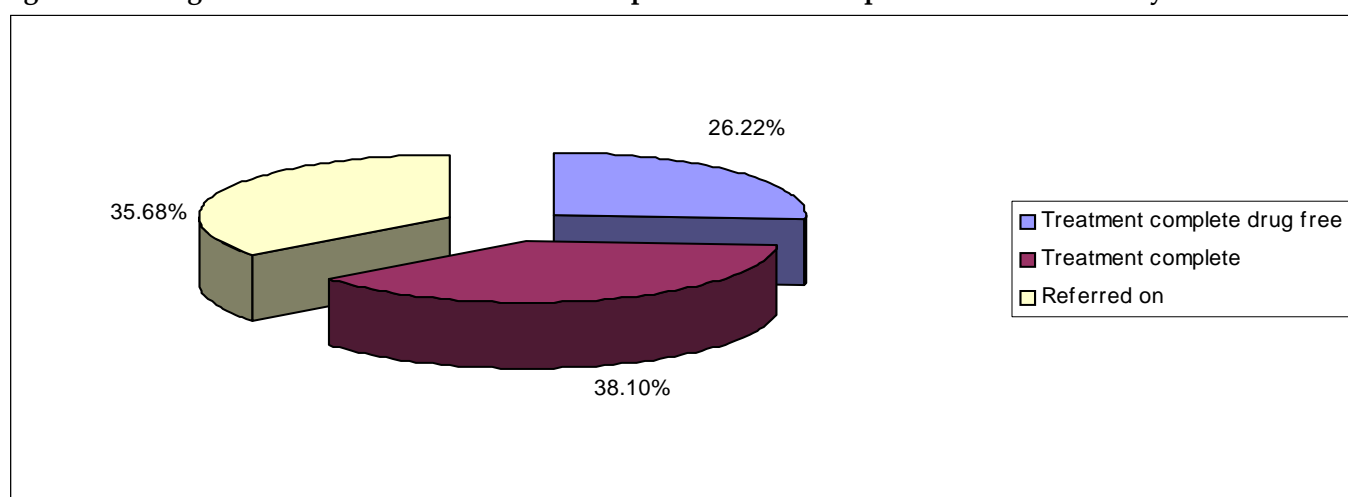
**Table Six: Client status for latest episode of treatment by D(A)AT of residence**

D(A)AT	Ongoing		Successful completion		Unplanned discharge		Not known		Other	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Blackburn with Darwen	664	66.00	141	14.02	191	18.99	-	-	6	0.60
Blackpool	920	64.70	183	12.87	252	17.72	-	-	66	4.64
Bolton	1198	65.22	165	8.98	418	22.75	33	1.80	23	1.25
Bury	583	65.88	110	12.43	184	20.79	0	0.00	8	0.90
Cheshire	1662	76.66	171	7.89	323	14.90	-	-	11	0.51
Cumbria	904	70.79	61	4.78	112	8.77	192	15.04	8	0.63
Halton	565	77.08	84	11.46	78	10.64	-	-	-	-
Knowsley	856	75.69	90	7.96	152	13.44	0	0.00	33	2.92
Lancashire	3049	68.87	519	11.72	791	17.87	7	0.16	61	1.38
Liverpool	2635	64.79	425	10.45	814	20.01	113	2.78	80	1.97
Manchester	2763	81.84	159	4.71	409	12.11	17	0.50	28	0.83
Oldham	758	69.73	103	9.48	220	20.24	-	-	-	-
Rochdale	937	61.77	197	12.99	315	20.76	26	1.71	42	2.77
Salford	718	60.44	206	17.34	251	21.13	-	-	9	0.76
Sefton	999	71.77	154	11.06	204	14.66	7	0.50	28	2.01
St Helens	695	64.35	199	18.43	172	15.93	-	-	11	1.02
Stockport	601	66.70	140	15.54	148	16.43	8	0.89	-	-
Tameside	752	70.61	74	6.95	228	21.41	9	0.85	-	-
Trafford	464	70.84	88	13.44	82	12.52	0	0.00	21	3.21
Warrington	721	80.92	60	6.73	108	12.12	0	0.00	-	-
Wigan and Leigh	1027	74.64	93	6.76	246	17.88	5	0.36	5	0.36
Wirral	2222	81.72	180	6.62	275	10.11	18	0.66	24	0.88

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Figure Four illustrates the breakdown of successful completions for those concluding treatment regionally 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.**



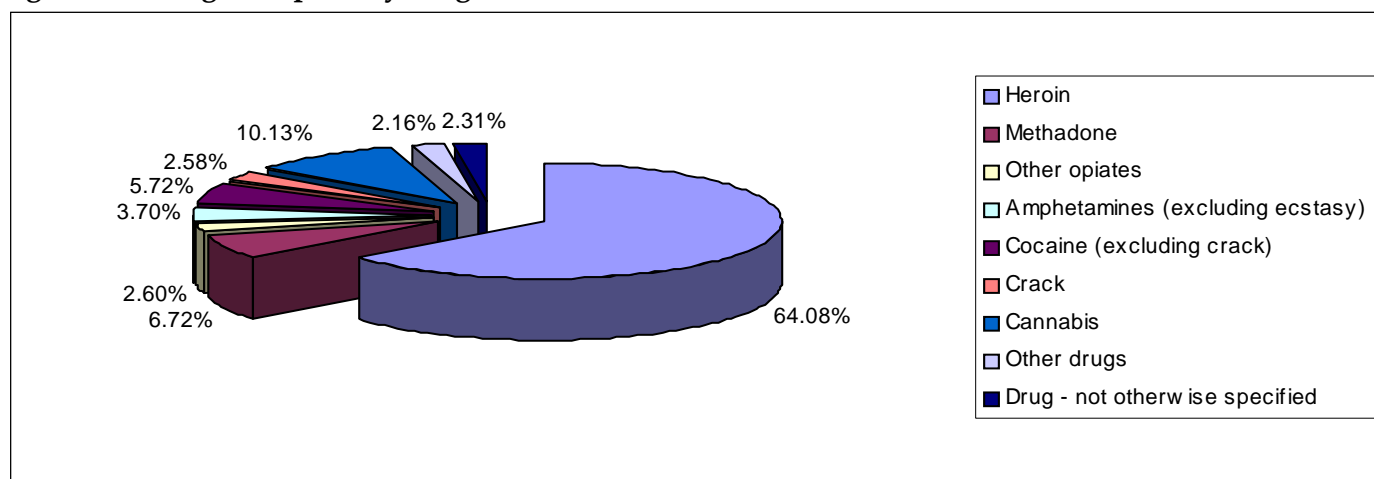
**Table Seven: Breakdown of successful treatment completions for latest episode of treatment by D(A)AT of residence for the year to date.**

D(A)AT	Treatment Complete Drug Free	Treatment Completed	Referred on
Blackburn with Darwen	15	72	54
Blackpool	29	59	95
Bolton	52	58	55
Bury	33	59	18
Cheshire	71	40	60
Cumbria	10	42	9
Halton	26	43	15
Knowsley	39	26	25
Lancashire	84	191	244
Liverpool	129	124	172
Manchester	29	52	78
Oldham	34	32	37
Rochdale	48	99	50
Salford	18	72	116
Sefton	23	54	77
St Helens	32	27	140
Stockport	39	95	6
Tameside	21	37	16
Trafford	23	26	39
Warrington	35	15	10
Wigan and Leigh	20	41	32
Wirral	98	50	32

## 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 64.08% of individuals reported heroin as their primary drug of use, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 80.24% in Blackpool to 43.51% 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	703	24	43	57	15	14	103	16	31	1006
Blackpool	1141	91	27	45	21	19	52	26	0	1422
Bolton	1195	100	68	123	76	51	152	48	24	1837
Bury	450	42	13	44	54	38	213	22	9	885
Cheshire	1407	272	48	60	82	45	145	28	81	2168
Cumbria	844	76	77	74	32	-	95	71	-	1277
Halton	377	62	9	35	92	38	107	13	0	733
Knowsley	570	37	11	38	178	24	238	20	15	1131
Lancashire	3077	252	76	182	94	91	273	122	260	4427
Liverpool	2476	322	104	37	382	112	342	37	255	4067
Manchester	2633	163	54	72	60	135	180	26	53	3376
Oldham	760	44	23	52	59	23	87	38	-	1087
Rochdale	728	125	16	68	111	66	287	85	31	1517
Salford	691	109	45	47	56	21	191	25	-	1188
Sefton	1018	55	18	11	101	19	112	11	47	1392
St Helens	671	79	21	24	96	32	125	21	11	1080
Stockport	392	115	41	71	73	28	153	13	15	901
Tameside	641	122	41	53	61	28	82	26	11	1065
Trafford	339	76	18	20	65	20	102	14	-	655
Warrington	497	93	30	22	66	22	135	22	-	891
Wigan and Leigh	853	78	25	110	85	20	162	43	0	1376
Wirral	1859	85	129	72	177	94	243	40	20	2719

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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	-	702	0	24	-	42	-	53	-	11	0	14	54	49	0	16	0	31	64	942
Blackpool	-	1137	-	90	0	27	0	45	0	21	0	19	23	29	9	17	0	0	37	1385
Bolton	-	1191	-	99	0	68	6	117	6	70	-	47	43	109	10	38	0	24	74	1763
Bury	0	450	0	42	0	13	-	40	-	51	-	37	107	106	8	14	-	7	125	760
Cheshire	5	1402	0	272	-	47	5	55	-	81	0	45	62	83	-	24	-	77	82	2086
Cumbria	-	842	0	76	0	77	-	72	-	29	0	-	36	59	9	62	0	-	52	1225
Halton	0	377	0	62	0	9	0	35	-	91	0	38	47	60	-	12	0	0	49	684
Knowsley	0	570	0	37	0	11	0	38	8	170	-	23	101	137	-	17	0	15	113	1018
Lancashire	8	3069	-	251	0	76	10	172	5	89	0	91	139	134	21	101	-	259	185	4242
Liverpool	-	2475	0	322	0	104	0	37	-	378	0	112	130	212	-	34	8	247	146	3921
Manchester	-	2632	-	162	0	54	0	72	-	59	0	135	34	146	-	25	0	53	38	3338
Oldham	0	760	0	44	0	23	0	52	-	58	0	23	43	44	-	36	-	0	47	1040
Rochdale	-	725	0	125	0	16	0	68	11	100	0	66	151	136	11	74	0	31	176	1341
Salford	0	691	0	109	0	45	-	46	6	50	0	21	94	97	7	18	0	-	108	1080
Sefton	0	1018	0	55	0	18	0	11	-	97	0	19	57	55	-	10	0	47	62	1330
St Helens	0	671	0	79	0	21	-	22	-	92	0	32	55	70	7	14	0	11	68	1012
Stockport	0	392	0	115	0	41	-	69	10	63	0	28	40	113	0	13	8	7	60	841
Tameside	0	641	0	122	0	41	-	52	-	60	0	28	29	53	8	18	0	11	39	1026
Trafford	-	338	0	76	0	18	0	20	0	65	0	20	44	58	-	10	0	-	49	606
Warrington	0	497	0	93	-	29	-	21	-	65	0	22	39	96	6	16	-	-	50	841
Wigan and Leigh	-	851	0	78	0	25	-	109	13	72	0	20	59	103	14	29	0	0	89	1287
Wirral	0	1859	0	85	0	129	-	70	14	163	0	94	79	164	11	29	0	20	106	2613

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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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