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Introduction

This publication is part of the 2007/08 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 2007 up to 31st January 2008. 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.

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/publications.asp>

Triage and Discharge Information for January 2008

The following section details the number of individuals who were triaged during January 2008. 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 2008, along with the discharge reasons for individuals leaving treatment services.

Table One: Number of triages and discharges during January 2008 by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	No. Triaged in January 2008	No. successful completions January 2008	No. unplanned discharges January 2008	No. discharges reason 'not known' January 2008	No. discharges reason 'other' January 2008
Blackburn with Darwen	40	14	22	0	0
Blackpool	71	30	14	0	6
Bolton	57	28	30	-	0
Bury	22	9	-	0	0
Cheshire	66	14	9	0	0
Cumbria	56	19	31	-	-
Halton	20	6	7	0	0
Knowsley	42	54	8	0	0
Lancashire	198	96	56	0	6
Liverpool	169	68	59	-	-
Manchester	131	26	51	0	-
Oldham	50	28	19	0	0
Rochdale	53	18	15	0	0
Salford	35	18	18	0	0
Sefton	63	28	22	0	0
St Helens	50	18	11	0	-
Stockport	30	19	9	0	0
Tameside	54	8	19	-	0
Trafford	42	17	11	-	-
Warrington	50	11	13	0	0
Wigan and Leigh	101	22	25	0	0
Wirral	53	21	14	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 2007 to 31st January 2008. 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.

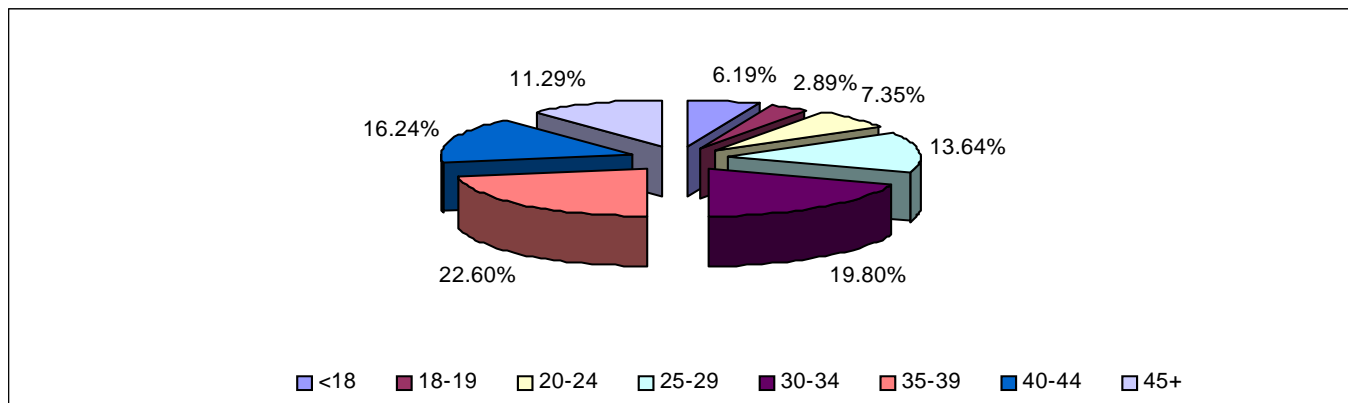
Table Two: Number of individuals in contact with treatment services (From 01/04/2007 to 31/01/2008) by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Number in treatment YTD
Blackburn with Darwen	996
Blackpool	1486
Bolton	1714
Bury	881
Cheshire	2273
Cumbria	1750
Halton	991
Knowsley	1276
Lancashire	4907
Liverpool	4263
Manchester	3493
Oldham	1087
Rochdale	1596
Salford	1112
Sefton	1661
St Helens	1089
Stockport	857
Tameside	1105
Trafford	736
Warrington	877
Wigan and Leigh	1502
Wirral	2731

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 (31/01/2008).

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



Whilst regionally 6.19% 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 Wirral and Bolton, 2.64% and 2.74% of the treatment population respectively were aged under 18. In contrast, 14.91% and 14.19% of those in contact with treatment services in Rochdale and Bury respectively were aged under 18. In Blackburn with Darwen, 17.77% of those in contact with service were aged 40 and over, whereas in Liverpool and Wirral this age group comprised 38.10% and 42.04% 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	74	36	72	140	265	232	106	71
Blackpool	53	26	111	261	318	357	217	143
Bolton	47	56	163	321	452	338	223	114
Bury	125	75	63	123	157	142	113	83
Cheshire	156	66	202	366	483	446	312	242
Cumbria	53	43	202	386	424	318	171	153
Halton	40	38	104	151	206	206	130	116
Knowsley	173	28	93	150	204	298	223	107
Lancashire	375	160	356	784	1144	1050	602	436
Liverpool	157	81	202	395	675	1129	988	636
Manchester	109	46	157	358	681	920	714	508
Oldham	131	33	77	126	207	239	158	116
Rochdale	238	75	108	188	231	332	226	198
Salford	82	29	66	139	244	248	184	120
Sefton	102	40	107	157	265	467	320	203
St Helens	58	31	105	171	233	240	137	114
Stockport	47	30	71	125	184	167	119	114
Tameside	72	25	85	210	264	240	126	83
Trafford	58	25	78	77	97	152	151	98
Warrington	34	32	74	127	190	218	126	76
Wigan and Leigh	60	55	147	289	361	305	181	104
Wirral	72	58	169	239	349	696	707	441

Gender and Ethnicity of individuals in contact with treatment services

During 2007/08 (YTD), 71.66% of individuals in contact with treatment services in the North West were male. Regionally, 95.73% of those individuals stating their ethnicity were described as 'white', there was a degree of variation in this percentage from 87.08% in Oldham to 99.46% in Blackpool. It should be noted that ethnicity percentages were calculated from those that stated an ethnicity and did not include missing data.

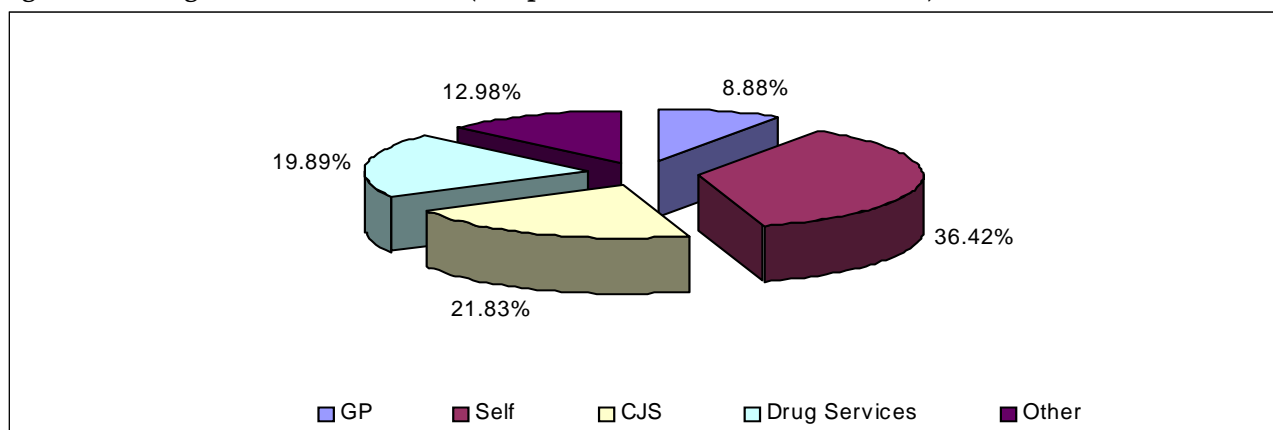
Table Four: Gender and Ethnicity by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Male		White	
	No.	%	No.	%
Blackburn with Darwen	775	77.81	873	93.97
Blackpool	1014	68.24	1472	99.46
Bolton	1232	71.88	1601	93.79
Bury	653	74.12	817	93.37
Cheshire	1646	72.42	2194	98.17
Cumbria	1197	68.40	1686	98.83
Halton	713	71.95	971	98.98
Knowsley	914	71.63	1246	98.65
Lancashire	3377	68.82	4526	96.38
Liverpool	2999	70.35	3963	96.17
Manchester	2497	71.49	3007	87.44
Oldham	798	73.41	944	87.08
Rochdale	1124	70.43	1466	93.20
Salford	832	74.82	1052	95.03
Sefton	1176	70.80	1644	99.34
St Helens	835	76.68	1079	99.26
Stockport	625	72.93	817	95.89
Tameside	815	73.76	1057	95.92
Trafford	541	73.51	649	90.39
Warrington	655	74.69	864	98.63
Wigan and Leigh	1112	74.03	1472	98.86
Wirral	1988	72.79	2710	99.34

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

In this section of the report, all episodes of treatment in 2007/08 have been recorded, regardless of whether an individual has entered treatment on more than one occasion over the year (n=49,673 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 (36.42%).

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, 21.83% of referrals were from Criminal Justice Services, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 12.27% in Warrington to 39.55% 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	81	464	505	128	99
Blackpool	33	477	557	1085	166
Bolton	109	963	595	295	160
Bury	85	267	325	129	180
Cheshire	241	1409	419	275	281
Cumbria	566	625	441	272	302
Halton	104	499	266	449	225
Knowsley	80	528	249	248	434
Lancashire	415	2595	1649	1379	709
Liverpool	1245	1332	1192	1358	636
Manchester	211	1613	848	818	874
Oldham	78	627	198	76	185
Rochdale	141	828	322	234	396
Salford	62	606	298	205	151
Sefton	97	499	588	962	202
St Helens	108	673	269	172	182
Stockport	39	520	188	142	121
Tameside	91	571	340	152	121
Trafford	53	183	314	245	83
Warrington	61	614	140	229	97
Wigan and Leigh	46	1014	490	343	93
Wirral	416	980	526	573	679

Discharge reasons for individuals in contact with treatment services

The following section details the discharge reasons for individuals exiting structured drug treatment during 2007/08 (YTD). In this section, only data from a client's latest episode were used. The NDTMS has 13 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 January 2008, Other and Not Known. Where agencies did not complete a discharge date a client was assumed to be still in contact and in an ongoing episode. Regionally, the majority of clients in contact with treatment services during 2007/08 (YTD) were in an ongoing treatment episode (72.38%).

Figure Three: Regional client status for latest treatment episode

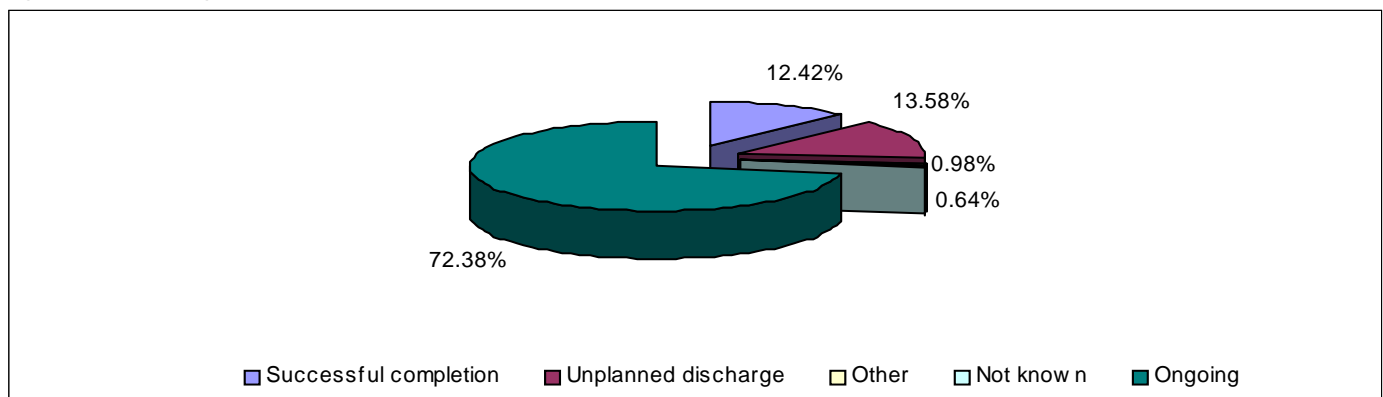


Table Six: Client status for latest episode of treatment by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Ongoing		Successful completion		Unplanned discharge		Not known		Other	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Blackburn with Darwen	678	68.07	113	11.35	197	19.78	-	-	7	.70
Blackpool	1048	70.52	248	16.69	150	10.09	0	0.00	40	2.69
Bolton	1158	67.56	244	14.24	288	16.80	-	-	20	1.17
Bury	645	73.21	103	11.69	123	13.96	7	.79	-	-
Cheshire	1759	77.39	240	10.56	262	11.53	5	.22	7	.31
Cumbria	1247	71.26	162	9.26	302	17.26	29	1.66	10	.57
Halton	736	74.27	152	15.34	91	9.18	-	-	10	1.01
Knowsley	869	68.10	249	19.51	128	10.03	-	-	28	2.19
Lancashire	3263	66.50	872	17.77	639	13.02	-	-	130	2.65
Liverpool	3018	70.80	531	12.46	680	15.95	7	.16	27	.63
Manchester	2734	78.27	246	7.04	485	13.88	-	-	26	.74
Oldham	758	69.73	147	13.52	180	16.56	-	-	0	0.00
Rochdale	1150	72.06	206	12.91	225	14.10	-	-	12	.75
Salford	757	68.08	186	16.73	167	15.02	0	0.00	-	-
Sefton	1163	70.02	209	12.58	279	16.80	6	.36	-	-
St Helens	732	67.22	200	18.37	148	13.59	0	0.00	9	.83
Stockport	565	65.93	178	20.77	105	12.25	6	.70	-	-
Tameside	811	73.39	73	6.61	199	18.01	12	1.09	10	.90
Trafford	496	67.39	118	16.03	112	15.22	6	.82	-	-
Warrington	542	61.80	83	9.46	96	10.95	153	17.45	-	-
Wigan and Leigh	1059	70.51	178	11.85	255	16.98	7	.47	-	-
Wirral	2275	83.30	211	7.73	228	8.35	-	-	16	.59

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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=4,949) 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.

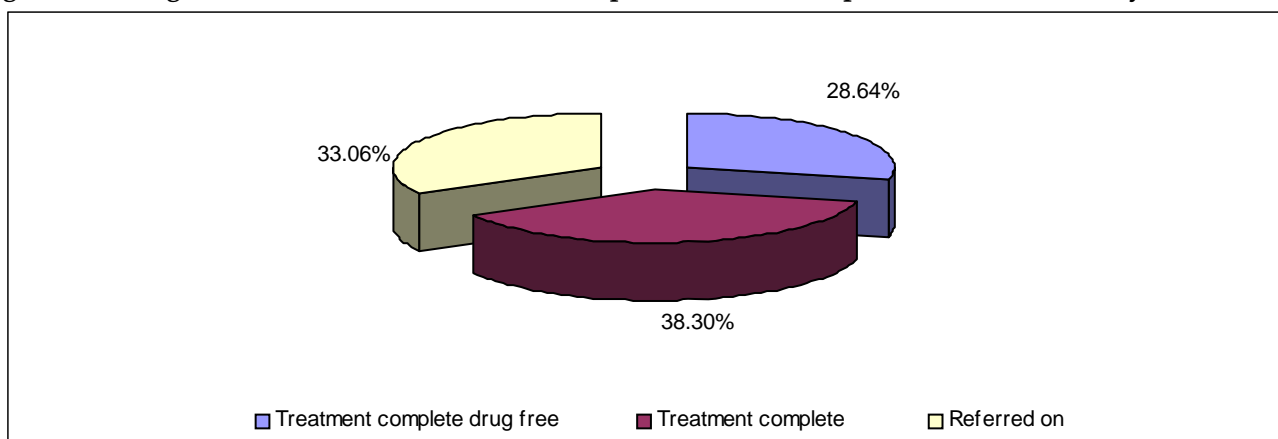


Table Seven: Breakdown of successful treatment completions for latest episode of treatment by D(A)AT of residence for the year to date.

D(A)AT	Treatment Complete Drug Free		Treatment Completed		Referred on	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Blackburn with Darwen	27	23.89	39	34.51	47	41.59
Blackpool	67	27.02	62	25.00	119	47.98
Bolton	86	35.25	99	40.57	59	24.18
Bury	51	49.51	28	27.18	24	23.30
Cheshire	70	29.17	107	44.58	63	26.25
Cumbria	21	12.96	118	72.84	23	14.20
Halton	35	23.03	62	40.79	55	36.18
Knowsley	96	38.55	116	46.59	37	14.86
Lancashire	117	13.42	277	31.77	478	54.82
Liverpool	203	38.23	126	23.73	202	38.04
Manchester	67	27.24	71	28.86	108	43.90
Oldham	40	27.21	78	53.06	29	19.73
Rochdale	74	35.92	87	42.23	45	21.84
Salford	40	21.51	84	45.16	62	33.33
Sefton	58	27.75	52	24.88	99	47.37
St Helens	44	22.00	25	12.50	131	65.50
Stockport	30	16.85	144	80.90	-	-
Tameside	32	43.84	30	41.10	11	15.07
Trafford	42	35.59	48	40.68	28	23.73
Warrington	46	55.42	14	16.87	23	27.71
Wigan and Leigh	35	19.66	60	33.71	83	46.63
Wirral	92	43.60	73	34.60	46	21.80

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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 64.48% of individuals reported heroin as their primary drug of use, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 81.16% in Blackpool to 38.95% in Halton.

Figure Five: Regional primary drug of use.

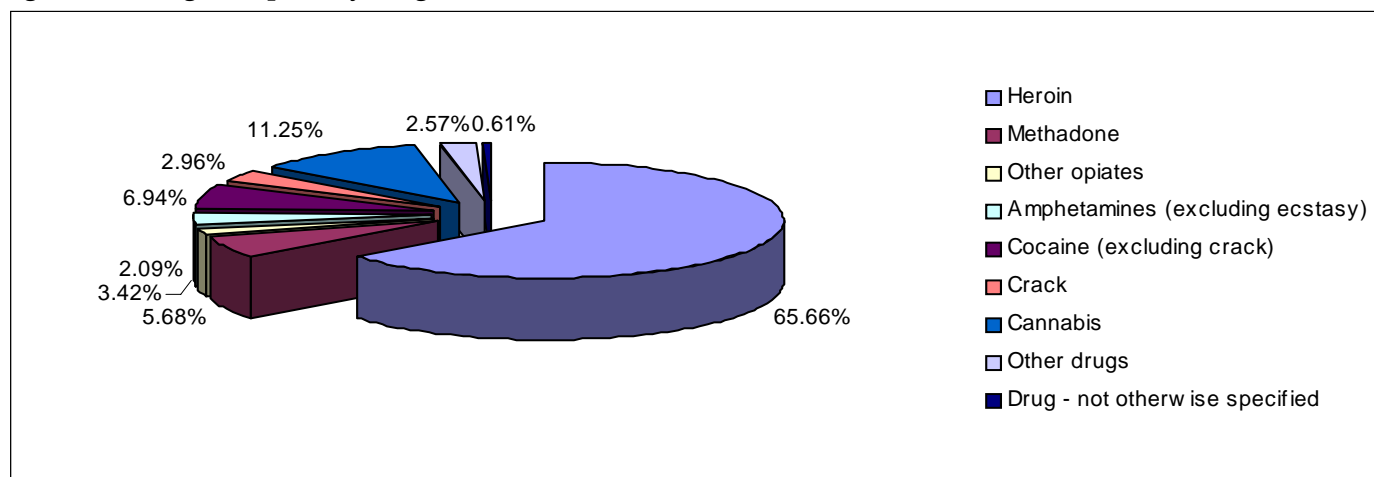


Table Eight: Primary drug of use by D(A)AT of residence

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	709	33	24	47	15	16	134	18	0	996
Blackpool	1206	46	17	56	27	29	65	39	-	1486
Bolton	1211	90	59	84	69	43	112	42	-	1714
Bury	494	7	10	35	81	27	195	30	-	881
Cheshire	1495	255	63	43	103	64	201	49	0	2273
Cumbria	1157	113	97	96	55	6	142	81	-	1750
Halton	386	65	15	43	127	57	216	82	0	991
Knowsley	609	43	15	29	204	24	324	25	-	1276
Lancashire	3318	246	84	247	175	106	546	136	49	4907
Liverpool	2790	298	35	29	456	147	349	49	110	4263
Manchester	2609	208	58	83	119	159	166	84	7	3493
Oldham	726	34	19	29	60	23	178	17	-	1087
Rochdale	855	100	11	67	78	52	342	75	16	1596
Salford	681	82	34	56	45	25	150	38	-	1112
Sefton	1045	72	16	18	220	44	177	32	37	1661
St Helens	690	68	22	28	119	19	116	26	-	1089
Stockport	496	26	36	53	76	37	121	12	0	857
Tameside	692	76	36	40	93	24	110	31	-	1105
Trafford	350	68	21	13	55	80	136	13	0	736
Warrington	528	66	24	15	87	22	112	22	-	877
Wigan and Leigh	974	78	27	118	119	24	131	31	0	1502
Wirral	1876	101	79	61	240	113	205	53	-	2731

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'Other Drugs' includes benzodiazepines, hallucinogens, ecstasy, solvents, barbiturates, major tranquillisers, anti-depressants, prescription drugs, 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	-	708	0	33	0	24	-	46	0	15	0	16	68	66	-	14	0	0	74	922
Blackpool	-	1205	0	46	0	17	-	54	0	27	0	29	37	28	13	26	0	-	53	1433
Bolton	5	1206	0	90	-	58	-	82	-	67	-	41	28	84	7	35	0	-	47	1667
Bury	-	493	0	7	0	10	-	31	10	71	-	26	100	95	8	22	-	-	125	756
Cheshire	5	1490	0	255	0	63	-	39	-	99	-	63	134	67	8	41	0	0	156	2117
Cumbria	-	1155	0	113	0	97	-	93	-	54	0	6	33	109	14	67	0	-	53	1697
Halton	0	386	0	65	0	15	0	43	-	125	0	57	38	178	0	82	0	0	40	951
Knowsley	0	609	0	43	0	15	0	29	9	195	0	24	160	164	-	21	0	-	173	1103
Lancashire	5	3313	0	246	0	84	20	227	17	158	-	105	304	242	28	108	0	49	375	4532
Liverpool	0	2790	0	298	0	35	-	28	-	452	-	145	136	213	6	43	8	102	157	4106
Manchester	6	2603	0	208	0	58	-	82	25	94	0	159	71	95	6	78	0	7	109	3384
Oldham	0	726	0	34	0	19	-	28	-	57	-	22	122	56	-	14	-	0	131	956
Rochdale	-	854	0	100	0	11	5	62	17	61	0	52	189	153	26	49	0	16	238	1358
Salford	0	681	0	82	0	34	-	55	-	44	0	25	73	77	7	31	0	-	82	1030
Sefton	-	1044	0	72	0	16	-	16	13	207	0	44	75	102	11	21	0	37	102	1559
St Helens	0	690	0	68	0	22	-	26	5	114	0	19	45	71	6	20	0	-	58	1031
Stockport	0	496	0	26	0	36	0	53	5	71	0	37	42	79	0	12	0	0	47	810
Tameside	-	690	0	76	0	36	-	37	10	83	0	24	50	60	7	24	0	-	72	1033
Trafford	0	350	0	68	0	21	-	12	-	54	0	80	55	81	-	12	0	0	58	678
Warrington	-	526	0	66	0	24	0	15	5	82	0	22	24	88	-	19	0	-	34	843
Wigan and Leigh	0	974	0	78	0	27	-	115	7	112	0	24	42	89	8	23	0	0	60	1442
Wirral	-	1873	0	101	0	79	-	60	15	225	0	113	46	159	7	46	0	-	72	2659

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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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