

North West NDTMS Monthly Report

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Introduction

This publication is the eighth in the 2008/09 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 2008 up to 31st December 2008.

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 2008 to 31st December 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 One: Number of individuals in contact with treatment services (From 01/04/2008 to 31/12/2008) by D(A)AT of residence

| D(A)AT | Number in treatment YTD |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Blackburn with Darwen | 985 |
| Blackpool | 1653 |
| Bolton | 1693 |
| Bury | 825 |
| Cheshire | 2228 |
| Cumbria | 1736 |
| Halton | 695 |
| Knowsley | 1150 |
| Lancashire | 5056 |
| Liverpool | 4203 |
| Manchester | 3754 |
| Oldham | 1057 |
| Rochdale | 1506 |
| Salford | 1141 |
| Sefton | 1713 |
| St Helens | 1167 |
| Stockport | 896 |
| Tameside | 1066 |
| Trafford | 703 |
| Warrington | 765 |
| Wigan and Leigh | 1585 |
| Wirral | 2629 |

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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