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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 December 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.

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 December 2007

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

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

D(A)AT	No. Triaged in December 2007	No. successful completions December 2007	No. unplanned discharges December 2007	No. discharges reason 'not known' December 2007	No. discharges reason 'other' December 2007
Blackburn with Darwen	32	-	19	0	-
Blackpool	65	23	6	0	8
Bolton	57	13	24	0	0
Bury	19	-	-	0	0
Cheshire	48	18	8	0	-
Cumbria	32	19	26	-	0
Halton	28	9	-	0	0
Knowsley	35	20	12	-	8
Lancashire	137	81	45	0	-
Liverpool	136	50	59	0	0
Manchester	51	15	27	0	-
Oldham	27	-	14	0	0
Rochdale	26	16	14	0	-
Salford	27	10	8	0	0
Sefton	43	27	24	0	0
St Helens	23	18	19	0	0
Stockport	17	22	13	-	0
Tameside	31	-	11	0	0
Trafford	21	7	6	-	0
Warrington	29	10	12	0	0
Wigan and Leigh	29	12	-	0	0
Wirral	33	22	28	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 1st April 2007 to 31st December 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). 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.

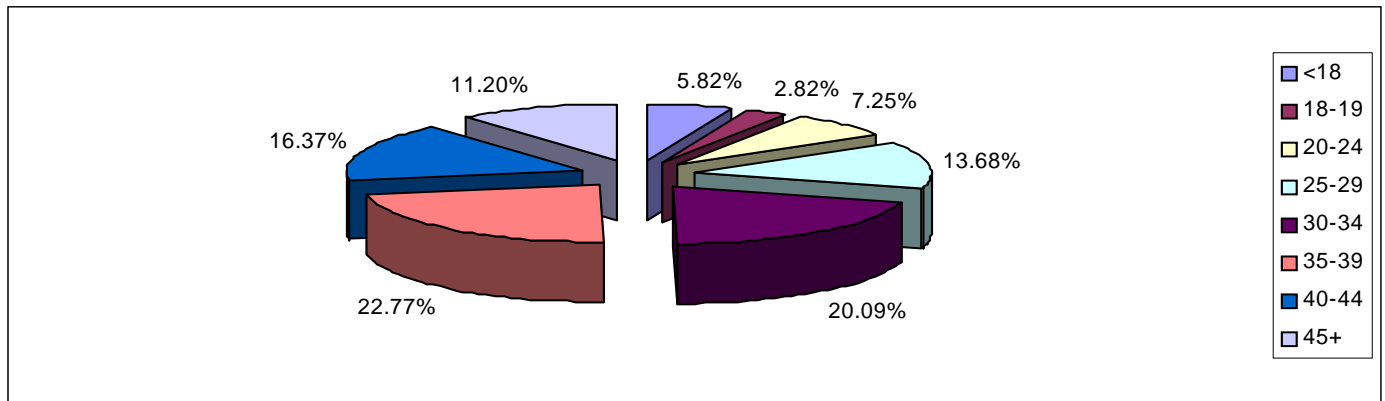
**Table Two: Number of individuals in contact with treatment services
(From 01/04/2007 to 31/12/2007) by D(A)AT of residence**

D(A)AT	Number in treatment YTD
Blackburn with Darwen	971
Blackpool	1447
Bolton	1679
Bury	854
Cheshire	2209
Cumbria	1664
Halton	983
Knowsley	1231
Lancashire	4805
Liverpool	4158
Manchester	3391
Oldham	1012
Rochdale	1527
Salford	1084
Sefton	1607
St Helens	1061
Stockport	826
Tameside	1066
Trafford	697
Warrington	872
Wigan and Leigh	1454
Wirral	2683

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 (31/12/2007).

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



Whilst regionally 5.82% 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, 2.61% and 2.80% of the treatment population respectively were aged under 18. In contrast, 13.73% and 13.49% of those in contact with treatment services in Knowsley and Rochdale respectively were aged under 18. In Blackburn with Darwen, 17.71% of those in contact with service were aged 40 and over, whereas in Liverpool and Wirral this age group comprised 38.07% 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	71	32	68	139	262	227	102	70
Blackpool	54	22	109	252	312	354	205	139
Bolton	47	56	156	326	438	331	218	107
Bury	100	79	66	123	151	144	108	83
Cheshire	149	59	193	357	480	429	311	231
Cumbria	50	44	183	362	416	294	166	149
Halton	39	40	101	150	205	201	132	115
Knowsley	169	21	94	137	203	291	213	103
Lancashire	359	147	362	776	1135	1025	587	414
Liverpool	149	75	194	390	661	1106	968	615
Manchester	99	41	142	350	662	913	689	495
Oldham	76	28	76	120	204	239	156	113
Rochdale	206	75	107	181	224	324	220	190
Salford	80	24	62	132	242	244	183	117
Sefton	95	41	98	150	256	456	315	196
St Helens	55	27	103	163	233	236	136	108
Stockport	43	29	69	121	180	160	121	103
Tameside	64	24	80	208	260	227	124	79
Trafford	51	25	69	76	98	140	145	93
Warrington	35	29	68	125	204	209	128	74
Wigan and Leigh	60	53	140	282	348	301	171	99
Wirral	70	61	159	229	344	692	702	426

Gender and Ethnicity of individuals in contact with treatment services

During 2007/08 (YTD), 71.55% of individuals in contact with treatment services in the North West were male. Regionally, 95.75% of those individuals stating their ethnicity were described as 'white', there was a degree of variation in this percentage from 86.99% in Oldham to 99.38% in Blackpool and Sefton. It should be noted that ethnicity percentages were calculated from those that stated an ethnicity and did not include missing data.

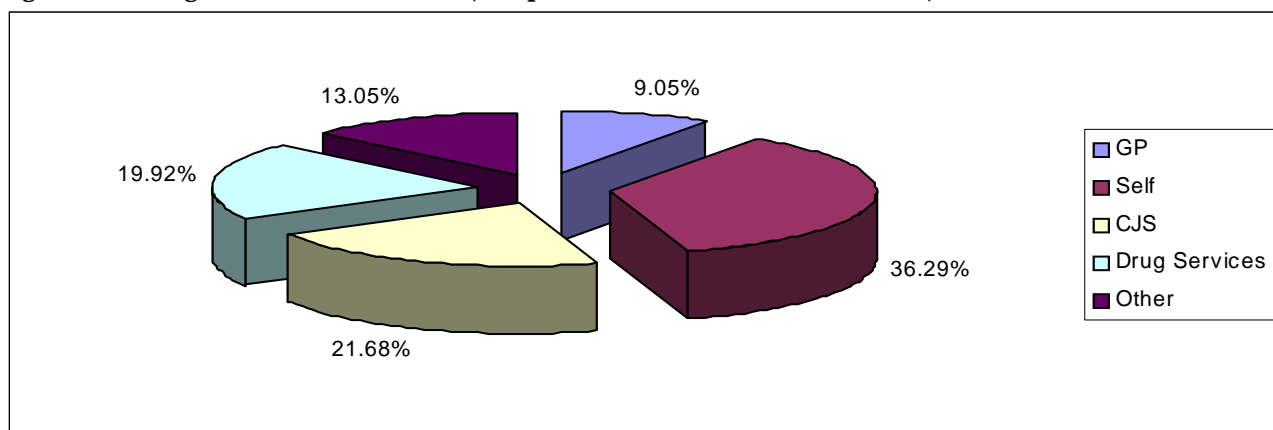
Table Four: Gender and Ethnicity by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Male		White	
	No.	%	No.	%
Blackburn with Darwen	754	77.65	846	94.31
Blackpool	985	68.07	1431	99.38
Bolton	1205	71.77	1570	93.90
Bury	631	73.89	793	93.40
Cheshire	1599	72.39	2133	98.20
Cumbria	1133	68.09	1603	99.01
Halton	706	71.82	964	98.97
Knowsley	883	71.73	1202	98.69
Lancashire	3314	68.97	4422	96.34
Liverpool	2921	70.25	3860	96.19
Manchester	2411	71.10	2913	87.24
Oldham	741	73.22	876	86.99
Rochdale	1071	70.14	1402	93.16
Salford	806	74.35	1026	95.09
Sefton	1129	70.26	1591	99.38
St Helens	812	76.53	1051	99.24
Stockport	605	73.24	787	95.86
Tameside	786	73.73	1020	95.95
Trafford	509	73.03	617	90.34
Warrington	655	75.11	860	98.74
Wigan and Leigh	1074	73.87	1431	98.83
Wirral	1955	72.87	2661	99.29

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=47,744 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 (36.29%).

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, 21.68% of referrals were from Criminal Justice Services, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 10.91% in Warrington to 39.48% 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	450	488	124	93
Blackpool	31	445	543	1039	161
Bolton	107	928	582	279	156
Bury	84	263	303	131	166
Cheshire	238	1371	402	216	265
Cumbria	528	585	434	278	278
Halton	101	492	253	441	223
Knowsley	78	502	234	234	422
Lancashire	416	2514	1639	1346	739
Liverpool	1222	1281	1105	1304	614
Manchester	206	1541	801	793	854
Oldham	77	606	185	72	129
Rochdale	138	791	301	230	382
Salford	61	590	278	197	149
Sefton	104	412	556	974	193
St Helens	104	656	238	160	176
Stockport	38	496	178	132	116
Tameside	89	556	320	140	110
Trafford	42	171	297	233	77
Warrington	71	570	118	227	96
Wigan and Leigh	46	964	453	296	89
Wirral	408	937	522	554	670

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 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 31st December 2007, 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 (74.02%).

Figure Three: Regional client status for latest treatment episode

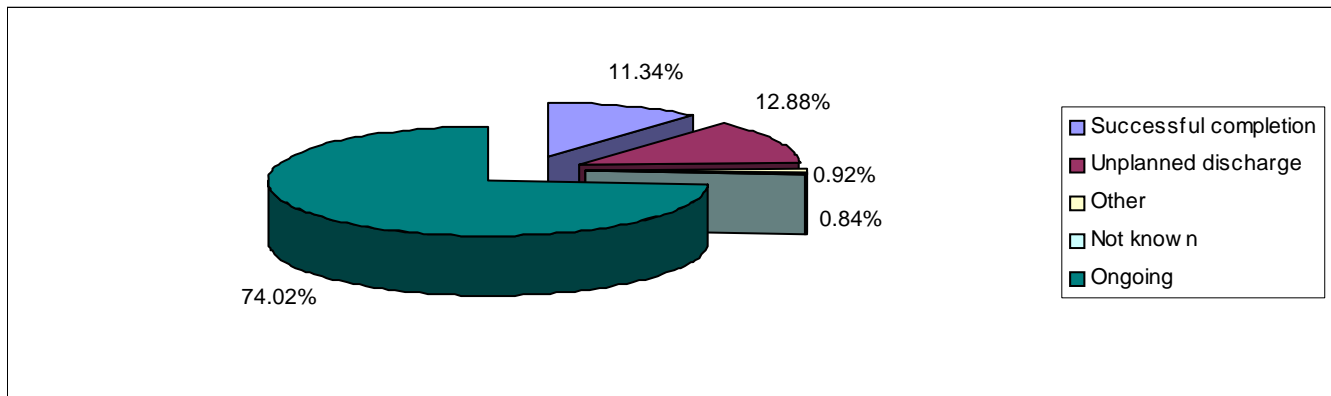


Table Six: Client status for latest episode of treatment by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Ongoing		Successful completion		Unplanned discharge		Not known		Other	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Blackburn with Darwen	681	70.13	98	10.09	184	18.95	-	-	7	.72
Blackpool	1045	72.22	225	15.55	142	9.81	0	0.00	35	2.42
Bolton	1211	72.13	197	11.73	249	14.83	-	-	19	1.13
Bury	650	76.11	88	10.30	111	13.00	-	-	-	-
Cheshire	1734	78.50	226	10.23	237	10.73	5	.23	7	.32
Cumbria	1170	70.31	151	9.07	294	17.67	41	2.46	8	.48
Halton	741	75.38	158	16.07	72	7.32	-	-	10	1.02
Knowsley	879	71.41	172	13.97	132	10.72	-	-	45	3.66
Lancashire	3290	68.47	812	16.90	598	12.45	-	-	102	2.12
Liverpool	3040	73.11	471	11.33	616	14.81	6	.14	25	.60
Manchester	2717	80.12	210	6.19	438	12.92	-	-	24	.71
Oldham	756	74.70	90	8.89	164	16.21	-	-	0	0.00
Rochdale	1132	74.13	180	11.79	200	13.10	-	-	12	.79
Salford	765	70.57	160	14.76	157	14.48	0	0.00	-	-
Sefton	1145	71.25	190	11.82	262	16.30	5	.31	5	.31
St Helens	733	69.09	185	17.44	136	12.82	0	0.00	7	.66
Stockport	550	66.59	168	20.34	97	11.74	8	.97	-	-
Tameside	815	76.45	63	5.91	174	16.32	10	.94	-	-
Trafford	487	69.87	102	14.63	104	14.92	-	-	-	-
Warrington	495	56.77	73	8.37	83	9.52	218	25.00	-	-
Wigan and Leigh	1057	72.70	158	10.87	229	15.75	7	.48	-	-
Wirral	2243	83.60	201	7.49	223	8.31	-	-	15	.56

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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=4,378) 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.

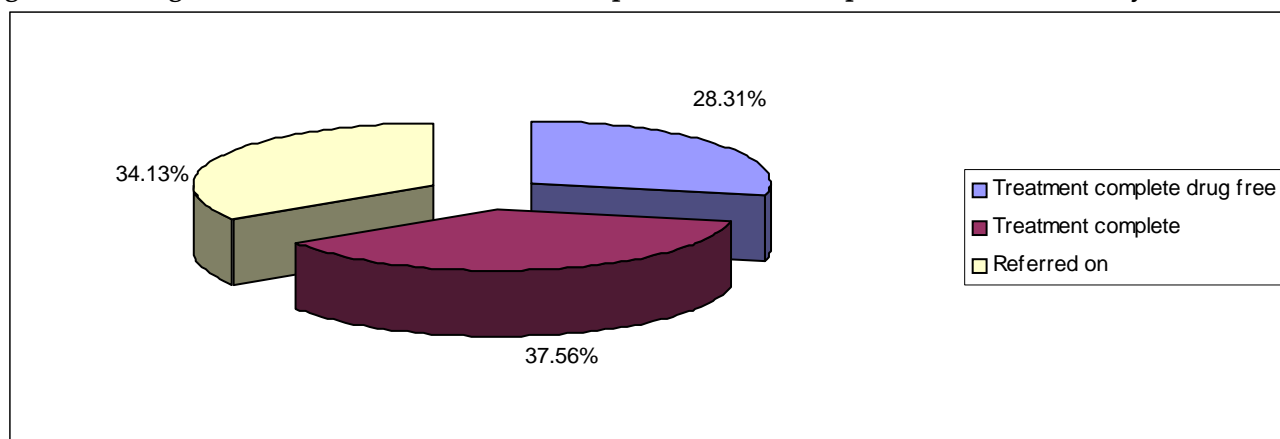


Table Seven: Breakdown of successful treatment completions for latest episode of treatment by D(A)AT of residence for the year to date.

D(A)AT	Treatment Complete Drug Free		Treatment Completed		Referred on	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Blackburn with Darwen	22	22.45	33	33.67	43	43.88
Blackpool	63	28.00	57	25.33	105	46.67
Bolton	67	34.01	85	43.15	45	22.84
Bury	46	52.27	22	25.00	20	22.73
Cheshire	65	28.76	98	43.36	63	27.88
Cumbria	21	13.91	106	70.20	24	15.89
Halton	32	20.25	62	39.24	64	40.51
Knowsley	80	46.51	58	33.72	34	19.77
Lancashire	111	13.67	257	31.65	444	54.68
Liverpool	177	37.58	120	25.48	174	36.94
Manchester	57	27.14	68	32.38	85	40.48
Oldham	38	42.22	36	40.00	16	17.78
Rochdale	65	36.11	80	44.44	35	19.44
Salford	31	19.38	72	45.00	57	35.63
Sefton	52	27.37	47	24.74	91	47.89
St Helens	38	20.54	24	12.97	123	66.49
Stockport	29	17.26	134	79.76	5	2.98
Tameside	27	42.86	29	46.03	7	11.11
Trafford	35	34.31	41	40.20	26	25.49
Warrington	36	49.32	9	12.33	28	38.36
Wigan and Leigh	28	17.72	53	33.54	77	48.73
Wirral	86	42.79	75	37.31	40	19.90

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 65.66% of individuals reported heroin as their primary drug of use, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 81.27% in Blackpool to 39.06% in Halton.

Figure Five: Regional primary drug of use.

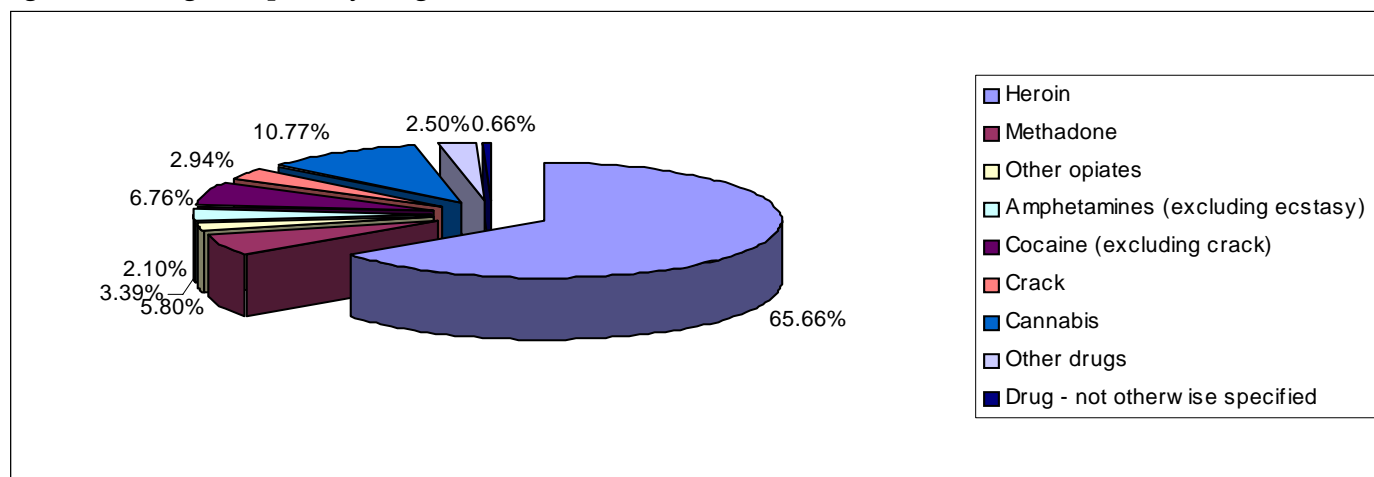


Table Eight: Primary drug of use by D(A)AT of residence

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	699	32	23	45	12	16	126	18	0	971
Blackpool	1176	47	19	53	25	28	61	37	-	1447
Bolton	1198	90	59	76	67	40	106	39	-	1679
Bury	492	7	10	32	77	26	180	28	-	854
Cheshire	1461	256	61	41	92	63	188	47	0	2209
Cumbria	1100	111	89	94	49	5	136	77	-	1664
Halton	384	65	13	43	128	55	212	83	0	983
Knowsley	597	41	13	28	191	23	310	25	-	1231
Lancashire	3259	248	85	244	168	101	519	129	52	4805
Liverpool	2730	290	34	28	435	144	335	46	116	4158
Manchester	2572	201	54	82	105	158	140	72	7	3391
Oldham	718	32	19	28	59	22	116	17	-	1012
Rochdale	836	99	11	66	66	49	311	72	17	1527
Salford	672	81	35	54	46	21	142	32	-	1084
Sefton	1025	72	15	14	212	38	163	31	37	1607
St Helens	678	64	21	28	115	20	108	27	0	1061
Stockport	482	26	36	52	70	36	112	12	0	826
Tameside	677	75	34	39	90	23	102	23	-	1066
Trafford	337	68	21	13	50	73	124	11	0	697
Warrington	508	74	26	12	84	22	122	23	-	872
Wigan and Leigh	956	75	25	112	110	25	124	27	0	1454
Wirral	1840	98	82	61	231	112	202	54	-	2683

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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	-	698	0	32	0	23	-	43	0	12	-	15	63	63	-	14	0	0	71	900
Blackpool	-	1175	0	47	0	19	-	51	0	25	0	28	37	24	14	23	0	-	54	1393
Bolton	5	1193	0	90	-	58	-	73	-	65	-	38	27	79	7	32	0	-	47	1632
Bury	-	491	0	7	0	10	-	30	8	69	-	25	81	99	6	22	-	-	100	754
Cheshire	6	1455	0	256	0	61	-	38	-	88	-	62	127	61	8	39	0	0	149	2060
Cumbria	-	1097	0	111	0	89	-	91	-	48	0	5	30	106	13	64	0	-	50	1614
Halton	0	384	0	65	0	13	0	43	-	126	0	55	37	175	0	83	0	0	39	944
Knowsley	0	597	0	41	0	13	0	28	9	182	0	23	155	155	5	20	0	-	169	1062
Lancashire	6	3253	0	248	0	85	21	223	15	153	-	100	290	229	26	103	0	52	359	4446
Liverpool	0	2730	0	290	0	34	-	27	-	431	-	142	128	207	6	40	8	108	149	4009
Manchester	6	2566	0	201	0	54	-	81	26	79	-	157	60	80	5	67	0	7	99	3292
Oldham	0	718	0	32	0	19	-	27	-	56	-	21	67	49	-	14	-	0	76	936
Rochdale	-	835	0	99	0	11	5	61	14	52	0	49	161	150	24	48	-	16	206	1321
Salford	0	672	0	81	0	35	-	53	-	45	0	21	71	71	7	25	0	-	80	1004
Sefton	-	1024	0	72	0	15	-	12	13	199	0	38	70	93	9	22	0	37	95	1512
St Helens	-	677	0	64	0	21	-	25	5	110	0	20	40	68	6	21	0	0	55	1006
Stockport	0	482	0	26	0	36	0	52	-	67	0	36	40	72	0	12	0	0	43	783
Tameside	-	676	0	75	0	34	-	36	9	81	0	23	45	57	6	17	0	-	64	1002
Trafford	0	337	0	68	0	21	-	12	-	49	0	73	48	76	-	10	0	0	51	646
Warrington	-	506	0	74	0	26	0	12	5	79	0	22	25	97	-	20	0	-	35	837
Wigan and Leigh	0	956	0	75	0	25	-	109	7	103	0	25	43	81	7	20	0	0	60	1394
Wirral	-	1837	0	98	0	82	-	60	14	217	0	112	45	157	7	47	0	-	70	2613

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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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