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Introduction

This publication is the third in 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 third monthly report details year to date information from 1st April 2006 up to 30th June 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 June 2006

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

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

D(A)AT	No. Triaged in June 2006	No. successful completions June 2006	No. unplanned discharges June 2006	No. discharges reason 'not known' June 2006	No. discharges reason 'other' June 2006
Blackburn with Darwen	48	13	26	0	-
Blackpool	33	23	25	0	-
Bolton	133	19	65	-	-
Bury	48	8	39	0	-
Cheshire	55	13	28	0	-
Cumbria	24	7	5	-	0
Halton	8	8	9	0	-
Knowsley	42	6	5	0	-
Lancashire	132	45	68	6	-
Liverpool	159	38	95	-	-
Manchester	64	16	59	-	6
Oldham	64	-	35	-	-
Rochdale	47	14	12	9	-
Salford	36	9	21	-	0
Sefton	69	7	17	0	0
St Helens	31	25	5	0	0
Stockport	30	14	13	0	0
Tameside	44	-	12	-	0
Trafford	12	9	12	0	0
Warrington	35	-	-	0	0
Wigan and Leigh	62	5	37	-	0
Wirral	53	25	29	0	5

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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', 'inappropriate referral' and 'died'. 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 June 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.

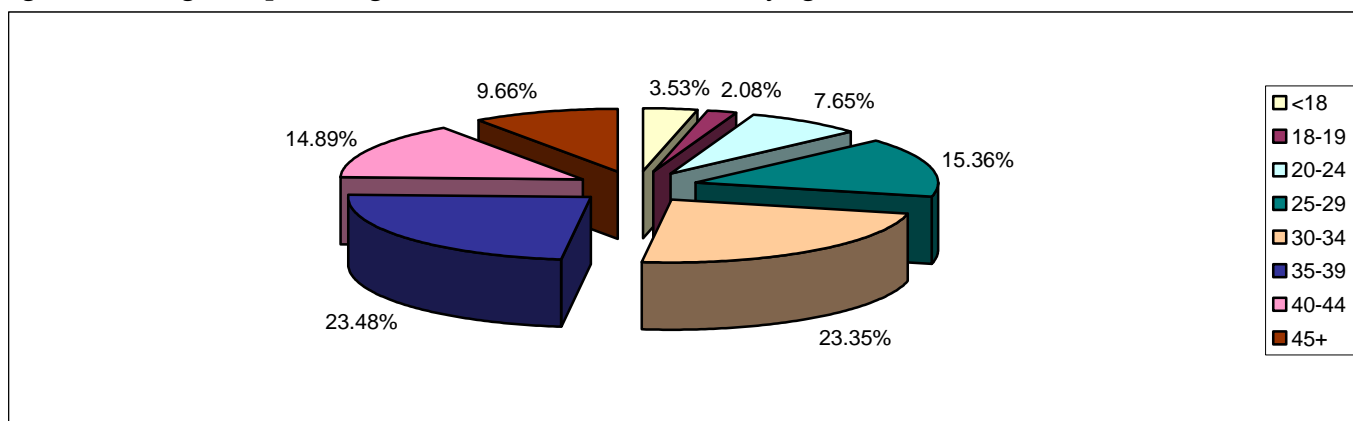
Table Two: Number of individuals in contact with treatment services (From 01/04/2006 to 30/06/2006) by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Number in treatment YTD
Blackburn with Darwen	734
Blackpool	1213
Bolton	1525
Bury	793
Cheshire	1741
Cumbria	1157
Halton	592
Knowsley	769
Lancashire	3728
Liverpool	3282
Manchester	2791
Oldham	967
Rochdale	1150
Salford	848
Sefton	1382
St Helens	785
Stockport	675
Tameside	972
Trafford	589
Warrington	758
Wigan and Leigh	1202
Wirral	2388

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 (30/06/2006).

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



Whilst regionally 3.53% 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 Blackburn and Liverpool, 0.27% and 0.94% of the treatment population respectively were aged under 18. In contrast, 12.10% and 12.26% of those in contact with treatment services in Bury and Rochdale respectively were aged under 18. In Bolton, 13.90% of those in contact with service were aged 40 and over, whereas in Liverpool and Wirral this age group comprised 33.88% and 35.47% 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	-	11	69	132	241	176	53	50
Blackpool	14	21	109	202	295	294	171	107
Bolton	53	36	176	337	423	288	135	77
Bury	96	43	69	126	154	148	87	70
Cheshire	17	26	143	356	446	342	263	148
Cumbria	19	22	129	283	294	193	126	91
Halton	38	18	51	112	142	117	76	38
Knowsley	65	17	45	85	159	234	109	55
Lancashire	47	51	340	754	1018	736	449	333
Liverpool	31	16	142	293	674	1014	703	409
Manchester	37	28	148	323	672	780	480	323
Oldham	41	22	87	132	215	223	135	112
Rochdale	141	35	78	145	206	236	164	145
Salford	48	15	51	122	207	198	121	86
Sefton	51	24	100	147	283	397	242	138
St Helens	57	20	64	131	198	165	80	70
Stockport	33	23	64	104	169	126	80	76
Tameside	27	21	107	215	260	175	104	63
Trafford	62	38	33	56	80	150	117	53
Warrington	43	14	51	136	209	168	77	60
Wigan and Leigh	65	42	130	238	289	232	148	58
Wirral	53	67	104	193	419	705	550	297

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Gender and Ethnicity of individuals in contact with treatment services

During 2006/07 (YTD), 71.35% 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 30-34 in comparison to other age groups. Whilst regionally, 95.97% of those individuals stating their ethnicity were described as 'white', there was a degree of variation in this percentage from 88.06% in Oldham to 99.59% in Blackpool. In Blackpool, Cumbria, Warrington, Wigan and Wirral 99% or more of individuals stated their ethnicity as 'white'. It should be noted that ethnicity percentages were calculated from those that stated an ethnicity and did not include missing data.

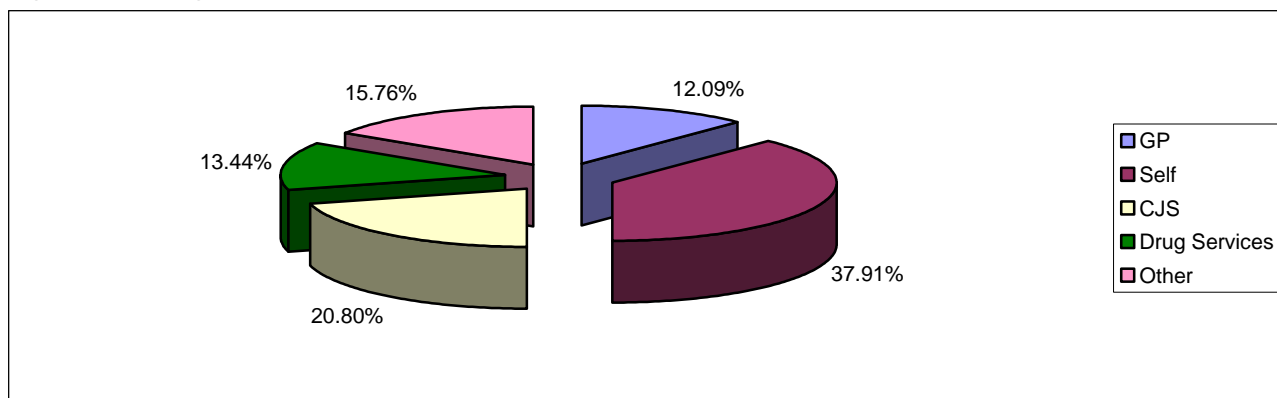
Table Four: Gender and Ethnicity by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Male		White	
	No.	%	No.	%
Blackburn with Darwen	564	76.84	605	94.83
Blackpool	859	70.82	1205	99.59
Bolton	1099	72.07	1446	95.38
Bury	575	72.51	707	92.66
Cheshire	1249	71.74	1628	98.37
Cumbria	756	65.34	1136	99.56
Halton	422	71.28	582	98.98
Knowsley	548	71.26	754	98.18
Lancashire	2579	69.18	3439	96.28
Liverpool	2221	67.67	3020	96.73
Manchester	1983	71.05	2417	88.89
Oldham	720	74.46	848	88.06
Rochdale	831	72.26	1061	92.99
Salford	642	75.71	796	94.54
Sefton	953	68.96	1361	98.91
St Helens	579	73.76	774	98.72
Stockport	486	72.00	629	95.16
Tameside	698	71.81	907	96.18
Trafford	433	73.51	500	90.25
Warrington	572	75.46	751	99.08
Wigan and Leigh	882	73.38	1185	99.00
Wirral	1753	73.41	2361	99.20

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= 36744 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 (37.91%).

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, 20.80% of referrals were from Criminal Justice Services, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 6.86% in Knowsley to 37.20% in Blackpool.

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	92	345	263	14	107
Blackpool	34	291	568	548	86
Bolton	106	791	501	153	192
Bury	122	298	276	61	188
Cheshire	266	1084	223	138	181
Cumbria	588	275	248	114	226
Halton	89	318	136	48	102
Knowsley	78	408	60	111	217
Lancashire	398	1864	1379	295	495
Liverpool	1099	825	405	860	577
Manchester	150	1012	608	593	779
Oldham	89	542	253	110	115
Rochdale	131	453	222	71	419
Salford	35	503	193	101	126
Sefton	187	628	255	538	232
St Helens	95	459	91	80	170
Stockport	36	345	184	108	95
Tameside	93	472	302	90	139
Trafford	58	223	118	32	122
Warrington	73	502	113	163	134
Wigan and Leigh	70	1063	403	102	159
Wirral	403	747	484	351	710

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 30th June 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 (88.49%). 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

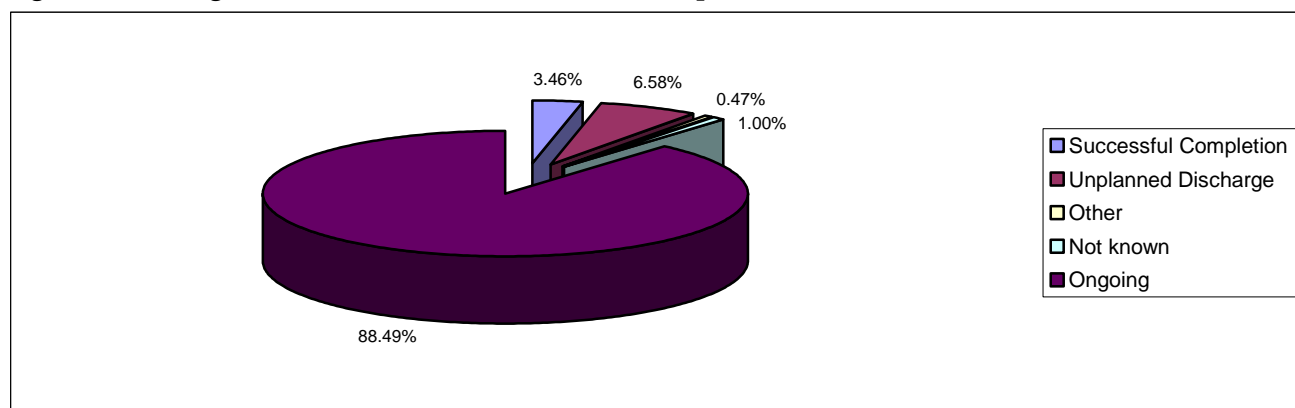


Table Six: Client status for latest episode of treatment by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Ongoing	Successful completion	Unplanned discharge	Not known	Other
Blackburn with Darwen	636	29	68	0	-
Blackpool	1020	61	103	0	29
Bolton	1282	50	187	-	-
Bury	639	39	110	0	5
Cheshire	1572	53	114	0	-
Cumbria	981	14	17	143	-
Halton	541	28	17	-	5
Knowsley	711	17	27	0	14
Lancashire	3253	129	247	84	15
Liverpool	2907	118	237	-	17
Manchester	2617	38	118	9	9
Oldham	822	22	101	21	-
Rochdale	1003	40	81	15	11
Salford	665	117	62	-	-
Sefton	1247	51	78	0	6
St Helens	684	58	42	0	-
Stockport	584	33	56	0	-
Tameside	873	20	76	-	-
Trafford	529	30	28	0	-
Warrington	713	21	23	0	-
Wigan and Leigh	1093	14	77	16	-
Wirral	2232	47	96	5	8

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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	-	17	10
Blackpool	9	23	29
Bolton	16	9	25
Bury	11	16	12
Cheshire	28	7	18
Cumbria	-	9	-
Halton	14	12	-
Knowsley	6	5	6
Lancashire	19	33	77
Liverpool	41	17	60
Manchester	7	12	19
Oldham	6	5	11
Rochdale	13	11	16
Salford	-	8	106
Sefton	7	16	28
St Helens	-	8	46
Stockport	6	25	-
Tameside	5	12	-
Trafford	9	-	18
Warrington	14	5	-
Wigan and Leigh	-	8	-
Wirral	27	10	10

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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 61.57% of individuals reported heroin as their primary drug of use, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 39.47% in Bury to 77.38% in Blackburn.

Figure Four: Regional primary drug of use.

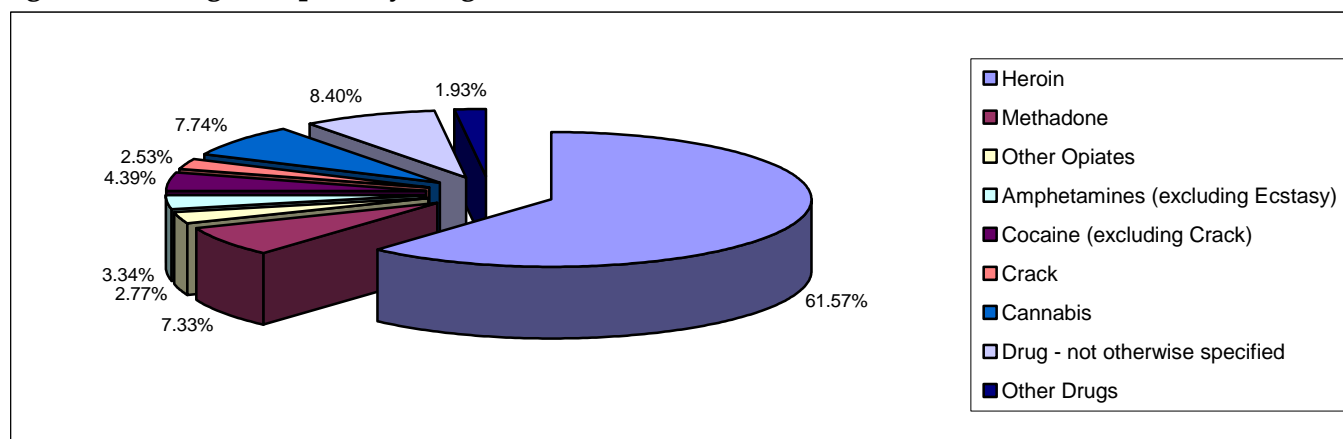


Table Eight: Primary drug of use by D(A)AT of residence

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	568	42	23	32	9	14	14	5	27	734
Blackpool	868	159	22	44	25	17	48	30	0	1213
Bolton	980	78	49	77	35	43	118	45	100	1525
Bury	313	60	9	35	30	28	152	23	143	793
Cheshire	1189	254	31	45	41	33	50	19	79	1741
Cumbria	810	71	65	69	21	-	58	49	10	1157
Halton	325	47	9	28	65	31	74	12	-	592
Knowsley	428	41	6	21	108	18	120	9	18	769
Lancashire	2414	262	61	121	73	69	152	70	506	3728
Liverpool	1955	259	180	38	211	83	144	35	377	3282
Manchester	1375	97	27	53	40	95	147	16	941	2791
Oldham	662	49	23	44	48	24	69	46	-	967
Rochdale	544	114	10	50	70	41	220	43	58	1150
Salford	539	85	39	27	21	15	96	10	16	848
Sefton	965	55	12	22	124	25	98	9	72	1382
St Helens	510	66	7	19	48	18	86	14	17	785
Stockport	306	88	38	47	45	22	91	11	27	675
Tameside	599	109	35	46	37	29	75	30	12	972
Trafford	275	62	18	20	41	24	115	14	20	589
Warrington	444	79	22	16	43	22	111	18	-	758
Wigan and Leigh	738	72	26	87	65	11	127	38	38	1202
Wirral	1703	55	121	65	121	89	171	35	28	2388

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'Other Drugs' includes benzodiazepines, hallucinogens, ecstasy, solvents, barbiturates, major tranquillisers, anti-depressants, 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	0	568	-	41	-	22	0	32	0	9	0	14	0	14	0	5	0	27	-	732
Blackpool	-	865	-	158	0	22	0	44	0	25	0	17	7	41	-	27	0	0	14	1199
Bolton	7	973	0	78	0	49	-	75	-	33	-	41	29	89	11	34	0	100	53	1472
Bury	0	313	0	60	0	9	-	33	-	29	-	26	83	69	6	17	-	141	96	697
Cheshire	-	1188	0	254	0	31	6	39	0	41	-	32	7	43	-	18	-	78	17	1724
Cumbria	-	808	0	71	0	65	-	68	0	21	0	-	13	45	-	46	0	10	19	1138
Halton	0	325	0	47	0	9	0	28	-	62	0	31	34	40	-	11	0	-	38	554
Knowsley	0	428	0	41	0	6	0	21	-	104	-	17	57	63	-	6	0	18	65	704
Lancashire	-	2411	0	262	0	61	0	121	-	70	-	68	26	126	0	70	14	492	47	3681
Liverpool	-	1954	0	259	0	180	0	38	0	211	0	83	28	116	-	33	0	377	31	3251
Manchester	-	1374	0	97	0	27	0	53	-	38	0	95	31	116	-	13	0	941	37	2754
Oldham	-	661	0	49	0	23	0	44	0	48	0	24	36	33	-	43	-	-	41	926
Rochdale	-	541	0	114	0	10	0	50	11	59	0	41	123	97	-	39	0	58	141	1009
Salford	0	539	0	85	0	39	0	27	-	19	0	15	46	50	0	10	0	16	48	800
Sefton	-	961	0	55	0	12	-	21	-	121	0	25	42	56	-	8	0	72	51	1331
St Helens	0	510	0	66	0	7	-	18	-	47	0	18	51	35	-	11	-	16	57	728
Stockport	0	306	0	88	0	38	-	46	-	42	0	22	18	73	0	11	11	16	33	642
Tameside	0	599	0	109	0	35	0	46	0	37	-	28	22	53	-	26	0	12	27	945
Trafford	0	275	0	62	0	18	0	20	0	41	0	24	55	60	7	7	0	20	62	527
Warrington	0	444	0	79	0	22	0	16	0	43	0	22	38	73	-	15	-	-	43	715
Wigan and Leigh	-	734	0	72	0	26	-	85	5	60	0	11	43	84	9	29	-	36	65	1137
Wirral	-	1702	0	55	0	121	-	63	-	119	0	89	43	128	5	30	0	28	53	2335

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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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