

# North West NDTMS Monthly Report

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## Introduction

This publication is second 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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 up to 31<sup>st</sup> May 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 May 2007**

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

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

D(A)AT	No. Triaged in May 2007	No. successful completions May 2007	No. unplanned discharges May 2007	No. discharges reason 'not known' May 2007	No. discharges reason 'other' May 2007
Blackburn with Darwen	30	16	30	0	-
Blackpool	81	38	17	0	5
Bolton	100	17	36	-	-
Bury	36	15	8	0	0
Cheshire	49	8	15	0	0
Cumbria	24	-	9	-	0
Halton	50	17	7	0	0
Knowsley	25	12	8	0	-
Lancashire	173	219	35	-	-
Liverpool	125	25	56	-	-
Manchester	104	20	41	0	-
Oldham	51	8	12	0	0
Rochdale	81	35	32	0	0
Salford	39	9	-	0	0
Sefton	58	32	18	-	0
St Helens	43	9	7	0	0
Stockport	24	14	15	0	0
Tameside	43	6	19	-	0
Trafford	26	9	12	0	0
Warrington	14	-	0	0	0
Wigan and Leigh	40	-	13	0	-
Wirral	60	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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 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.

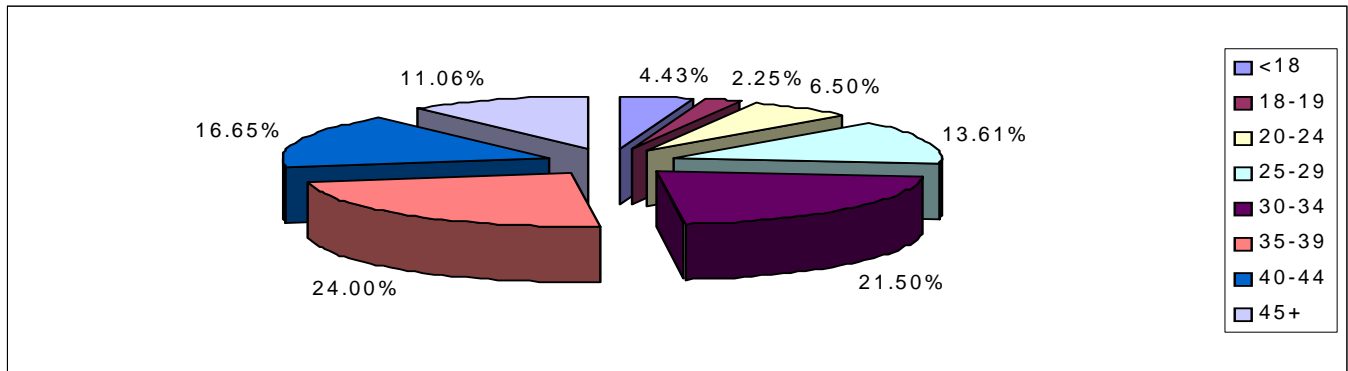
**Table Two: Number of individuals in contact with treatment services (From 01/04/2007 to 31/05/2007) by D(A)AT of residence**

<b>D(A)AT</b>	<b>Number in treatment YTD</b>
Blackburn with Darwen	759
Blackpool	1144
Bolton	1363
Bury	666
Cheshire	1793
Cumbria	1236
Halton	796
Knowsley	958
Lancashire	3704
Liverpool	3000
Manchester	3061
Oldham	845
Rochdale	1286
Salford	874
Sefton	1156
St Helens	944
Stockport	651
Tameside	835
Trafford	531
Warrington	830
Wigan and Leigh	1190
Wirral	2432

## 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 (31/05/2007).

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



Whilst regionally 4.43% 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 Cumbria and Manchester, 1.78% and 1.93% of the treatment population respectively were aged under 18. In contrast, 12.36% and 12.31% of those in contact with treatment services in Rochdale and Bury respectively were aged under 18. In Blackburn with Darwen, 16.47% of those in contact with service were aged 40 and over, whereas in Liverpool and Wirral this age group comprised 39.63% and 40.17% 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	45	13	53	108	225	190	69	56
Blackpool	37	15	76	184	257	292	165	118
Bolton	45	36	123	272	374	284	149	80
Bury	82	49	37	100	115	130	91	62
Cheshire	66	45	148	289	423	350	289	183
Cumbria	22	22	108	291	330	217	137	109
Halton	27	18	82	129	177	160	109	94
Knowsley	99	14	64	112	172	246	176	75
Lancashire	209	84	234	619	949	808	441	360
Liverpool	92	34	94	226	494	871	736	453
Manchester	59	41	138	330	637	851	594	411
Oldham	23	19	65	100	191	220	131	96
Rochdale	159	48	94	157	209	286	178	155
Salford	26	12	44	107	223	223	145	94
Sefton	26	11	66	94	204	356	253	146
St Helens	32	20	87	145	234	205	125	96
Stockport	36	19	49	88	145	135	96	83
Tameside	21	12	76	160	216	187	96	67
Trafford	27	10	29	59	77	134	127	68
Warrington	42	22	69	120	211	195	102	69
Wigan and Leigh	67	56	91	231	277	250	154	64
Wirral	60	66	129	183	346	671	629	348

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

During 2007/08 (YTD), 70.76% 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 35-39 in comparison to other age groups. Whilst regionally, 95.98% of those individuals stating their ethnicity were described as 'white', there was a degree of variation in this percentage from 87.05% in Oldham to 99.56% in Blackpool. It should be noted that ethnicity percentages were calculated from those that stated an ethnicity and did not include missing data.

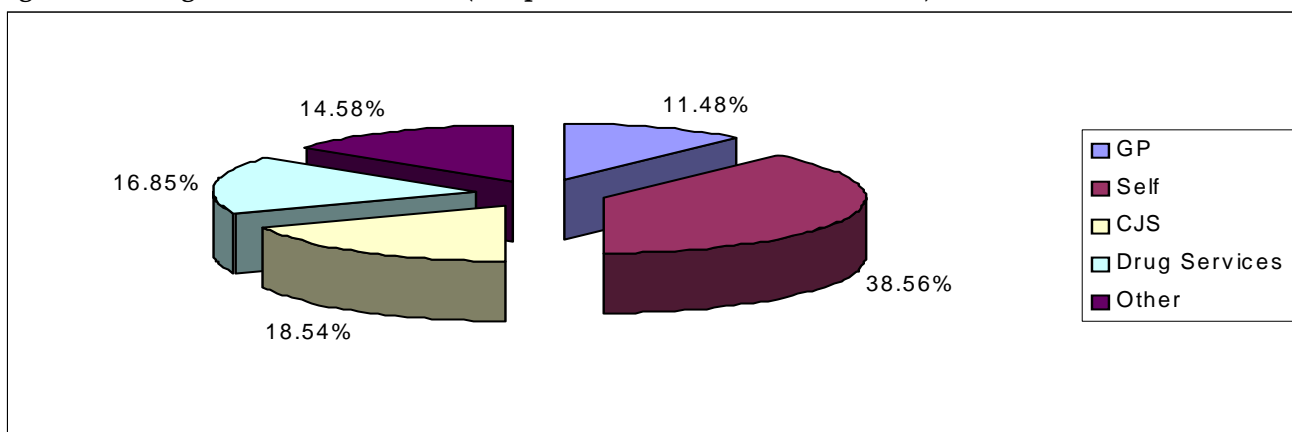
**Table Four: Gender and Ethnicity by D(A)AT of residence**

D(A)AT	Male		White	
	No.	%	No.	%
Blackburn with Darwen	585	77.08	644	95.55
Blackpool	773	67.57	1139	99.56
Bolton	976	71.61	1292	95.14
Bury	486	72.97	619	93.36
Cheshire	1288	71.83	1717	98.68
Cumbria	815	65.94	1174	98.08
Halton	556	69.85	788	99.24
Knowsley	680	70.98	934	98.63
Lancashire	2494	67.33	3436	96.76
Liverpool	2056	68.53	2819	96.38
Manchester	2168	70.83	2640	88.00
Oldham	614	72.66	733	87.05
Rochdale	907	70.53	1199	94.26
Salford	643	73.57	823	94.82
Sefton	816	70.59	1139	98.79
St Helens	713	75.53	936	99.15
Stockport	471	72.35	612	95.63
Tameside	599	71.74	787	97.16
Trafford	385	72.50	467	89.12
Warrington	632	76.14	823	99.16
Wigan and Leigh	876	73.61	1178	99.07
Wirral	1766	72.62	2408	99.26

## 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=35095 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 (38.56%).

**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, 18.54% of referrals were from Criminal Justice Services, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 9.67% in Knowsley to 35.02% 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	75	327	291	43	95
Blackpool	28	292	350	657	90
Bolton	104	697	420	175	128
Bury	77	191	201	98	114
Cheshire	221	1070	261	163	177
Cumbria	482	336	296	160	205
Halton	94	399	119	274	169
Knowsley	68	415	110	200	345
Lancashire	381	1910	891	522	565
Liverpool	1068	694	427	766	484
Manchester	176	1325	637	653	789
Oldham	76	494	149	68	58
Rochdale	129	634	252	204	296
Salford	47	480	177	153	110
Sefton	131	325	261	527	122
St Helens	144	709	181	165	156
Stockport	36	374	120	83	87
Tameside	81	413	189	64	97
Trafford	41	169	149	94	65
Warrington	75	508	99	223	116
Wigan and Leigh	38	756	307	113	84
Wirral	383	770	502	401	672

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> May 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 (93.04%).

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

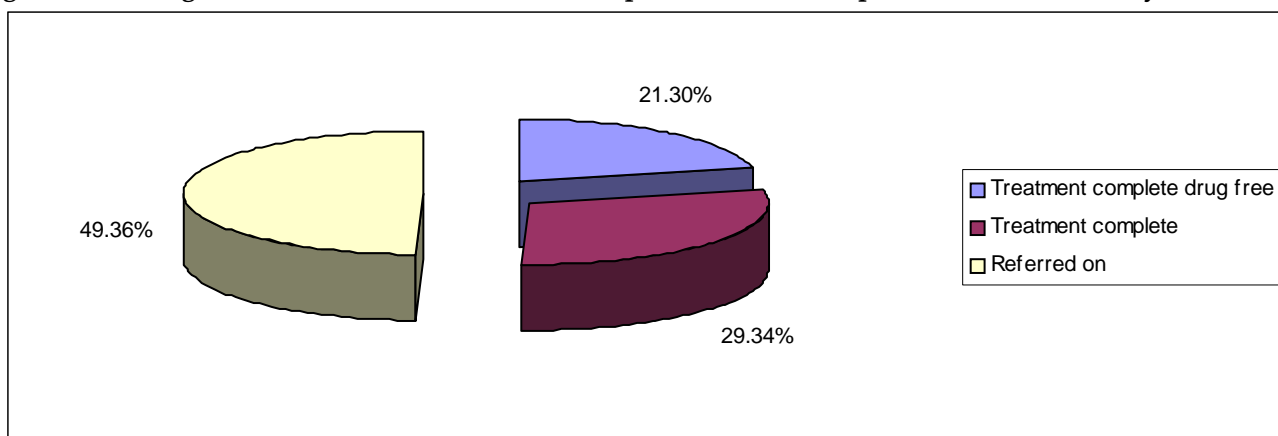
D(A)AT	Ongoing		Successful completion		Unplanned discharge		Not known		Other	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Blackburn with Darwen	670	88.27	30	3.95	55	7.25	0	0.00	-	-
Blackpool	1009	88.20	70	6.12	54	4.72	0	0.00	11	0.96
Bolton	1225	89.88	43	3.15	83	6.09	-	-	10	0.73
Bury	617	92.64	28	4.20	19	2.85	0	0.00	-	-
Cheshire	1733	96.65	19	1.06	40	2.23	0	0.00	-	-
Cumbria	1190	96.28	16	1.29	18	1.46	12	0.97	0	0.00
Halton	702	88.19	70	8.79	15	1.88	0	0.00	9	1.13
Knowsley	892	93.11	38	3.97	22	2.30	0	0.00	6	0.63
Lancashire	3208	86.61	365	9.85	115	3.10	-	-	15	0.40
Liverpool	2830	94.33	59	1.97	105	3.50	-	-	-	-
Manchester	2924	95.52	39	1.27	89	2.91	0	0.00	9	0.29
Oldham	804	95.15	24	2.84	17	2.01	0	0.00	0	0.00
Rochdale	1183	91.99	54	4.20	48	3.73	0	0.00	-	-
Salford	821	93.94	22	2.52	31	3.55	0	0.00	0	0.00
Sefton	1059	91.61	56	4.84	40	3.46	-	-	0	0.00
St Helens	902	95.55	18	1.91	23	2.44	-	-	0	0.00
Stockport	588	90.32	33	5.07	29	4.45	-	-	0	0.00
Tameside	782	93.65	11	1.32	39	4.67	-	-	0	0.00
Trafford	483	90.96	26	4.90	21	3.95	-	-	0	0.00
Warrington	819	98.67	-	-	7	0.84	0	0.00	0	0.00
Wigan and Leigh	1131	95.04	11	0.92	42	3.53	-	-	-	-
Wirral	2378	97.78	28	1.15	25	1.03	0	0.00	-	-

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## Breakdown of successful completions for individuals in contact with treatment services

Figure Three illustrates the breakdown of successful completions for those concluding treatment regionally (n=1064) 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 Three: 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.**

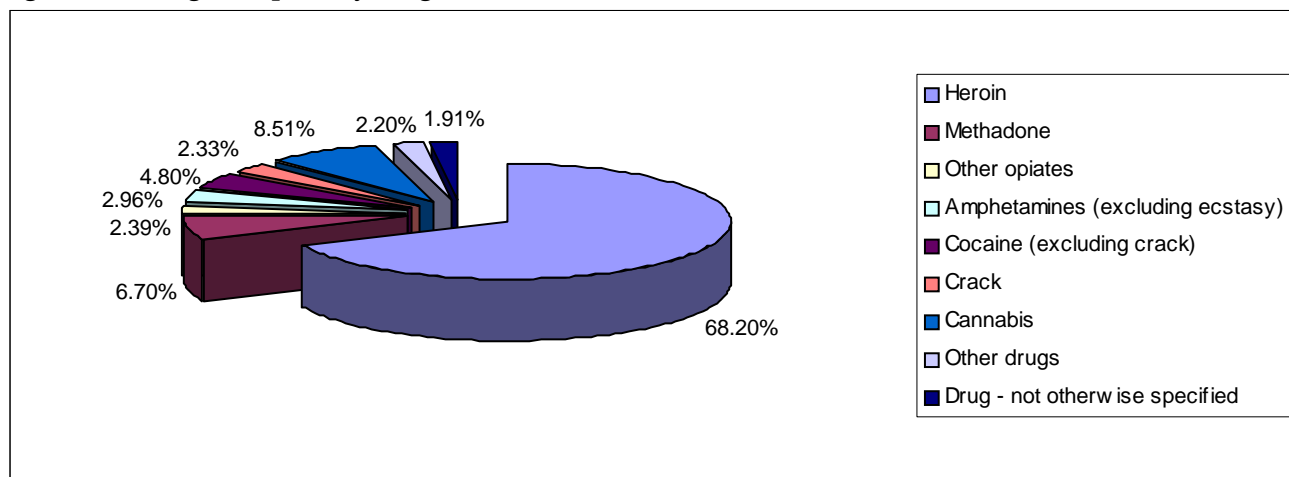
D(A)AT	Treatment Complete Drug Free	Treatment Completed	Referred on
Blackburn with Darwen	7	12	11
Blackpool	9	20	41
Bolton	15	15	13
Bury	9	8	11
Cheshire	7	7	5
Cumbria	-	10	-
Halton	14	37	19
Knowsley	28	7	-
Lancashire	17	39	309
Liverpool	29	15	15
Manchester	5	15	19
Oldham	12	5	7
Rochdale	20	31	-
Salford	-	7	13
Sefton	7	14	35
St Helens	6	6	6
Stockport	-	27	-
Tameside	6	-	-
Trafford	8	7	11
Warrington	-	0	-
Wigan and Leigh	-	7	-
Wirral	10	12	6

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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 68.20% of individuals reported heroin as their primary drug of use, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 82.60% in Blackpool to 41.08% in Halton.

**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	550	34	21	34	6	12	70	10	22	759
Blackpool	945	62	17	35	15	9	32	29	0	1144
Bolton	1001	81	41	50	40	31	80	34	5	1363
Bury	424	-	7	19	43	20	121	25	-	666
Cheshire	1222	245	44	35	44	37	105	26	35	1793
Cumbria	891	99	73	51	19	-	59	38	-	1236
Halton	327	57	14	33	89	35	168	73	0	796
Knowsley	535	34	8	15	119	19	195	21	12	958
Lancashire	2537	194	63	160	92	64	296	116	182	3704
Liverpool	2016	251	84	21	177	68	202	25	156	3000
Manchester	2406	154	48	66	73	125	109	33	47	3061
Oldham	654	33	20	25	32	19	47	14	-	845
Rochdale	723	98	11	62	52	42	221	50	27	1286
Salford	584	86	35	32	23	14	79	20	-	874
Sefton	864	45	14	6	83	16	75	8	45	1156
St Helens	640	76	14	16	82	15	73	21	7	944
Stockport	319	108	34	40	38	18	69	9	16	651
Tameside	590	71	29	27	32	13	46	14	13	835
Trafford	300	69	16	15	56	19	49	6	-	531
Warrington	442	84	28	17	81	24	129	21	-	830
Wigan and Leigh	829	51	14	72	71	16	107	27	-	1190
Wirral	1736	68	89	54	158	90	188	37	12	2432

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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	0	550	-	33	0	21	-	32	-	5	0	12	41	29	0	10	0	22	45	714
Blackpool	-	943	0	62	0	17	-	33	0	15	0	9	19	13	14	15	0	0	37	1107
Bolton	5	996	-	80	0	41	-	47	-	38	-	28	25	55	6	28	0	5	45	1318
Bury	0	424	0	-	0	7	-	18	7	36	-	19	63	58	8	17	-	-	82	584
Cheshire	-	1218	0	245	0	44	-	32	-	43	0	37	53	52	-	24	-	32	66	1727
Cumbria	-	888	0	99	0	73	-	50	0	19	0	-	14	45	-	34	0	-	22	1214
Halton	0	327	0	57	0	14	-	32	-	88	0	35	25	143	0	73	0	0	27	769
Knowsley	0	535	0	34	0	8	0	15	6	113	0	19	91	104	-	19	0	12	99	859
Lancashire	5	2532	0	194	0	63	16	144	7	85	0	64	163	133	18	98	0	182	209	3495
Liverpool	-	2015	0	251	0	84	0	21	-	175	0	68	79	123	-	23	8	148	92	2908
Manchester	0	2406	0	154	0	48	0	66	17	56	-	124	39	70	-	31	0	47	59	3002
Oldham	0	654	0	33	0	20	0	25	0	32	0	19	20	27	-	12	-	0	23	822
Rochdale	0	723	0	98	0	11	5	57	14	38	0	42	126	95	13	37	-	26	159	1127
Salford	-	583	0	86	0	35	0	32	-	22	0	14	21	58	-	17	0	-	26	848
Sefton	0	864	0	45	0	14	0	6	-	82	-	15	23	52	-	7	0	45	26	1130
St Helens	-	639	0	76	0	14	-	15	-	80	0	15	24	49	-	17	0	7	32	912
Stockport	-	318	0	108	0	34	0	40	-	35	0	18	24	45	0	9	8	8	36	615
Tameside	-	589	0	71	0	29	-	25	-	30	0	13	12	34	-	10	0	13	21	814
Trafford	0	300	0	69	0	16	-	14	-	55	0	19	25	24	0	6	0	-	27	504
Warrington	-	441	0	84	-	27	0	17	-	77	0	24	30	99	-	17	-	-	42	788
Wigan and Leigh	-	828	0	51	0	14	-	70	10	61	0	16	46	61	8	19	0	-	67	1123
Wirral	-	1734	0	68	0	89	0	54	10	148	0	90	41	147	7	30	0	12	60	2372

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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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