

# North West NDTMS Monthly Report

MARCH 2009

Ellie McCoy  
Ayesha Hurst  
Adam Marr  
Jim McVeigh

Centre for Public Health,  
Faculty of Health and  
Applied Social Sciences,  
Liverpool John Moores  
University,  
Castle House,  
North Street,  
Liverpool.  
L3 2AY

Tel (0151) 231 4527  
Fax (0151) 231 4515

[E.J.McCoy@ljmu.ac.uk](mailto:E.J.McCoy@ljmu.ac.uk)

## Introduction

This publication is the tenth 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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 up to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2009. 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 One: Number of individuals in contact with treatment services (From 01/04/2008 to 28/02/2009) by D(A)AT of residence**

D(A)AT	Number in treatment YTD
Blackburn with Darwen	1057
Blackpool	1739
Bolton	1754
Bury	877
Cheshire	2334
Cumbria	1871
Halton	731
Knowsley	1188
Lancashire	5336
Liverpool	4464
Manchester	4139
Oldham	1124
Rochdale	1578
Salford	1215
Sefton	1826
St Helens	1221
Stockport	962
Tameside	1146
Trafford	744
Warrington	842
Wigan and Leigh	1662
Wirral	2690

**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.

**Contact details****Ellie McCoy**

**Centre for Public Health  
Faculty of Health and Applied Social Sciences  
Liverpool John Moores University  
Castle House  
North Street  
Liverpool  
L3 2AY  
Tel (0151) 231 4527  
Fax (0151) 231 4515**

