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Introduction

This publication is part of 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 monthly report details year to date information from 1st April 2006 up to 28th February 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.

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 February 2007

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

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

D(A)AT	No. Triaged in February 2007	No. successful completions February 2007	No. unplanned discharges February 2007	No. discharges reason 'not known' February 2007	No. discharges reason 'other' February 2007
Blackburn with Darwen	35	32	9	-	-
Blackpool	68	15	15	0	6
Bolton	80	14	65	0	-
Bury	23	12	13	-	0
Cheshire	49	6	19	0	0
Cumbria	12	-	10	0	-
Halton	28	7	-	0	-
Knowsley	48	17	15	0	0
Lancashire	147	51	43	-	-
Liverpool	156	52	67	-	10
Manchester	76	10	36	0	0
Oldham	21	12	7	0	-
Rochdale	78	11	11	0	-
Salford	50	24	28	0	0
Sefton	82	18	37	0	-
St Helens	47	29	16	0	0
Stockport	11	9	-	0	-
Tameside	15	-	14	0	0
Trafford	19	-	10	0	0
Warrington	28	-	-	0	0
Wigan and Leigh	61	6	10	0	-
Wirral	40	12	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 1st April 2006 to 28th February 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.

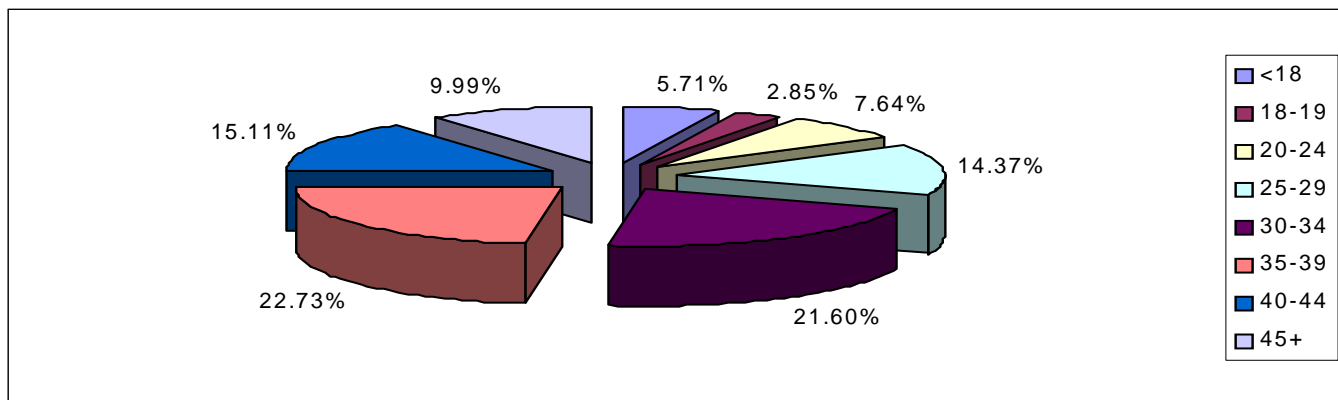
**Table Two: Number of individuals in contact with treatment services
(From 01/04/2006 to 28/02/2007) by D(A)AT of residence**

D(A)AT	Number in treatment YTD
Blackburn with Darwen	1046
Blackpool	1452
Bolton	1863
Bury	958
Cheshire	2249
Cumbria	1427
Halton	750
Knowsley	1174
Lancashire	4651
Liverpool	3966
Manchester	3444
Oldham	1122
Rochdale	1726
Salford	1223
Sefton	1499
St Helens	1109
Stockport	915
Tameside	1091
Trafford	676
Warrington	935
Wigan and Leigh	1417
Wirral	2762

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 (28/02/2007).

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



Whilst regionally 5.7% 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 Manchester and Blackpool, 1.10% and 3.17% of the treatment population respectively were aged under 18. In contrast, 16.39% and 15.24% of those in contact with treatment services in Bury and Rochdale respectively were aged under 18. In Blackburn with Darwen, 14.53% of those in contact with service were aged 40 and over, whereas in Liverpool and Wirral this age group comprised 35.68% and 36.93% 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	63	23	85	164	312	247	87	65
Blackpool	46	27	106	237	337	364	197	138
Bolton	74	67	211	372	490	364	179	106
Bury	157	91	79	135	160	164	95	77
Cheshire	83	65	195	412	544	417	335	198
Cumbria	53	41	151	330	357	237	151	107
Halton	51	29	71	128	171	152	93	55
Knowsley	116	23	95	144	220	292	198	86
Lancashire	256	83	382	832	1182	953	545	418
Liverpool	158	53	158	347	702	1133	882	533
Manchester	38	38	195	407	772	922	634	438
Oldham	63	33	111	147	228	259	149	132
Rochdale	263	97	126	202	287	339	215	197
Salford	122	28	85	160	274	273	164	117
Sefton	68	30	87	145	293	421	293	162
St Helens	69	43	104	179	254	235	127	98
Stockport	59	45	95	129	206	165	113	103
Tameside	40	25	106	228	273	222	117	80
Trafford	53	39	53	67	96	169	135	64
Warrington	49	26	81	152	240	208	106	73
Wigan and Leigh	90	49	141	266	335	284	173	79
Wirral	108	90	137	226	438	743	663	357

Gender and Ethnicity of individuals in contact with treatment services

During 2006/07 (YTD), 71.33% 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 30-39 in comparison to other age groups. Whilst regionally, 95.70% of those individuals stating their ethnicity were described as 'white', there was a degree of variation in this percentage from 85.51% in Oldham to 99.59% in Blackpool. It should be noted that ethnicity percentages were calculated from those that stated an ethnicity and did not include missing data.

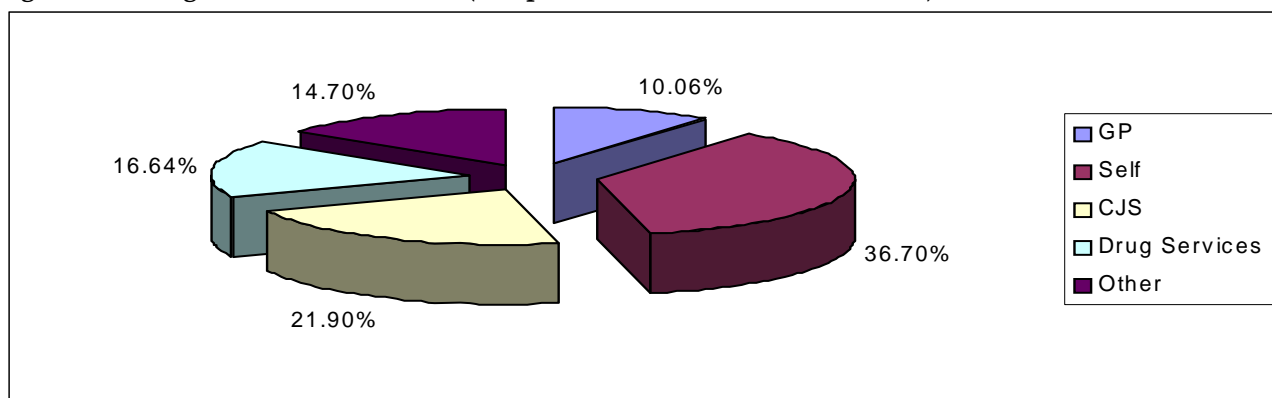
Table Four: Gender and Ethnicity by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Male		White	
	No.	%	No.	%
Blackburn with Darwen	822	78.59	882	94.03
Blackpool	997	68.66	1445	99.59
Bolton	1341	71.98	1757	94.56
Bury	677	70.67	881	92.54
Cheshire	1644	73.10	2131	98.34
Cumbria	933	65.38	1349	98.11
Halton	544	72.53	739	99.06
Knowsley	841	71.64	1147	98.03
Lancashire	3179	68.35	4293	96.26
Liverpool	2731	68.86	3737	96.74
Manchester	2463	71.52	2976	88.28
Oldham	835	74.42	956	85.51
Rochdale	1207	69.93	1602	93.90
Salford	914	74.73	1149	95.04
Sefton	1055	70.38	1479	98.73
St Helens	836	75.38	1101	99.28
Stockport	676	73.88	863	95.78
Tameside	788	72.23	1024	96.24
Trafford	497	73.52	586	90.02
Warrington	707	75.61	927	99.14
Wigan and Leigh	1041	73.47	1396	98.73
Wirral	2036	73.71	2727	99.13

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= 49446 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 (36.70%).

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, 21.90% of referral were from Criminal Justice Services, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 9.33% in Knowsley to 36.40% 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	106	488	487	66	191
Blackpool	45	409	597	950	157
Bolton	122	1061	822	307	235
Bury	102	346	347	146	222
Cheshire	308	1512	389	224	269
Cumbria	587	383	357	209	288
Halton	105	415	183	144	132
Knowsley	111	610	138	242	378
Lancashire	382	2543	1678	675	878
Liverpool	1368	1004	714	1420	713
Manchester	196	1538	975	798	898
Oldham	98	679	259	103	126
Rochdale	196	874	502	279	445
Salford	75	802	306	241	255
Sefton	174	511	541	753	189
St Helens	109	691	324	167	215
Stockport	48	515	260	166	126
Tameside	97	585	345	102	156
Trafford	59	254	216	90	136
Warrington	84	605	159	324	124
Wigan and Leigh	62	1018	403	157	146
Wirral	443	944	614	502	846

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 28th February 2007, 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 (70.40%).

Figure Three: Regional client status for latest treatment episode

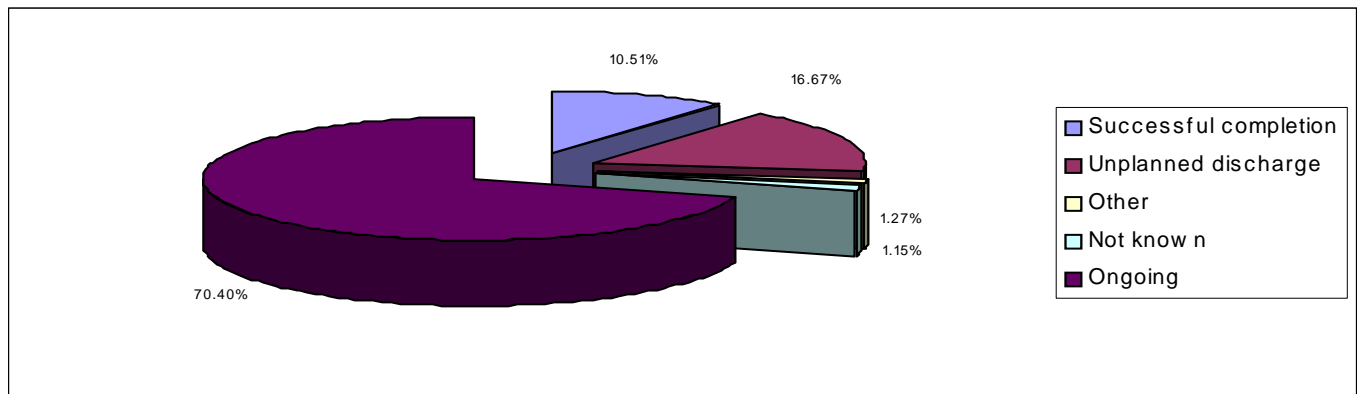


Table Six: Client status for latest episode of treatment by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Ongoing		Successful completion		Unplanned discharge		Not known		Other	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Blackburn with Darwen	664	63.48	176	16.83	195	18.64	-	-	7	0.67
Blackpool	927	63.84	191	13.15	263	18.11	-	-	70	4.82
Bolton	1148	61.62	182	9.77	473	25.39	33	1.77	27	1.45
Bury	604	63.05	139	14.51	201	20.98	5	0.52	9	0.94
Cheshire	1660	73.81	192	8.54	380	16.90	-	-	16	0.71
Cumbria	1022	71.62	74	5.19	134	9.39	188	13.17	9	0.63
Halton	575	76.67	89	11.87	79	10.53	-	-	5	0.67
Knowsley	874	74.45	111	9.45	157	13.37	0	0.00	32	2.73
Lancashire	3189	68.57	567	12.19	827	17.78	12	0.26	56	1.20
Liverpool	2602	65.61	476	12.00	729	18.38	97	2.45	62	1.56
Manchester	2705	78.54	195	5.66	494	14.34	17	0.49	33	0.96
Oldham	724	64.53	137	12.21	251	22.37	5	0.45	5	0.45
Rochdale	1072	62.11	242	14.02	345	19.99	25	1.45	42	2.43
Salford	716	58.54	237	19.38	259	21.18	-	-	9	0.74
Sefton	1019	67.98	167	11.14	269	17.95	14	0.93	30	2.00
St Helens	689	62.13	223	20.11	185	16.68	-	-	10	0.90
Stockport	584	63.83	159	17.38	156	17.05	9	0.98	7	0.77
Tameside	743	68.10	82	7.52	256	23.46	8	0.73	-	-
Trafford	472	69.82	89	13.17	94	13.91	0	0.00	21	3.11
Warrington	759	81.18	68	7.27	106	11.34	0	0.00	-	-
Wigan and Leigh	1043	73.61	107	7.55	259	18.28	-	-	-	-
Wirral	2221	80.41	208	7.53	291	10.54	17	0.62	25	0.91

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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=3780) 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.

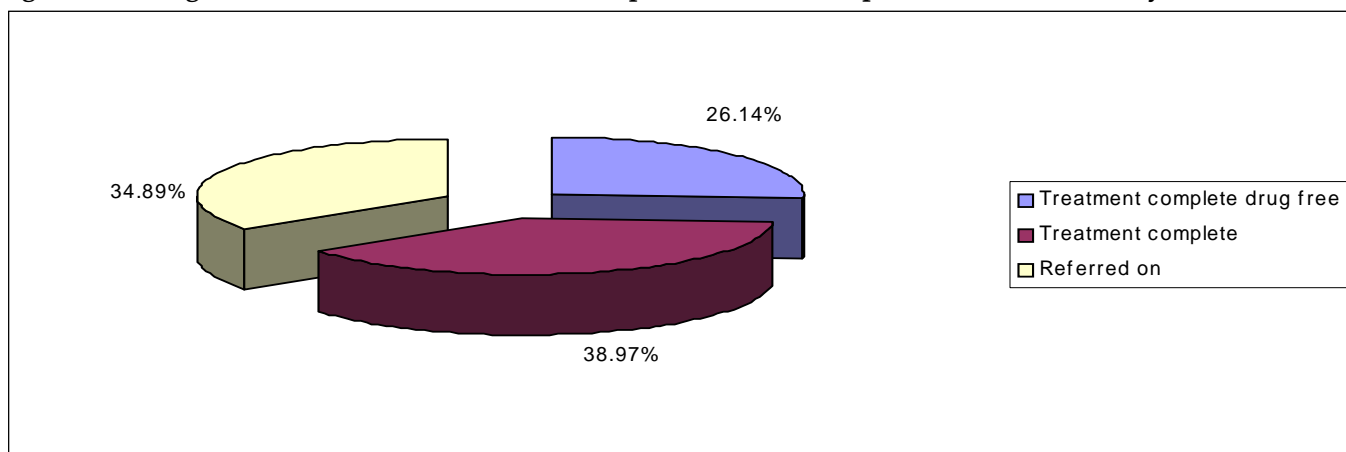


Table Seven: Breakdown of successful treatment completions for latest episode of treatment by D(A)AT of residence for the year to date.

D(A)AT	Treatment Complete Drug Free	Treatment Completed	Referred on
Blackburn with Darwen	18	83	75
Blackpool	38	63	90
Bolton	56	66	60
Bury	40	73	26
Cheshire	71	55	66
Cumbria	11	50	13
Halton	31	42	16
Knowsley	55	29	27
Lancashire	100	201	266
Liverpool	139	140	197
Manchester	36	67	92
Oldham	48	48	41
Rochdale	56	126	60
Salford	24	84	129
Sefton	22	63	82
St Helens	36	32	155
Stockport	41	111	7
Tameside	23	42	17
Trafford	24	28	37
Warrington	39	16	13
Wigan and Leigh	22	48	37
Wirral	109	62	37

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 63.79% of individuals reported heroin as their primary drug of use, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 79.61% in Blackpool to 42.95% in Stockport.

Figure Five: Regional primary drug of use.

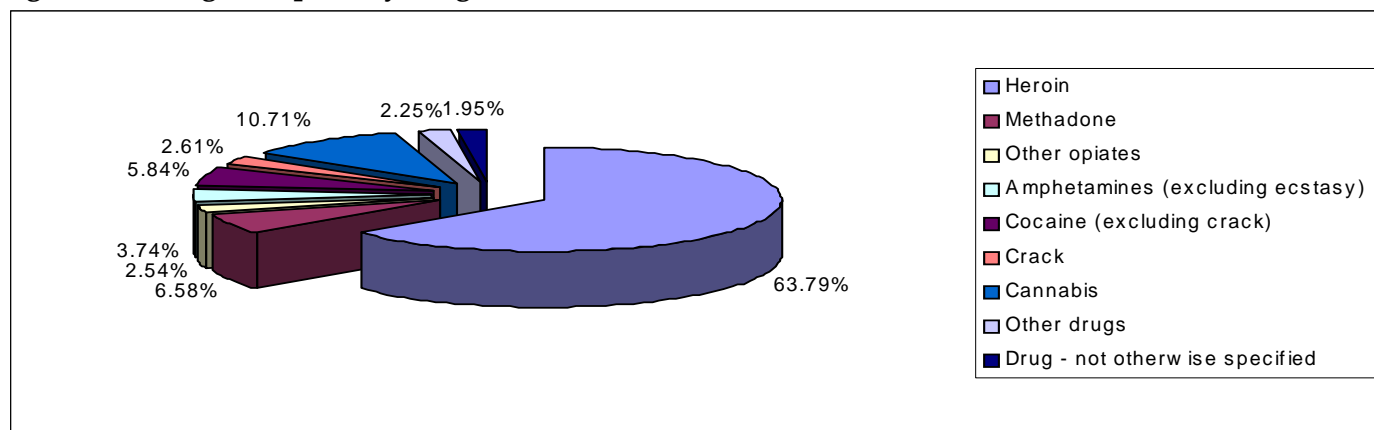


Table Eight: Primary drug of use by D(A)AT of residence

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	737	28	41	56	14	17	108	16	29	1046
Blackpool	1156	90	28	46	23	20	60	29	0	1452
Bolton	1223	97	69	124	77	52	153	46	22	1863
Bury	477	33	12	45	67	36	249	31	8	958
Cheshire	1483	278	50	66	92	50	153	28	49	2249
Cumbria	942	102	86	80	34	-	101	74	-	1427
Halton	382	62	10	35	97	38	114	12	0	750
Knowsley	582	40	10	41	196	27	242	21	15	1174
Lancashire	3206	252	81	202	107	100	349	131	223	4651
Liverpool	2481	320	100	33	323	109	330	38	232	3966
Manchester	2666	176	56	80	66	146	181	27	46	3444
Oldham	773	45	23	54	58	25	107	36	-	1122
Rochdale	812	118	19	73	123	74	378	101	28	1726
Salford	709	111	46	46	53	20	207	30	-	1223
Sefton	1063	55	19	16	131	20	130	16	49	1499
St Helens	686	80	21	25	107	33	126	22	9	1109
Stockport	393	117	41	72	77	29	158	13	15	915
Tameside	665	118	39	53	64	28	85	28	11	1091
Trafford	346	73	19	20	76	20	108	13	-	676
Warrington	505	93	29	23	79	22	154	26	-	935
Wigan and Leigh	873	78	25	110	95	25	165	44	-	1417
Wirral	1883	86	127	74	186	96	249	41	20	2762

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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	-	736	0	28	-	40	-	52	-	10	0	17	53	55	0	16	0	29	63	983
Blackpool	-	1153	-	89	0	28	0	46	0	23	0	20	30	30	12	17	0	0	46	1406
Bolton	-	1220	-	96	0	69	6	118	6	71	-	48	44	109	10	36	0	22	74	1789
Bury	0	477	0	33	0	12	-	41	5	62	-	35	133	116	12	19	-	6	157	801
Cheshire	5	1478	0	278	-	49	5	61	-	91	0	50	64	89	-	25	-	45	83	2166
Cumbria	-	940	0	102	0	86	-	79	-	31	0	-	38	63	9	65	0	-	53	1374
Halton	0	382	0	62	0	10	0	35	-	96	0	38	49	65	-	11	0	0	51	699
Knowsley	0	582	0	40	0	10	0	41	8	188	-	26	104	138	-	18	0	15	116	1058
Lancashire	10	3196	-	251	0	81	15	187	7	100	0	100	197	152	25	106	-	222	256	4395
Liverpool	-	2480	0	320	0	100	0	33	-	319	0	109	142	188	-	35	8	224	158	3808
Manchester	-	2665	-	175	0	56	0	80	-	65	0	146	34	147	-	26	0	46	38	3406
Oldham	0	773	0	45	0	23	-	53	0	58	0	25	58	49	-	33	-	0	63	1059
Rochdale	-	809	0	118	0	19	-	69	17	106	0	74	217	161	22	79	0	28	263	1463
Salford	0	709	0	111	0	46	-	44	5	48	0	20	106	101	9	21	0	-	122	1101
Sefton	0	1063	0	55	0	19	0	16	5	126	-	19	60	70	-	14	0	49	68	1431
St Helens	0	686	0	80	0	21	-	23	-	103	0	33	55	71	8	14	0	9	69	1040
Stockport	0	393	0	117	0	41	-	70	10	67	0	29	40	118	0	13	7	8	59	856
Tameside	0	665	0	118	0	39	-	52	-	63	0	28	30	55	8	20	0	11	40	1051
Trafford	-	345	0	73	0	19	0	20	0	76	0	20	48	60	-	9	0	-	53	623
Warrington	0	505	0	93	-	28	-	22	-	78	0	22	38	116	6	20	-	-	49	886
Wigan and Leigh	-	872	0	78	0	25	-	108	13	82	0	25	60	105	14	30	0	-	90	1327
Wirral	-	1881	0	86	0	127	-	73	15	171	0	96	78	171	12	29	0	20	108	2654

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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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