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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 29th February 2008. 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/substanceuse/ndtms/index.aspx?teamid=29>

Triage and Discharge Information for February 2008

The following section details the number of individuals who were triaged during February 2008. 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 2008, along with the discharge reasons for individuals leaving treatment services.

Table One: Number of triages and discharges during February 2008 by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	No. Triaged in February 2008	No. successful completions February 2008	No. unplanned discharges February 2008	No. discharges reason 'not known' February 2008	No. discharges reason 'other' February 2008
Blackburn with Darwen	36	5	16	0	0
Blackpool	99	32	11	0	-
Bolton	85	25	49	0	-
Bury	21	20	-	0	0
Cheshire	64	8	14	0	0
Cumbria	56	13	29	-	-
Halton	15	9	-	0	0
Knowsley	51	32	6	0	-
Lancashire	241	99	63	0	8
Liverpool	179	95	83	0	-
Manchester	99	7	38	0	8
Oldham	38	9	19	-	0
Rochdale	34	18	26	0	0
Salford	33	13	10	0	0
Sefton	65	36	17	0	0
St Helens	42	-	12	0	0
Stockport	32	12	-	0	0
Tameside	48	13	15	0	0
Trafford	29	10	19	0	0
Warrington	44	9	19	0	0
Wigan and Leigh	85	11	27	0	0
Wirral	36	18	15	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 29th February 2008. 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.

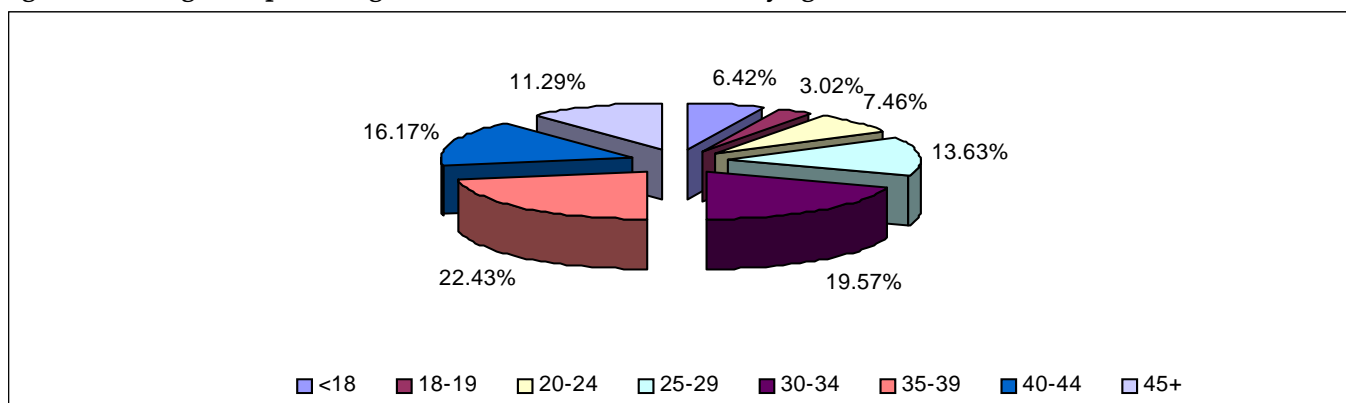
**Table Two: Number of individuals in contact with treatment services
(From 01/04/2007 to 29/02/2008) by D(A)AT of residence**

D(A)AT	Number in treatment YTD
Blackburn with Darwen	1027
Blackpool	1536
Bolton	1755
Bury	907
Cheshire	2336
Cumbria	1805
Halton	877
Knowsley	1323
Lancashire	5147
Liverpool	4369
Manchester	3575
Oldham	1133
Rochdale	1626
Salford	1148
Sefton	1705
St Helens	1138
Stockport	887
Tameside	1143
Trafford	750
Warrington	893
Wigan and Leigh	1543
Wirral	2790

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 (29/02/2008).

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



Whilst regionally 6.42% 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, 2.58% and 3.08% of the treatment population respectively were aged under 18. In contrast, 14.70% and 13.95% of those in contact with treatment services in Rochdale and Oldham respectively were aged under 18. In Blackburn with Darwen, 18.31% of those in contact with service were aged 40 and over, whereas in Liverpool and Wirral this age group comprised 38.09% and 41.72% 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	81	37	77	146	266	232	112	76
Blackpool	55	26	120	267	325	366	233	144
Bolton	54	52	169	328	458	353	227	114
Bury	125	82	69	122	163	143	118	85
Cheshire	165	68	203	383	486	456	325	250
Cumbria	56	45	211	399	427	330	177	160
Halton	42	36	92	135	188	184	110	90
Knowsley	181	27	103	155	208	303	234	112
Lancashire	401	182	388	812	1183	1101	627	453
Liverpool	166	89	210	399	685	1156	1003	661
Manchester	118	51	164	360	688	943	726	525
Oldham	158	34	81	126	215	239	161	119
Rochdale	239	80	113	190	234	336	228	206
Salford	90	33	68	143	253	244	192	125
Sefton	111	46	114	160	264	473	325	212
St Helens	67	32	106	186	239	245	146	117
Stockport	50	30	72	130	186	175	126	118
Tameside	72	32	93	211	276	245	129	85
Trafford	61	26	81	83	96	152	151	100
Warrington	38	35	76	131	191	221	126	75
Wigan and Leigh	64	57	147	297	369	312	189	108
Wirral	72	68	176	252	360	698	707	457

Gender and Ethnicity of individuals in contact with treatment services

During 2007/08 (YTD), 71.92% of individuals in contact with treatment services in the North West were male. Regionally, 95.65% of those individuals stating their ethnicity were described as 'white', there was a degree of variation in this percentage from 87.07% in Oldham to 99.48% in Blackpool. It should be noted that ethnicity percentages were calculated from those that stated an ethnicity and did not include missing data.

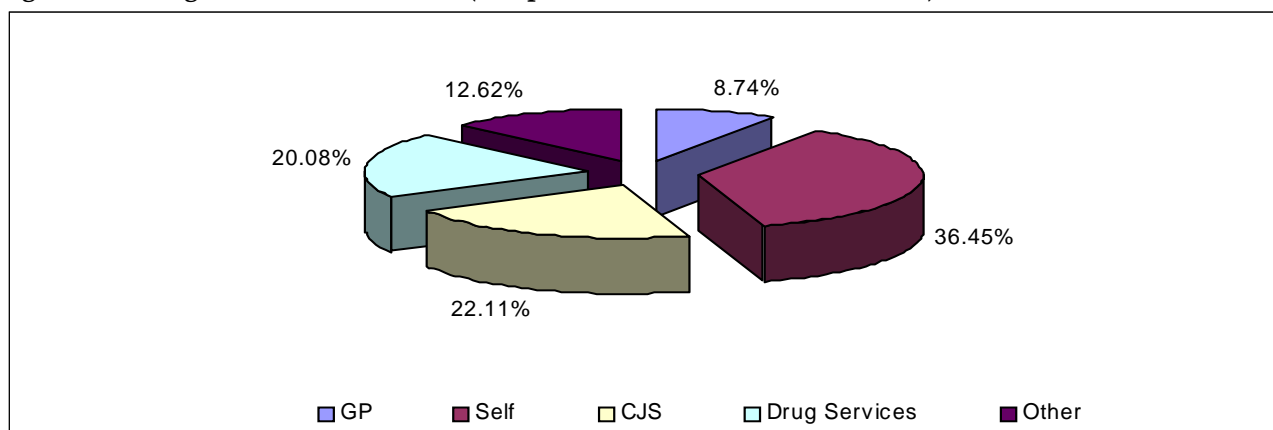
Table Four: Gender and Ethnicity by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Male		White	
	No.	%	No.	%
Blackburn with Darwen	802	78.09	911	93.44
Blackpool	1051	68.42	1522	99.48
Bolton	1264	72.02	1635	93.59
Bury	675	74.42	838	93.11
Cheshire	1690	72.35	2254	98.13
Cumbria	1239	68.64	1732	98.30
Halton	650	74.12	856	98.73
Knowsley	952	71.96	1295	98.70
Lancashire	3564	69.24	4756	96.29
Liverpool	3086	70.63	4065	96.10
Manchester	2560	71.61	3086	87.62
Oldham	834	73.61	983	87.07
Rochdale	1151	70.79	1494	93.20
Salford	859	74.83	1085	94.93
Sefton	1212	71.09	1685	99.29
St Helens	876	76.98	1128	99.30
Stockport	647	72.94	846	95.92
Tameside	841	73.58	1092	95.79
Trafford	554	73.87	661	90.18
Warrington	666	74.58	879	98.54
Wigan and Leigh	1143	74.08	1511	98.76
Wirral	2036	72.97	2768	99.32

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=51,519 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 (36.45%).

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, 22.11% of referrals were from Criminal Justice Services, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 13.17% in Warrington to 39.67% 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	82	478	524	130	107
Blackpool	35	504	582	1146	175
Bolton	113	1005	620	322	168
Bury	86	281	321	135	174
Cheshire	244	1453	454	286	301
Cumbria	580	651	464	278	315
Halton	104	464	233	296	166
Knowsley	89	552	265	421	287
Lancashire	427	2755	1788	1440	765
Liverpool	1267	1399	1257	1452	667
Manchester	213	1655	880	848	903
Oldham	79	650	215	78	210
Rochdale	142	856	330	238	397
Salford	63	618	316	211	165
Sefton	99	523	622	993	222
St Helens	110	694	289	188	197
Stockport	40	543	195	155	125
Tameside	95	594	356	155	129
Trafford	56	188	325	253	85
Warrington	62	635	154	226	92
Wigan and Leigh	46	1067	510	366	98
Wirral	417	997	560	609	679

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 13 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 29th February 2008, 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 (70.45%).

Figure Three: Regional client status for latest treatment episode

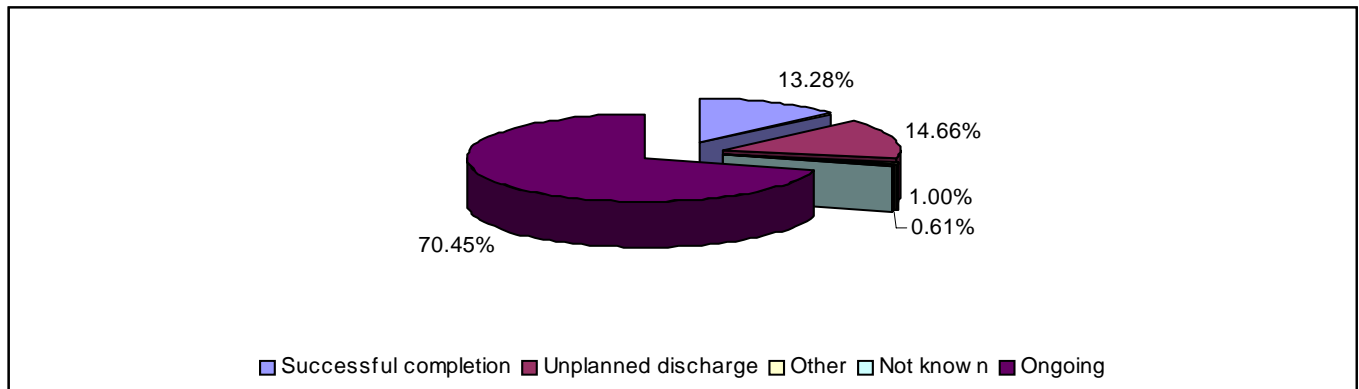


Table Six: Client status for latest episode of treatment by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Ongoing		Successful completion		Unplanned discharge		Not known		Other	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Blackburn with Darwen	692	67.38	118	11.49	209	20.35	-	-	7	0.68
Blackpool	1071	69.73	270	17.58	157	10.22	0	0.00	38	2.47
Bolton	1141	65.01	262	14.93	329	18.75	-	-	20	1.14
Bury	633	69.79	131	14.44	132	14.55	7	0.77	-	-
Cheshire	1794	76.80	255	10.92	277	11.86	-	-	6	0.26
Cumbria	1251	69.31	171	9.47	342	18.95	30	1.66	11	0.61
Halton	621	70.81	144	16.42	107	12.20	-	-	-	-
Knowsley	873	65.99	287	21.69	136	10.28	-	-	25	1.89
Lancashire	3373	65.53	928	18.03	694	13.48	-	-	149	2.89
Liverpool	2926	66.97	654	14.97	755	17.28	7	0.16	27	0.62
Manchester	2741	76.67	263	7.36	536	14.99	-	-	33	0.92
Oldham	755	66.64	177	15.62	196	17.30	-	-	-	-
Rochdale	1126	69.25	224	13.78	261	16.05	-	-	12	0.74
Salford	762	66.38	200	17.42	183	15.94	0	0.00	-	-
Sefton	1167	68.45	240	14.08	289	16.95	6	0.35	-	-
St Helens	767	67.40	196	17.22	166	14.59	0	0.00	9	0.79
Stockport	580	65.39	189	21.31	109	12.29	6	0.68	-	-
Tameside	796	69.64	78	6.82	247	21.61	11	0.96	11	0.96
Trafford	476	63.47	129	17.20	132	17.60	7	0.93	6	0.80
Warrington	535	59.91	90	10.08	117	13.10	148	16.57	-	-
Wigan and Leigh	1074	69.60	186	12.05	276	17.89	-	-	-	-
Wirral	2267	81.25	240	8.60	264	9.46	-	-	17	0.61

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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=5,432) 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.

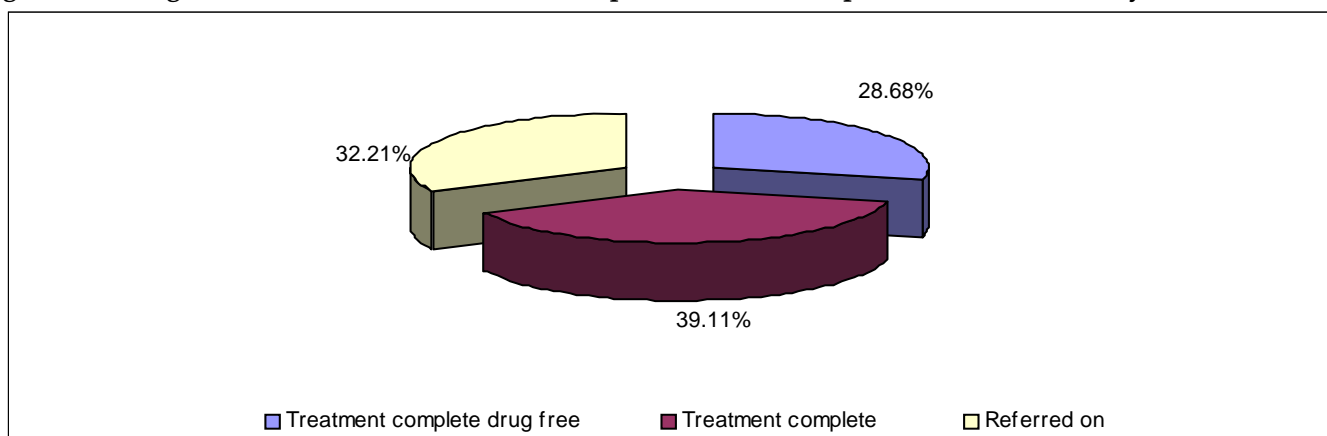


Table Seven: Breakdown of successful treatment completions for latest episode of treatment by D(A)AT of residence for the year to date.

D(A)AT	Treatment Complete Drug Free		Treatment Completed		Referred on	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Blackburn with Darwen	28	23.73	42	35.59	48	40.68
Blackpool	73	27.04	74	27.41	123	45.56
Bolton	87	33.21	114	43.51	61	23.28
Bury	66	50.38	37	28.24	28	21.37
Cheshire	77	30.20	112	43.92	66	25.88
Cumbria	20	11.70	127	74.27	24	14.04
Halton	38	26.39	55	38.19	51	35.42
Knowsley	102	35.54	142	49.48	43	14.98
Lancashire	131	14.12	303	32.65	494	53.23
Liverpool	224	34.25	164	25.08	266	40.67
Manchester	68	25.86	80	30.42	115	43.73
Oldham	45	25.42	103	58.19	29	16.38
Rochdale	81	36.16	95	42.41	48	21.43
Salford	44	22.00	93	46.50	63	31.50
Sefton	67	27.92	68	28.33	105	43.75
St Helens	45	22.96	24	12.24	127	64.80
Stockport	31	16.40	154	81.48	-	-
Tameside	33	42.31	32	41.03	13	16.67
Trafford	48	37.21	50	38.76	31	24.03
Warrington	51	56.67	13	14.44	26	28.89
Wigan and Leigh	38	20.43	62	33.33	86	46.24
Wirral	112	46.67	78	32.50	50	20.83

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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 64.00% of individuals reported heroin as their primary drug of use, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 80.99% in Blackpool to 46.41% in Halton.

Figure Five: Regional primary drug of use.

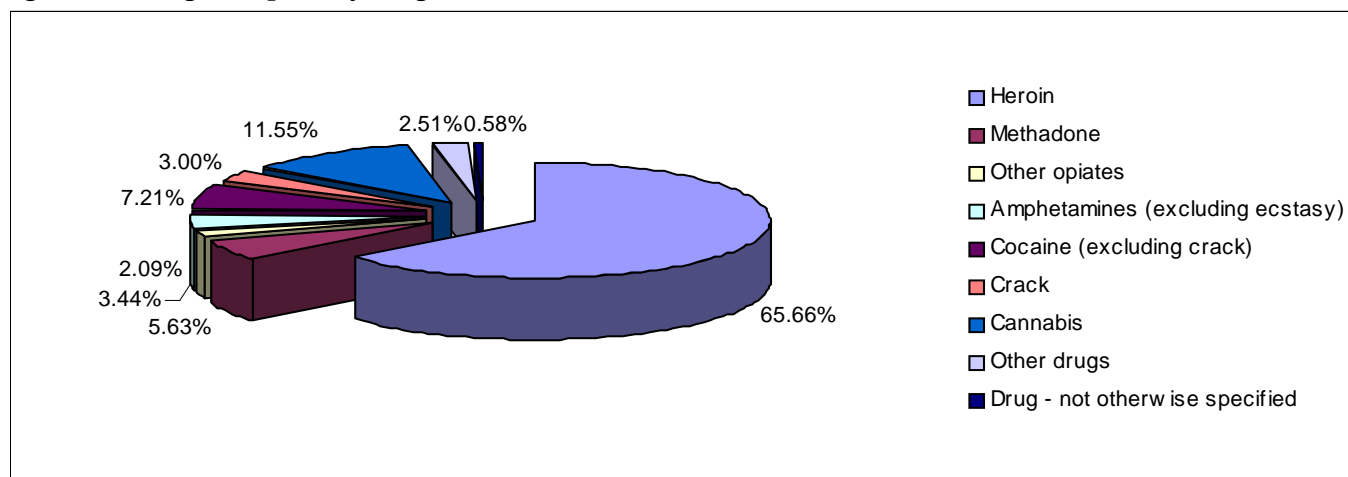


Table Eight: Primary drug of use by D(A)AT of residence

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	723	32	26	48	16	17	145	20	0	1027
Blackpool	1244	47	18	59	29	31	67	40	-	1536
Bolton	1232	93	57	84	76	41	122	46	-	1755
Bury	499	10	11	37	83	28	206	31	-	907
Cheshire	1528	259	66	44	114	67	209	49	0	2336
Cumbria	1184	114	98	99	60	6	152	89	-	1805
Halton	407	60	16	39	127	58	147	23	0	877
Knowsley	620	45	16	32	220	27	336	24	-	1323
Lancashire	3435	250	89	261	195	111	602	154	50	5147
Liverpool	2837	312	34	29	484	148	372	49	104	4369
Manchester	2648	213	61	88	124	166	184	84	7	3575
Oldham	730	34	19	30	63	30	208	18	-	1133
Rochdale	865	97	12	69	83	57	350	76	17	1626
Salford	694	83	34	56	48	26	164	42	-	1148
Sefton	1054	81	16	18	228	42	194	35	37	1705
St Helens	713	69	23	29	123	20	129	31	-	1138
Stockport	509	25	39	55	77	41	129	12	0	887
Tameside	708	76	36	42	101	26	118	33	-	1143
Trafford	350	66	21	14	61	84	141	13	0	750
Warrington	528	65	23	17	99	20	115	25	-	893
Wigan and Leigh	988	79	28	122	128	25	139	34	0	1543
Wirral	1892	103	81	61	256	116	219	61	-	2790

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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	-	722	0	32	0	26	-	47	0	16	0	17	73	72	6	14	0	0	81	946
Blackpool	-	1242	0	47	0	18	-	57	0	29	0	31	39	28	12	28	0	-	55	1481
Bolton	5	1227	0	93	-	56	-	82	-	74	-	39	35	87	7	39	0	-	54	1701
Bury	-	498	0	10	0	11	-	33	10	73	0	28	101	105	8	23	-	-	125	782
Cheshire	5	1523	0	259	0	66	-	40	6	108	-	66	141	68	8	41	0	0	165	2171
Cumbria	-	1182	0	114	0	98	-	96	-	58	0	6	34	118	15	74	0	-	56	1749
Halton	0	407	0	60	0	16	0	39	-	125	0	58	40	107	0	23	0	0	42	835
Knowsley	-	619	0	45	0	16	0	32	10	210	0	27	166	170	-	20	0	-	181	1142
Lancashire	6	3429	0	250	0	89	20	241	19	176	-	110	326	276	29	125	0	50	401	4746
Liverpool	0	2837	0	312	0	34	-	28	5	479	-	146	144	228	6	43	8	96	166	4203
Manchester	6	2642	0	213	0	61	-	87	25	99	0	166	80	104	6	78	0	7	118	3457
Oldham	0	730	0	34	0	19	-	29	-	60	-	29	148	60	-	14	-	0	158	975
Rochdale	-	864	0	97	0	12	6	63	18	65	0	57	189	161	25	51	0	17	239	1387
Salford	0	694	0	83	0	34	-	55	-	46	0	26	80	84	7	35	0	-	90	1058
Sefton	-	1053	0	81	0	16	-	16	12	216	0	42	85	109	11	24	0	37	111	1594
St Helens	0	713	0	69	0	23	-	27	6	117	0	20	50	79	9	22	0	-	67	1071
Stockport	0	509	0	25	0	39	0	55	-	73	0	41	46	83	0	12	0	0	50	837
Tameside	-	706	0	76	0	36	-	39	11	90	0	26	49	69	7	26	0	-	72	1071
Trafford	0	350	0	66	0	21	-	13	-	60	0	84	58	83	-	12	0	0	61	689
Warrington	-	526	0	65	0	23	0	17	5	94	0	20	27	88	-	21	0	-	38	855
Wigan and Leigh	0	988	0	79	0	28	-	120	8	120	-	24	45	94	8	26	0	0	64	1479
Wirral	-	1889	0	103	0	81	0	61	17	239	0	116	45	174	7	54	0	-	72	2718

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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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