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## Introduction

This publication is the first 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, 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 2008 up to 30<sup>th</sup> April 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 Information for April 2008**

The following section details the number of individuals who were triaged during April 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.

**Table One: Number of triages during April 2008 by D(A)AT of residence**

<b>D(A)AT</b>	<b>No. Triaged in April 2008</b>
Blackburn with Darwen	42
Blackpool	81
Bolton	100
Bury	40
Cheshire	52
Cumbria	132
Halton	11
Knowsley	38
Lancashire	228
Liverpool	246
Manchester	132
Oldham	41
Rochdale	54
Salford	66
Sefton	50
St Helens	39
Stockport	29
Tameside	48
Trafford	38
Warrington	28
Wigan and Leigh	58
Wirral	52

**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 30<sup>th</sup> April 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](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.

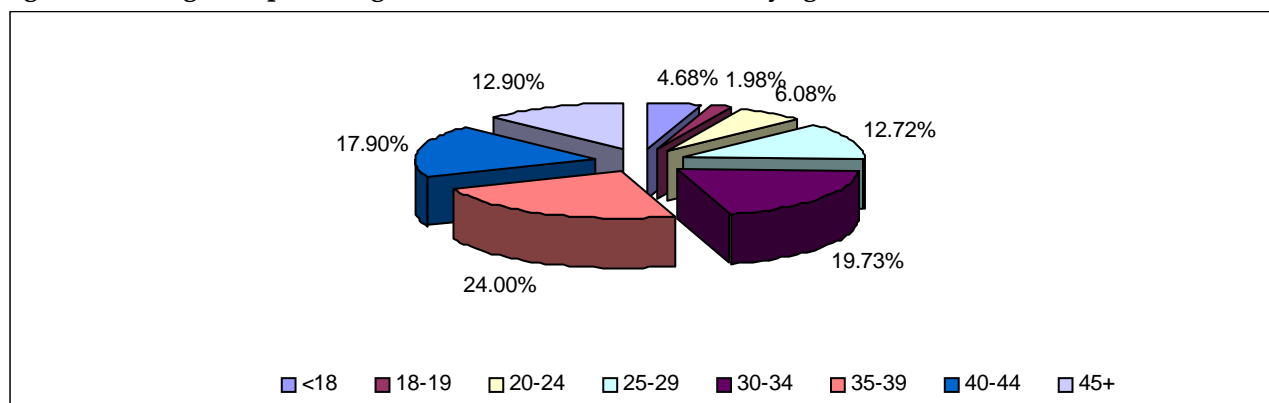
**Table Two: Number of individuals in contact with treatment services (From 01/04/2008 to 30/04/2008) by D(A)AT of residence**

D(A)AT	Number in treatment YTD
Blackburn with Darwen	754
Blackpool	1282
Bolton	1303
Bury	644
Cheshire	1840
Cumbria	1320
Halton	600
Knowsley	916
Lancashire	3722
Liverpool	3153
Manchester	3010
Oldham	791
Rochdale	1163
Salford	855
Sefton	1244
St Helens	892
Stockport	650
Tameside	834
Trafford	530
Warrington	582
Wigan and Leigh	1194
Wirral	2301

**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 (30/04/2008).

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



Whilst regionally 4.68% 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 Stockport and Wirral, 1.69% and 1.87% of the treatment population respectively were aged under 18. In contrast, 14.53% and 11.02% of those in contact with treatment services in Rochdale and Bury respectively were aged under 18. In Blackburn with Darwen, 20.69% of those in contact with service were aged 40 and over, whereas in Wirral and Liverpool this age group comprised 46.11% and 41.86% 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	54	31	52	89	195	177	90	66
Blackpool	30	8	92	225	254	327	215	131
Bolton	38	20	108	221	358	284	185	89
Bury	71	38	40	86	124	122	93	70
Cheshire	84	30	139	270	399	407	285	226
Cumbria	28	21	129	285	326	251	149	131
Halton	20	21	57	85	114	146	85	72
Knowsley	90	17	67	91	139	246	185	81
Lancashire	188	83	250	575	894	865	504	363
Liverpool	116	58	121	226	457	855	774	546
Manchester	70	24	108	279	569	817	644	499
Oldham	54	5	43	91	166	189	134	109
Rochdale	169	23	51	123	169	256	196	176
Salford	44	22	34	97	205	200	146	107
Sefton	64	25	57	97	181	361	271	188
St Helens	44	14	64	136	201	202	125	106
Stockport	11	14	36	91	150	145	104	99
Tameside	37	14	54	148	214	192	98	77
Trafford	40	16	39	49	67	112	130	77
Warrington	36	26	39	77	117	152	80	55
Wigan and Leigh	31	42	95	239	289	240	164	94
Wirral	43	27	120	204	260	586	632	429

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

During 2007/08 (YTD), 70.85% of individuals in contact with treatment services in the North West were male. Regionally, 95.98% of those individuals stating their ethnicity were described as 'white', there was a degree of variation in this percentage from 88.24% in Manchester to 99.44% in St Helens. It should be noted that ethnicity percentages were calculated from those that stated an ethnicity and did not include missing data.

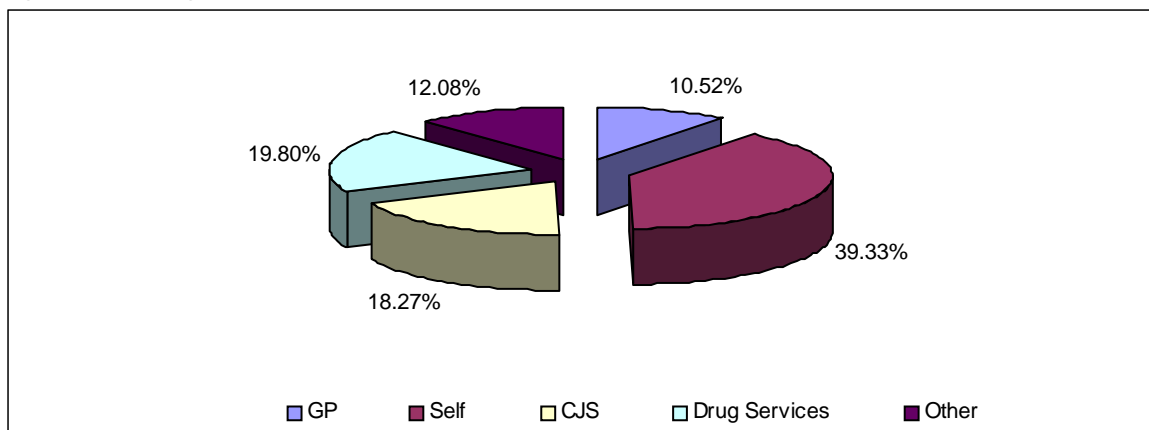
**Table Four: Gender and Ethnicity by D(A)AT of residence**

D(A)AT	Male		White	
	No.	%	No.	%
Blackburn with Darwen	573	75.99	677	92.49
Blackpool	874	68.17	1272	99.45
Bolton	925	70.99	1220	94.14
Bury	465	72.20	593	92.66
Cheshire	1345	73.10	1770	98.22
Cumbria	882	66.82	1283	99.15
Halton	429	71.50	590	99.16
Knowsley	656	71.62	895	98.68
Lancashire	2499	67.14	3451	96.88
Liverpool	2171	68.86	2963	96.77
Manchester	2145	71.26	2612	88.24
Oldham	571	72.19	702	89.09
Rochdale	833	71.63	1056	92.15
Salford	626	73.22	815	95.66
Sefton	870	69.94	1229	99.19
St Helens	685	76.79	887	99.44
Stockport	470	72.31	627	96.91
Tameside	596	71.46	800	96.27
Trafford	387	73.02	464	89.40
Warrington	419	71.99	574	98.80
Wigan and Leigh	866	72.53	1169	98.98
Wirral	1671	72.62	2286	99.35

**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= 32,674) 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 (39.33%).

**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, 18.27% of referrals were from Criminal Justice Services, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 11.06% in Cheshire to 37.42.% 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	58	333	302	48	66
Blackpool	22	408	328	734	118
Bolton	102	722	322	150	105
Bury	73	188	198	107	97
Cheshire	209	1127	212	160	208
Cumbria	449	462	219	125	169
Halton	77	284	112	183	69
Knowsley	38	371	177	179	232
Lancashire	323	1821	859	734	396
Liverpool	953	827	565	917	338
Manchester	188	1337	598	610	709
Oldham	61	497	106	61	87
Rochdale	107	577	168	155	251
Salford	41	460	181	147	82
Sefton	52	221	228	806	98
St Helens	89	463	201	140	118
Stockport	27	383	111	103	78
Tameside	78	421	180	110	87
Trafford	40	132	160	141	49
Warrington	40	290	72	132	50
Wigan and Leigh	31	763	280	226	63
Wirral	379	765	392	500	476

## 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 71.04% of individuals reported heroin as their primary drug of use, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 83.70% in Blackpool to 53.00% in Halton.

Figure Three: Regional primary drug of use.

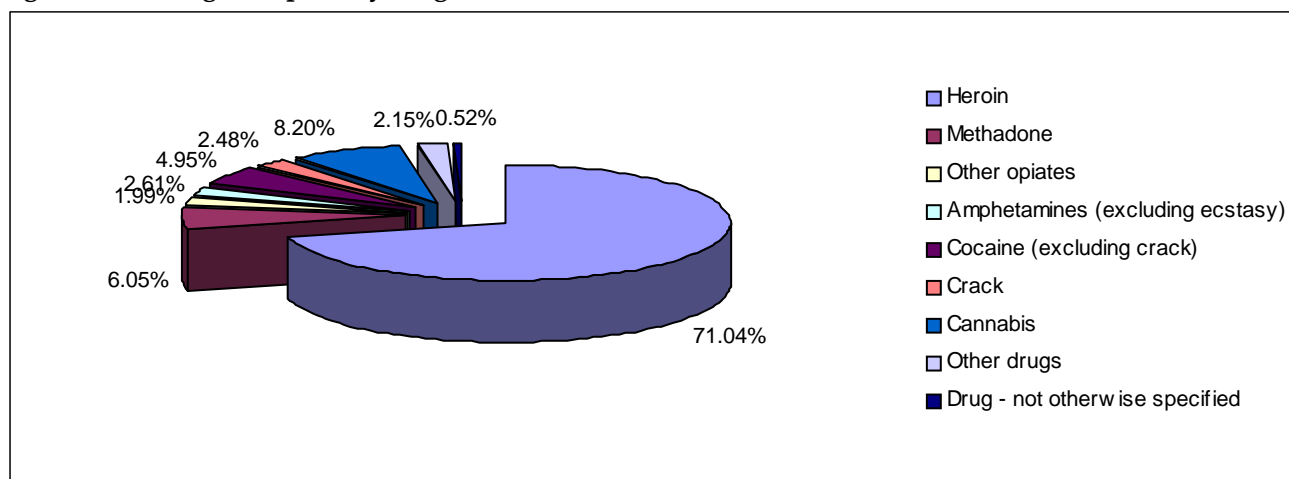


Table Six: Primary drug of use by D(A)AT of residence

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	554	26	15	20	10	19	96	14	0	754
Blackpool	1073	39	18	49	18	17	37	31	0	1282
Bolton	1020	68	32	42	28	21	65	23	-	1303
Bury	417	5	9	32	44	13	111	12	-	644
Cheshire	1288	235	55	25	59	38	106	34	0	1840
Cumbria	1028	65	68	35	21	-	61	37	-	1320
Halton	318	55	13	20	63	28	85	18	0	600
Knowsley	515	46	12	18	114	20	178	12	-	916
Lancashire	2700	212	56	142	103	65	290	103	51	3722
Liverpool	2139	252	20	16	295	78	249	28	76	3153
Manchester	2376	158	45	81	80	109	98	62	-	3010
Oldham	597	31	13	19	20	17	79	13	-	791
Rochdale	701	88	5	29	32	44	203	46	15	1163
Salford	577	62	24	26	29	18	82	37	0	855
Sefton	871	70	12	8	118	35	105	18	7	1244
St Helens	628	62	14	13	53	18	81	22	-	892
Stockport	444	16	31	31	39	23	55	11	0	650
Tameside	588	67	29	19	32	13	55	31	0	834
Trafford	293	64	17	5	22	46	76	7	0	530
Warrington	387	40	12	10	52	6	60	15	0	582
Wigan and Leigh	828	66	25	82	58	16	92	27	0	1194
Wirral	1706	67	63	47	165	91	126	36	0	2301

- = Numbers less than 5 have been suppressed to protect the confidentiality of individuals

'Other Drugs' includes benzodiazepines, hallucinogens, ecstasy, solvents, barbiturates, major tranquillisers, anti-depressants, prescription drugs, other drugs and polydrug use.

**Table Seven: 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	-	553	0	26	0	15	-	19	-	9	0	19	46	50	5	9	0	0	54	700
Blackpool	-	1072	0	39	0	18	-	46	-	17	0	17	17	20	8	23	0	0	30	1252
Bolton	-	1017	0	68	-	31	0	42	-	26	0	21	29	36	-	20	0	-	38	1265
Bury	0	417	0	5	0	9	-	29	-	40	0	13	61	50	-	9	0	-	71	573
Cheshire	-	1286	0	235	0	55	0	25	-	55	-	37	75	31	-	32	0	0	84	1756
Cumbria	0	1028	0	65	0	68	-	34	0	21	0	-	23	38	-	33	0	-	28	1292
Halton	0	318	0	55	0	13	0	20	-	62	0	28	19	66	0	18	0	0	20	580
Knowsley	0	515	0	46	0	12	0	18	6	108	0	20	83	95	-	11	0	-	90	826
Lancashire	5	2695	0	212	0	56	11	131	12	91	0	65	147	143	13	90	0	51	188	3534
Liverpool	0	2139	0	252	0	20	0	16	7	288	0	78	100	149	-	27	8	68	116	3037
Manchester	7	2369	0	158	0	45	0	81	5	75	0	109	53	45	5	57	0	-	70	2940
Oldham	0	597	0	31	0	13	0	19	0	20	0	17	49	30	-	9	-	-	54	737
Rochdale	-	700	0	88	0	5	-	27	12	20	-	42	141	62	11	35	0	15	169	994
Salford	0	577	0	62	0	24	0	26	-	28	0	18	41	41	-	35	0	0	44	811
Sefton	0	871	0	70	0	12	-	7	8	110	0	35	48	57	7	11	0	7	64	1180
St Helens	0	628	0	62	0	14	-	12	4	49	0	18	32	49	7	15	0	-	44	848
Stockport	0	444	0	16	0	31	0	31	-	36	0	23	8	47	0	11	0	0	11	639
Tameside	0	588	-	66	0	29	-	18	6	26	0	13	23	32	6	25	0	0	37	797
Trafford	0	293	0	64	0	17	0	5	-	21	0	46	39	37	0	7	0	0	40	490
Warrington	-	385	0	40	0	12	0	10	7	45	0	6	23	37	-	11	0	0	36	546
Wigan and Leigh	0	828	0	66	0	25	0	82	-	55	-	14	23	69	-	24	0	0	31	1163
Wirral	-	1705	0	67	0	63	-	46	8	157	0	91	30	96	-	33	0	0	43	2258

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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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