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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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006 up to 31/10/2006. 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 October 2006

The following section details the number of individuals who were triaged during October 2006. 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 October 2006, along with the discharge reasons for individuals leaving treatment services.

**Table One: Number of triages and discharges during October 2006 by D(A)AT of residence**

D(A)AT	No. Triaged in October 2006	No. successful completions October 2006	No. unplanned discharges October 2006	No. discharges reason 'not known' October 2006	No. discharges reason 'other' October 2006
Blackburn with Darwen	15	5	18	-	0
Blackpool	83	17	28	0	13
Bolton	49	-	44	0	0
Bury	27	11	23	-	-
Cheshire	77	13	35	0	-
Cumbria	15	-	-	0	0
Halton	25	12	6	0	0
Knowsley	43	10	14	0	0
Lancashire	70	35	37	0	9
Liverpool	153	45	86	0	5
Manchester	81	9	38	0	-
Oldham	26	-	10	0	0
Rochdale	33	13	11	0	-
Salford	33	12	24	-	-
Sefton	56	11	7	0	0
St Helens	46	23	16	0	0
Stockport	26	6	6	0	0
Tameside	13	9	17	0	0
Trafford	32	7	13	0	-
Warrington	35	10	6	0	0
Wigan and Leigh	28	-	12	0	0
Wirral	56	24	30	0	5

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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 2006 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2006. 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.

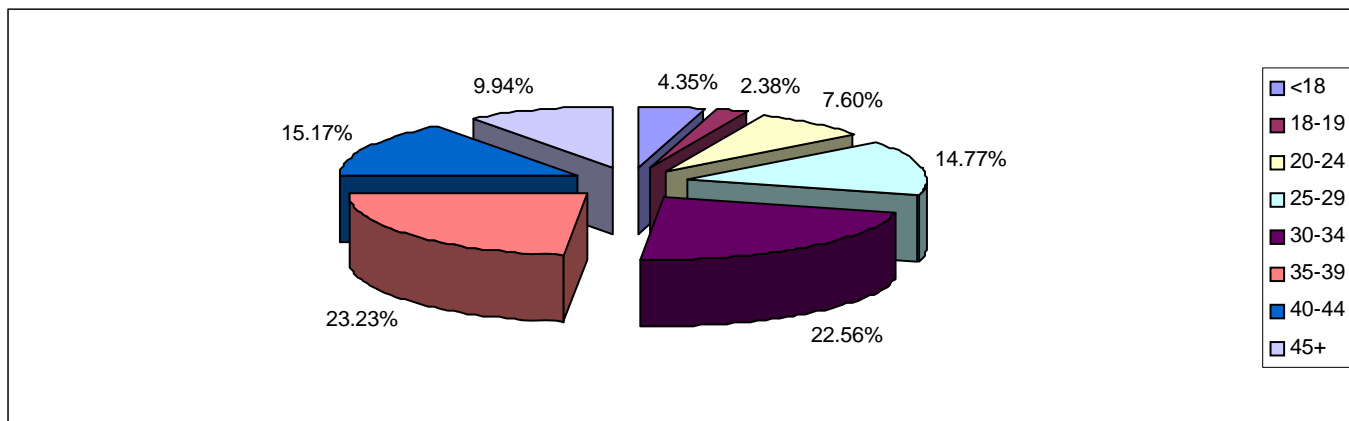
**Table Two: Number of individuals in contact with treatment services  
(From 01/04/2006 to 31/10/2006) by D(A)AT of residence**

D(A)AT	Number in treatment YTD
Blackburn with Darwen	847
Blackpool	1333
Bolton	1734
Bury	813
Cheshire	1977
Cumbria	956
Halton	693
Knowsley	979
Lancashire	3971
Liverpool	3559
Manchester	3112
Oldham	1001
Rochdale	1279
Salford	1043
Sefton	1494
St Helens	954
Stockport	784
Tameside	993
Trafford	648
Warrington	844
Wigan and Leigh	1255
Wirral	2602

## 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 (31/10/2006).

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



Whilst regionally 4.35% 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 Cheshire, 1.12% and 1.42% of the treatment population respectively were aged under 18. In contrast, 14.02% and 12.51% of those in contact with treatment services in Bury and Rochdale respectively were aged under 18. In Bolton, 14.94% of those in contact with service were aged 40 and over, whereas in Liverpool and Wirral this age group comprised 35.21% and 35.86% 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	18	11	75	147	267	200	71	58
Blackpool	34	22	107	213	323	334	176	124
Bolton	53	40	198	369	479	336	156	103
Bury	114	60	63	130	142	148	82	74
Cheshire	28	48	165	394	504	364	301	173
Cumbria	38	22	100	219	232	159	109	77
Halton	53	23	60	128	162	136	86	45
Knowsley	89	23	65	109	191	276	154	72
Lancashire	89	58	360	754	1077	797	486	350
Liverpool	63	21	168	317	700	1037	778	475
Manchester	35	30	161	367	726	842	566	385
Oldham	36	27	91	136	213	233	139	126
Rochdale	160	55	84	158	233	264	177	148
Salford	88	26	72	134	243	241	140	99
Sefton	60	26	103	162	302	417	271	153
St Helens	65	32	84	164	221	201	104	83
Stockport	39	35	77	116	179	154	94	90
Tameside	37	22	102	206	248	201	102	75
Trafford	69	50	43	63	86	156	132	49
Warrington	55	17	68	141	221	183	94	65
Wigan and Leigh	84	33	130	237	303	259	147	62
Wirral	87	80	116	202	442	742	599	334

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

During 2006/07 (YTD), 71.17% 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 30-34 in comparison to other age groups. Whilst regionally, 95.87% of those individuals stating their ethnicity were described as 'white', there was a degree of variation in this percentage from 86.06% in Oldham to 99.55% in Blackpool. It should be noted that ethnicity percentages were calculated from those that stated an ethnicity and did not include missing data.

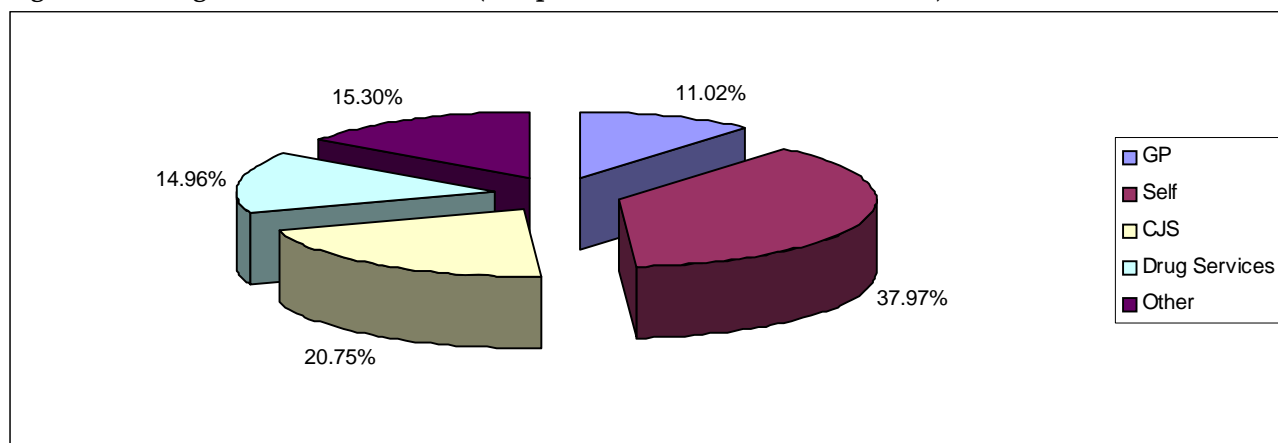
**Table Four: Gender and Ethnicity by D(A)AT of residence**

D(A)AT	Male		White	
	No.	%	No.	%
Blackburn with Darwen	658	77.69	709	94.79
Blackpool	920	69.02	1324	99.55
Bolton	1248	71.97	1638	95.07
Bury	582	71.59	747	92.91
Cheshire	1430	72.33	1844	98.14
Cumbria	621	64.96	933	99.26
Halton	500	72.15	684	99.13
Knowsley	699	71.40	959	98.16
Lancashire	2737	68.92	3698	96.38
Liverpool	2410	67.72	3346	97.10
Manchester	2211	71.05	2703	88.56
Oldham	736	73.53	858	86.06
Rochdale	930	72.71	1181	93.14
Salford	775	74.30	978	94.86
Sefton	1052	70.41	1475	98.99
St Helens	707	74.11	945	99.06
Stockport	570	72.70	732	95.56
Tameside	709	71.40	931	96.28
Trafford	478	73.77	551	90.33
Warrington	636	75.36	834	99.05
Wigan and Leigh	910	72.51	1238	98.88
Wirral	1913	73.52	2569	99.11

## 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=41206 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 (37.97%).

**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, 20.75% of referral were from Criminal Justice Services, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 7.68% in Knowsley to 33.41% in Blackburn with Darwen.

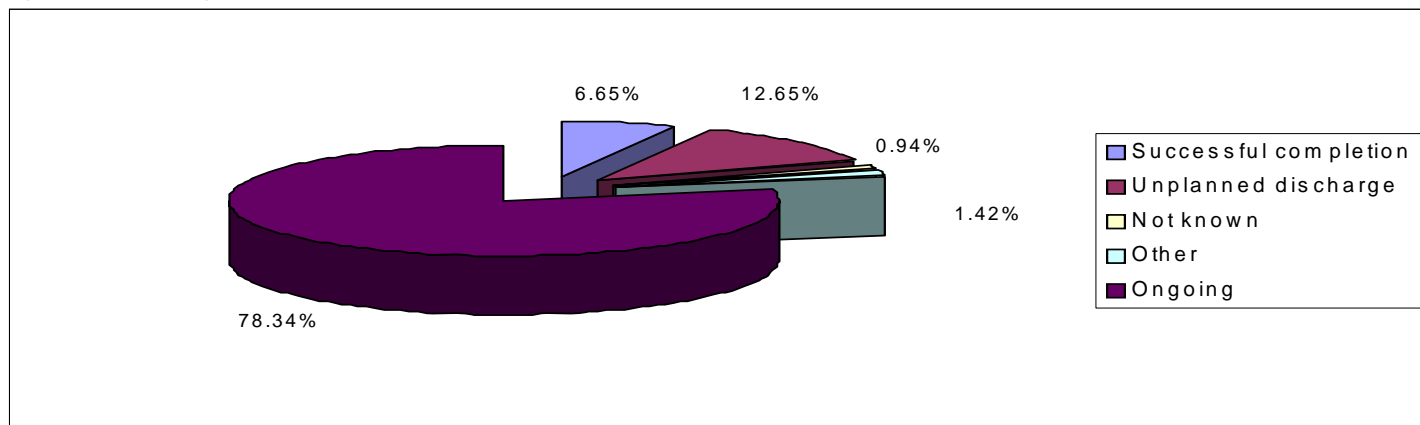
**Table Five: Referral Sources for all episodes of treatment by D(A)AT of residence**

D(A)AT	GP	Self	CJS	Drug services	Other
Blackburn with Darwen	96	373	365	40	137
Blackpool	45	355	487	787	119
Bolton	116	955	716	246	199
Bury	97	287	263	128	153
Cheshire	294	1320	286	175	212
Cumbria	425	225	223	159	191
Halton	100	376	160	77	131
Knowsley	97	526	86	161	297
Lancashire	345	1914	1446	428	570
Liverpool	1223	969	519	1003	645
Manchester	182	1373	724	701	883
Oldham	97	587	213	87	86
Rochdale	153	570	296	87	442
Salford	53	685	238	167	201
Sefton	222	653	377	615	215
St Helens	100	563	229	119	194
Stockport	46	462	215	128	113
Tameside	96	509	269	86	147
Trafford	62	250	185	34	128
Warrington	77	552	137	219	152
Wigan and Leigh	64	869	337	114	127
Wirral	429	854	551	441	795

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2006, 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 (78.34%). Table Seven details the successful completions for those concluding treatment 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 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	641	75.68	70	8.26	129	15.23	-	-	6	0.71
Blackpool	1007	75.54	72	5.40	194	14.55	-	-	59	4.43
Bolton	1289	74.34	92	5.31	327	18.86	18	1.04	8	0.46
Bury	563	69.25	86	10.58	154	18.94	-	-	8	0.98
Cheshire	1609	81.39	115	5.82	247	12.49	0	0.00	6	0.30
Cumbria	771	80.65	42	4.39	67	7.01	70	7.32	6	0.63
Halton	574	82.83	63	9.09	50	7.22	-	-	-	-
Knowsley	786	80.29	62	6.33	95	9.70	-	-	35	3.58
Lancashire	3136	78.97	307	7.73	480	12.09	15	0.38	33	0.83
Liverpool	2575	72.35	264	7.42	545	15.31	115	3.23	60	1.69
Manchester	2653	85.25	107	3.44	299	9.61	21	0.67	32	1.03
Oldham	756	75.52	67	6.69	175	17.48	-	-	-	-
Rochdale	894	69.90	128	10.01	176	13.76	28	2.19	53	4.14
Salford	714	68.46	126	12.08	195	18.70	-	-	6	0.58
Sefton	1106	74.03	113	7.56	153	10.24	5	0.33	117	7.83
St Helens	674	70.65	134	14.05	136	14.26	-	-	7	0.73
Stockport	586	74.74	76	9.69	114	14.54	-	-	5	0.64
Tameside	738	74.32	60	6.04	190	19.13	-	-	-	-
Trafford	516	79.63	59	9.10	64	9.88	0	0.00	9	1.39
Warrington	705	83.53	49	5.81	88	10.43	0	0.00	-	-
Wigan and Leigh	1042	83.03	44	3.51	149	11.87	16	1.27	-	-
Wirral	2216	85.17	148	5.69	209	8.03	12	0.46	17	0.65

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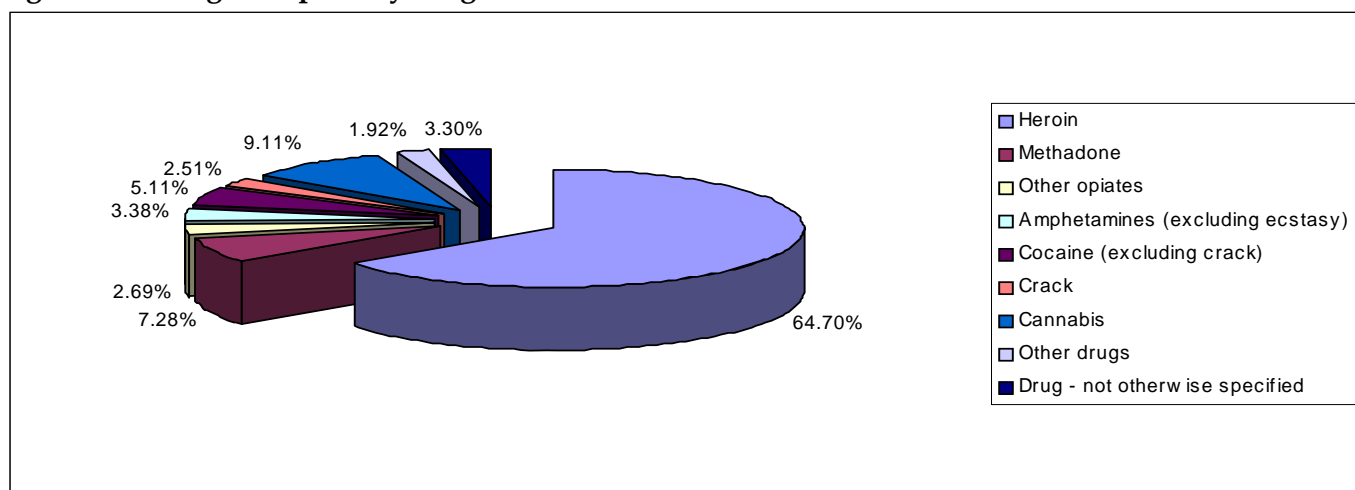
**Table Seven: Breakdown of successful treatment completions for latest episode of treatment by D(A)AT of residence for the year to date.**

D(A)AT	Treatment Complete Drug Free	Treatment Completed	Referred on
Blackburn with Darwen	6	45	19
Blackpool	14	29	29
Bolton	30	23	39
Bury	25	47	14
Cheshire	53	16	46
Cumbria	5	29	8
Halton	20	37	6
Knowsley	27	24	11
Lancashire	60	103	144
Liverpool	90	43	131
Manchester	14	34	59
Oldham	26	18	23
Rochdale	34	65	29
Salford	8	30	88
Sefton	17	35	61
St Helens	16	20	98
Stockport	17	54	5
Tameside	19	30	11
Trafford	18	16	25
Warrington	30	11	8
Wigan and Leigh	9	30	5
Wirral	90	32	26

## 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 64.70% of individuals reported heroin as their primary drug of use, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 46.05% in Stockport to 79.02% in Manchester.

**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	629	45	27	42	13	15	38	5	33	847
Blackpool	990	143	36	40	23	19	54	25	-	1333
Bolton	1154	93	68	97	42	39	130	48	63	1734
Bury	412	45	12	42	37	31	190	17	27	813
Cheshire	1347	267	41	56	64	40	84	24	54	1977
Cumbria	627	65	58	57	19	-	79	43	-	956
Halton	363	56	11	31	83	35	101	13	0	693
Knowsley	527	33	10	33	148	20	177	15	16	979
Lancashire	2652	287	74	126	87	81	220	80	364	3971
Liverpool	2193	272	112	35	290	90	202	35	330	3559
Manchester	2459	149	50	60	50	126	128	19	71	3112
Oldham	728	37	23	39	41	19	69	44	-	1001
Rochdale	634	122	9	50	83	49	251	57	24	1279
Salford	632	103	43	34	34	17	157	19	-	1043
Sefton	1052	52	12	20	130	27	127	14	60	1494
St Helens	602	70	18	23	73	28	112	17	11	954
Stockport	361	111	41	55	56	20	115	9	16	784
Tameside	616	116	37	46	46	24	74	23	11	993
Trafford	314	74	20	20	51	18	134	16	-	648
Warrington	468	90	29	21	59	24	126	23	-	844
Wigan and Leigh	783	76	22	100	76	17	143	38	0	1255
Wirral	1818	71	125	69	149	94	217	38	21	2602

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**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	629	-	44	0	27	-	41	-	11	0	15	14	24	0	5	0	33	18	829
Blackpool	-	988	-	142	-	35	-	39	0	23	0	19	22	32	7	18	0	-	34	1299
Bolton	5	1149	-	92	0	68	-	95	-	40	-	37	30	100	11	37	0	63	53	1681
Bury	0	412	0	45	0	12	-	39	-	34	-	30	98	92	7	10	-	25	114	699
Cheshire	5	1342	0	267	0	41	-	53	0	64	0	40	19	65	-	23	0	54	28	1949
Cumbria	-	626	0	65	0	58	-	56	-	18	0	-	31	48	-	39	0	-	38	918
Halton	-	362	0	56	0	11	0	31	-	80	0	35	48	53	-	12	0	0	53	640
Knowsley	0	527	0	33	0	10	0	33	8	140	-	19	78	99	-	13	0	16	89	890
Lancashire	5	2647	0	287	0	74	-	123	5	82	0	81	71	149	-	78	-	361	89	3882
Liverpool	-	2191	0	272	0	112	0	35	-	289	0	90	49	153	-	32	8	322	63	3496
Manchester	-	2458	0	149	0	50	0	60	-	49	0	126	31	97	-	17	0	71	35	3077
Oldham	0	728	0	37	0	23	0	39	-	40	0	19	33	36	-	43	-	0	36	965
Rochdale	-	631	0	122	0	9	0	50	10	73	0	49	138	113	9	48	0	24	160	1119
Salford	0	632	0	103	0	43	-	33	-	32	0	17	82	75	-	16	0	-	88	955
Sefton	-	1049	0	52	0	12	0	20	-	127	0	27	54	73	0	14	0	60	60	1434
St Helens	0	602	0	70	0	18	-	22	-	69	0	28	54	58	6	11	0	11	65	889
Stockport	0	361	0	111	0	41	-	54	7	49	0	20	23	92	0	9	8	8	39	745
Tameside	0	616	0	116	0	37	0	46	-	45	0	24	29	45	7	16	0	11	37	956
Trafford	-	313	0	74	0	20	-	19	0	51	0	18	61	73	6	10	0	-	69	579
Warrington	0	468	0	90	-	28	-	20	-	57	-	22	41	85	6	17	-	-	55	789
Wigan and Leigh	-	779	0	76	0	22	-	98	10	66	0	17	56	87	12	26	0	0	84	1171
Wirral	-	1817	0	71	0	125	-	67	7	142	0	94	69	148	8	30	0	21	87	2515

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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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