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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 31st October 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.

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/publications.asp>

Triage and Discharge Information for October 2007

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

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

D(A)AT	No. Triaged in October 2007	No. successful completions October 2007	No. unplanned discharges October 2007	No. discharges reason 'not known' October 2007	No. discharges reason 'other' October 2007
Blackburn with Darwen	67	13	21	0	0
Blackpool	78	21	13	0	7
Bolton	86	25	45	0	0
Bury	40	6	7	0	0
Cheshire	54	13	11	0	-
Cumbria	53	15	22	10	-
Halton	34	14	-	0	0
Knowsley	56	22	23	0	-
Lancashire	168	67	65	0	7
Liverpool	223	55	110	0	5
Manchester	71	16	49	0	-
Oldham	38	7	18	0	0
Rochdale	42	10	27	0	0
Salford	30	14	17	0	0
Sefton	89	30	42	0	0
St Helens	39	22	8	0	-
Stockport	30	14	7	0	0
Tameside	45	-	9	-	0
Trafford	33	6	14	0	-
Warrington	38	-	6	0	0
Wigan and Leigh	69	22	17	0	0
Wirral	53	14	16	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 31st October 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.

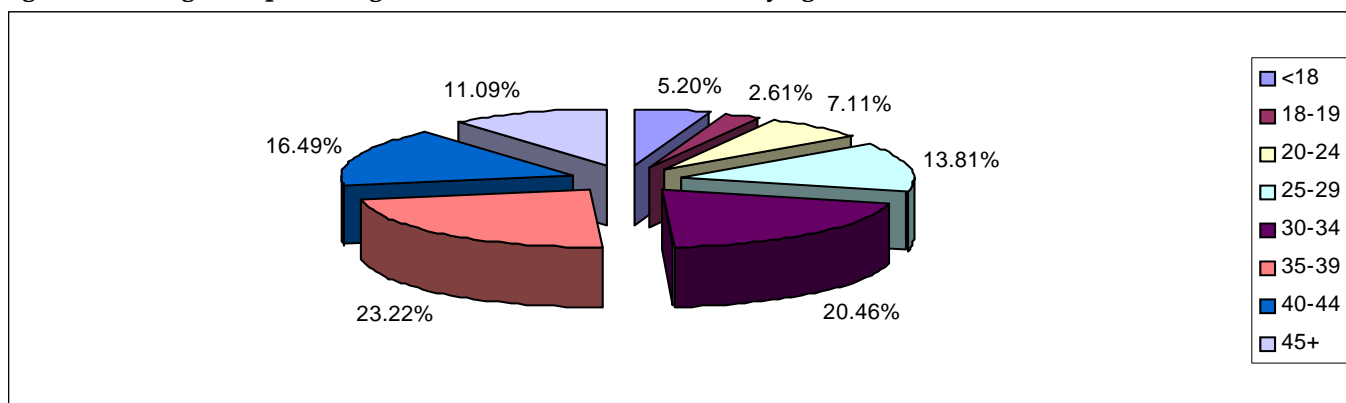
**Table Two: Number of individuals in contact with treatment services
(From 01/04/2007 to 31/10/2007) by D(A)AT of residence**

D(A)AT	Number in treatment YTD
Blackburn with Darwen	924
Blackpool	1361
Bolton	1626
Bury	799
Cheshire	2029
Cumbria	1561
Halton	906
Knowsley	1163
Lancashire	4458
Liverpool	3939
Manchester	3337
Oldham	950
Rochdale	1465
Salford	1059
Sefton	1551
St Helens	1008
Stockport	784
Tameside	1008
Trafford	651
Warrington	808
Wigan and Leigh	1403
Wirral	2606

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 (31/10/2007).

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



Whilst regionally 5.20% 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 Manchester, 2.42% and 2.52% of the treatment population respectively were aged under 18. In contrast, 12.38% and 12.29% of those in contact with treatment services in Knowsley and Rochdale respectively were aged under 18. In Blackburn with Darwen, 17.21% of those in contact with service were aged 40 and over, whereas in Liverpool and Wirral this age group comprised 38.06% and 41.60% 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	72	25	65	128	260	215	94	65
Blackpool	50	21	101	234	302	336	191	126
Bolton	45	52	153	316	435	320	207	98
Bury	90	72	53	119	139	142	105	79
Cheshire	108	46	175	328	447	403	306	216
Cumbria	44	46	170	345	390	272	158	136
Halton	36	30	83	142	203	175	127	110
Knowsley	144	20	88	137	193	282	207	92
Lancashire	276	110	333	743	1091	977	544	384
Liverpool	125	66	171	366	636	1076	926	573
Manchester	84	48	152	358	647	910	666	472
Oldham	50	28	66	118	199	235	146	108
Rochdale	180	71	109	182	215	317	209	182
Salford	67	22	62	129	239	256	169	115
Sefton	87	32	91	147	263	431	309	191
St Helens	49	23	99	151	225	226	132	103
Stockport	44	26	64	118	165	154	119	94
Tameside	56	20	73	199	245	218	117	80
Trafford	40	22	67	70	88	142	133	89
Warrington	29	28	53	123	195	194	116	70
Wigan and Leigh	60	50	133	262	347	289	177	85
Wirral	63	52	153	218	343	693	675	409

Gender and Ethnicity of individuals in contact with treatment services

During 2007/08 (YTD), 71.43% of individuals in contact with treatment services in the North West were male. Regionally, 95.79% of those individuals stating their ethnicity were described as 'white', there was a degree of variation in this percentage from 87.00% in Oldham to 99.41% in Blackpool. It should be noted that ethnicity percentages were calculated from those that stated an ethnicity and did not include missing data.

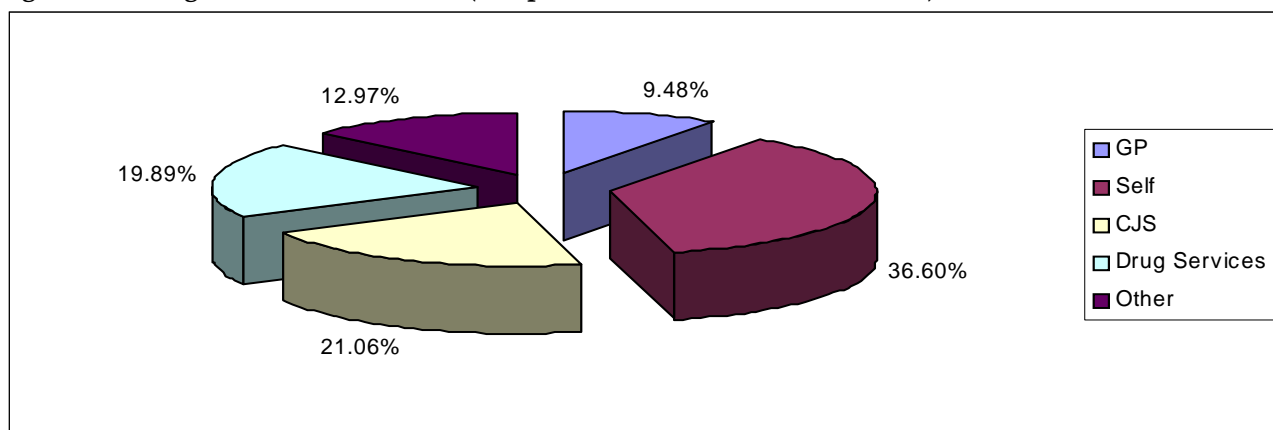
Table Four: Gender and Ethnicity by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Male		White	
	No.	%	No.	%
Blackburn with Darwen	716	77.49	793	94.63
Blackpool	920	67.60	1351	99.41
Bolton	1166	71.71	1529	94.38
Bury	594	74.34	744	93.70
Cheshire	1468	72.35	1956	98.24
Cumbria	1061	67.97	1508	99.08
Halton	647	71.41	898	99.23
Knowsley	831	71.45	1136	98.53
Lancashire	3050	68.42	4100	96.29
Liverpool	2766	70.22	3646	96.38
Manchester	2379	71.29	2859	87.35
Oldham	688	72.42	823	87.00
Rochdale	1036	70.72	1346	93.15
Salford	792	74.79	1000	94.88
Sefton	1084	69.89	1535	99.35
St Helens	768	76.19	998	99.30
Stockport	574	73.21	742	95.50
Tameside	733	72.72	959	95.90
Trafford	477	73.27	579	90.33
Warrington	609	75.37	796	98.64
Wigan and Leigh	1035	73.77	1381	98.93
Wirral	1900	72.91	2585	99.31

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=44066 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 (36.60%).

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, 21.06% of referrals were from Criminal Justice Services, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 9.88% in Warrington to 39.13% 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	79	420	448	116	82
Blackpool	31	381	481	942	150
Bolton	106	867	562	258	146
Bury	83	246	267	124	142
Cheshire	226	1241	334	217	225
Cumbria	511	521	388	244	249
Halton	99	471	174	417	205
Knowsley	71	457	207	224	397
Lancashire	391	2290	1443	1208	555
Liverpool	1181	1168	950	1175	564
Manchester	196	1511	753	747	862
Oldham	76	568	174	65	106
Rochdale	131	741	293	221	338
Salford	56	587	242	201	157
Sefton	109	395	501	885	182
St Helens	93	594	207	146	169
Stockport	38	467	153	119	113
Tameside	86	515	291	131	100
Trafford	40	165	258	206	73
Warrington	71	502	97	223	89
Wigan and Leigh	44	920	432	254	83
Wirral	404	893	504	529	654

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 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 31st October 2007, 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 (78.25%).

Figure Three: Regional client status for latest treatment episode

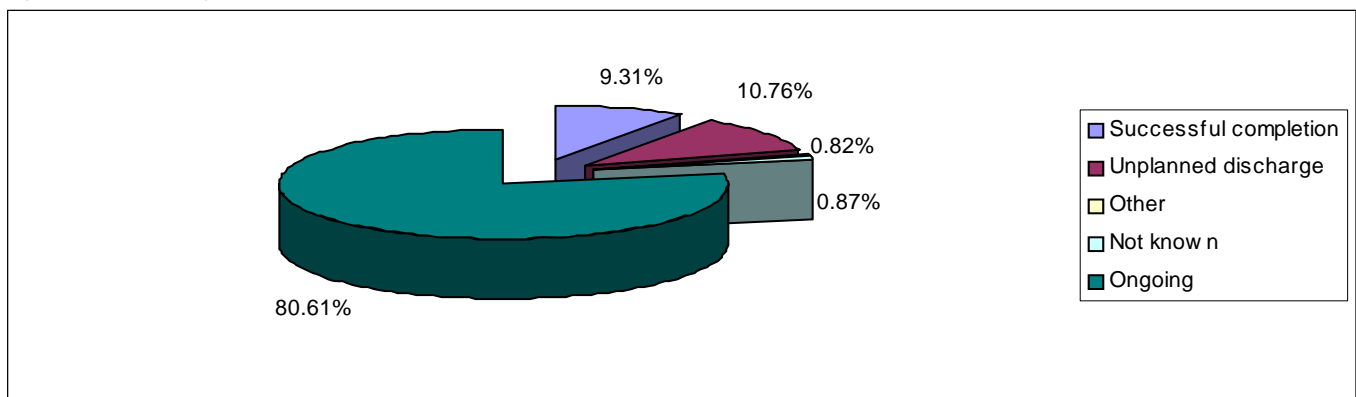


Table Six: Client status for latest episode of treatment by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Ongoing		Successful completion		Unplanned discharge		Not known		Other	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Blackburn with Darwen	686	74.24	85	9.20	146	15.80	-	-	6	0.65
Blackpool	1049	77.08	169	12.42	115	8.45	0	0.00	28	2.06
Bolton	1214	74.66	160	9.84	228	14.02	-	-	21	1.29
Bury	630	78.85	79	9.89	87	10.89	-	-	-	-
Cheshire	1683	82.95	157	7.74	177	8.72	5	0.25	7	0.34
Cumbria	1194	76.49	90	5.77	226	14.48	43	2.75	8	0.51
Halton	703	77.59	149	16.45	43	4.75	-	-	9	0.99
Knowsley	895	76.96	117	10.06	112	9.63	-	-	38	3.27
Lancashire	3268	73.31	645	14.47	468	10.50	-	-	75	1.68
Liverpool	3043	77.25	353	8.96	513	13.02	6	0.15	24	0.61
Manchester	2839	85.08	141	4.23	336	10.07	-	-	20	0.60
Oldham	758	79.79	76	8.00	114	12.00	-	-	0	0.00
Rochdale	1132	77.27	147	10.03	175	11.95	-	-	10	0.68
Salford	806	76.11	116	10.95	135	12.75	-	-	-	-
Sefton	1153	74.34	176	11.35	212	13.67	6	0.39	-	-
St Helens	769	76.29	147	14.58	86	8.53	0	0.00	6	0.60
Stockport	567	72.32	130	16.58	78	9.95	6	0.77	-	-
Tameside	806	79.96	47	4.66	142	14.09	9	0.89	-	-
Trafford	476	73.12	81	12.44	92	14.13	0	0.00	-	-
Warrington	480	59.41	60	7.43	44	5.45	221	27.35	-	-
Wigan and Leigh	1105	78.76	121	8.62	165	11.76	9	0.64	-	-
Wirral	2245	86.15	157	6.02	187	7.18	-	-	16	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=3190) 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.

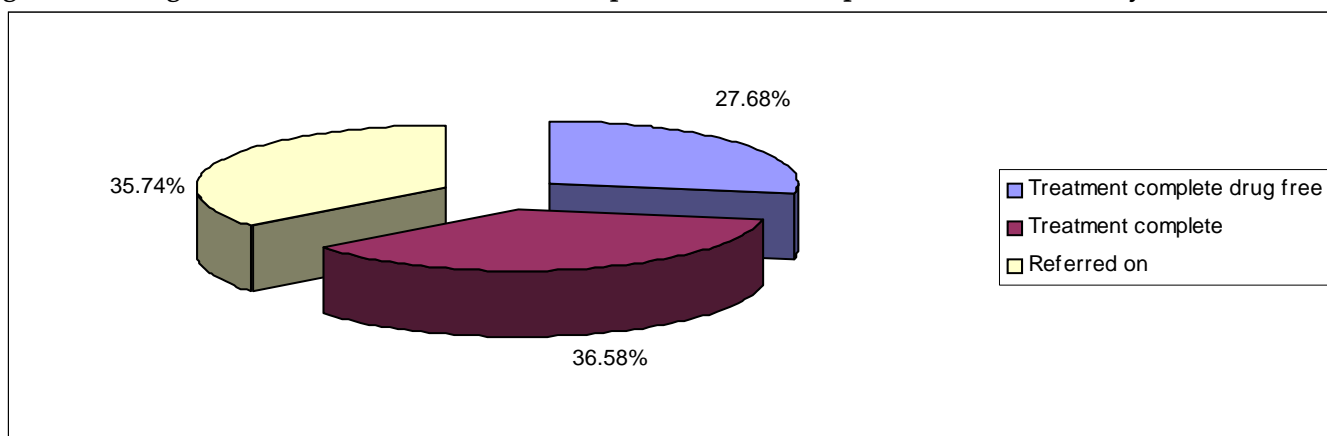


Table Seven: Breakdown of successful treatment completions for latest episode of treatment by D(A)AT of residence for the year to date.

D(A)AT	Treatment Complete Drug Free		Treatment Completed		Referred on	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Blackburn with Darwen	16	18.82	27	31.76	42	49.41
Blackpool	42	24.85	42	24.85	85	50.30
Bolton	53	33.13	70	43.75	37	23.13
Bury	39	49.37	23	29.11	17	21.52
Cheshire	43	27.39	71	45.22	43	27.39
Cumbria	8	8.89	66	73.33	16	17.78
Halton	29	19.46	51	34.23	69	46.31
Knowsley	64	54.70	29	24.79	24	20.51
Lancashire	87	13.49	202	31.32	356	55.19
Liverpool	137	38.81	84	23.80	132	37.39
Manchester	35	24.82	48	34.04	58	41.13
Oldham	35	46.05	27	35.53	14	18.42
Rochdale	56	38.10	67	45.58	24	16.33
Salford	20	17.24	55	47.41	41	35.34
Sefton	39	22.16	38	21.59	99	56.25
St Helens	27	18.37	19	12.93	101	68.71
Stockport	24	18.46	102	78.46	-	-
Tameside	18	38.30	21	44.68	8	17.02
Trafford	26	32.10	31	38.27	24	29.63
Warrington	26	43.33	9	15.00	25	41.67
Wigan and Leigh	24	19.83	46	38.02	51	42.15
Wirral	69	43.95	60	38.22	28	17.83

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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 66.25% of individuals reported heroin as their primary drug of use, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 82.07% in Blackpool to 39.85% in Halton.

Figure Five: Regional primary drug of use.

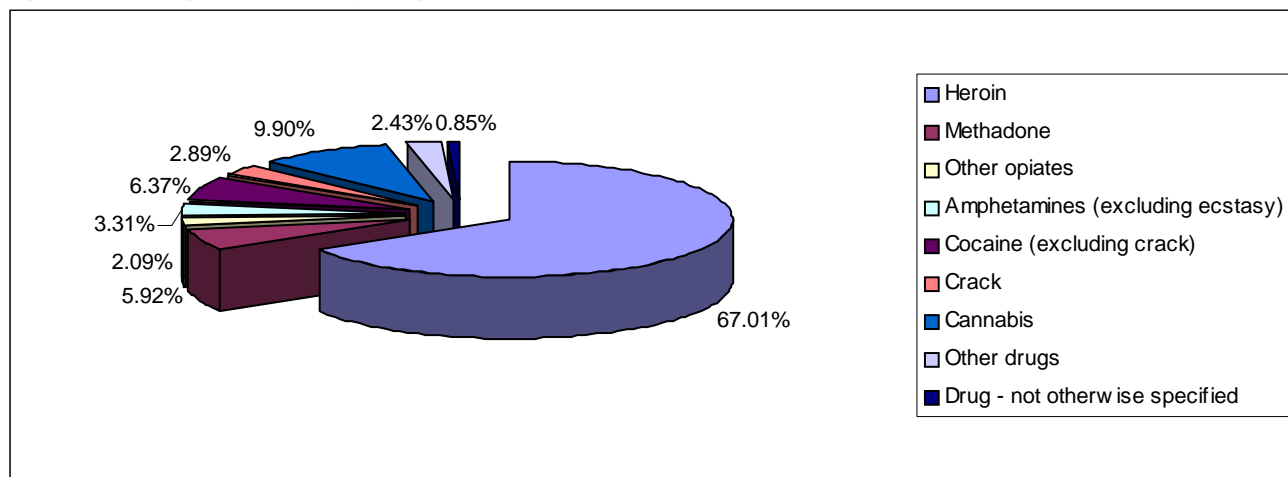


Table Eight: Primary drug of use by D(A)AT of residence

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	671	33	22	45	10	17	111	15	0	924
Blackpool	1117	43	16	47	22	30	50	35	-	1361
Bolton	1176	88	52	72	60	40	93	41	-	1626
Bury	474	6	9	28	68	25	161	26	-	799
Cheshire	1364	252	51	38	82	56	149	37	0	2029
Cumbria	1034	111	89	89	40	-	125	66	-	1561
Halton	361	64	13	40	104	49	193	82	0	906
Knowsley	586	41	12	26	171	23	276	24	-	1163
Lancashire	3133	245	78	214	130	92	396	116	54	4458
Liverpool	2621	278	31	27	399	138	287	40	118	3939
Manchester	2507	186	51	81	99	153	150	64	46	3337
Oldham	700	32	19	25	54	19	83	17	-	950
Rochdale	805	100	10	68	67	49	280	68	18	1465
Salford	662	84	38	50	40	18	133	33	-	1059
Sefton	1011	66	15	18	198	37	145	22	39	1551
St Helens	657	65	19	25	101	19	97	25	0	1008
Stockport	464	26	33	48	61	30	104	12	6	784
Tameside	657	74	33	33	75	22	85	21	8	1008
Trafford	327	66	18	12	51	63	104	9	-	651
Warrington	474	71	26	10	70	22	113	21	-	808
Wigan and Leigh	945	72	22	107	103	19	113	22	0	1403
Wirral	1810	89	86	57	216	103	188	54	-	2606

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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	-	670	0	33	0	22	-	42	-	8	-	16	61	50	-	11	0	0	72	852
Blackpool	-	1115	0	43	0	16	-	45	0	22	0	30	32	18	14	21	0	-	50	1311
Bolton	-	1172	-	87	0	52	-	68	-	58	-	38	24	69	8	33	0	-	45	1581
Bury	-	473	0	6	0	9	-	26	9	59	-	24	71	90	5	21	-	-	90	709
Cheshire	-	1360	0	252	0	51	-	36	-	78	-	55	92	57	5	32	0	0	108	1921
Cumbria	-	1031	0	111	0	89	-	86	-	39	0	-	29	96	8	58	0	-	44	1517
Halton	0	361	0	64	0	13	0	40	-	103	-	48	34	159	0	82	0	0	36	870
Knowsley	0	586	0	41	0	12	0	26	8	163	0	23	132	144	-	20	0	-	144	1019
Lancashire	5	3128	0	245	0	78	16	198	12	118	0	92	221	175	22	94	0	54	276	4182
Liverpool	0	2621	0	278	0	31	-	26	-	397	-	136	109	178	-	37	8	110	125	3814
Manchester	-	2503	0	186	0	51	0	81	23	76	-	152	53	97	-	61	0	46	84	3253
Oldham	0	700	0	32	0	19	-	24	-	51	0	19	42	41	-	14	-	0	50	900
Rochdale	0	805	0	100	0	10	5	63	13	54	0	49	141	139	20	48	-	17	180	1285
Salford	0	662	0	84	0	38	-	49	-	39	0	18	58	75	7	26	0	-	67	992
Sefton	-	1009	0	66	0	15	-	16	14	184	0	37	61	84	8	14	0	39	87	1464
St Helens	-	656	0	65	-	18	-	22	-	98	0	19	36	61	5	20	0	0	49	959
Stockport	0	464	0	26	0	33	0	48	-	59	0	30	40	64	0	12	-	-	44	740
Tameside	-	656	0	74	0	33	-	30	9	66	0	22	37	48	6	15	0	8	56	952
Trafford	0	327	0	66	0	18	-	11	-	50	0	63	37	67	-	8	0	-	40	611
Warrington	-	472	0	71	0	26	0	10	-	67	0	22	21	92	-	18	0	-	29	779
Wigan and Leigh	-	944	0	72	0	22	-	104	8	95	0	19	41	72	7	15	0	0	60	1343
Wirral	-	1807	0	89	0	86	0	57	13	203	0	103	38	150	9	45	0	3	63	2543

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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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