

# North West NDTMS Monthly Report

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### Note to D(A)ATs

The NTA have now released the NDTMS core dataset business definition guidance for managers of treatment agencies on core data set 'D'. The business definition is available on the NTA website [www.nta.nhs.uk](http://www.nta.nhs.uk). To locate this document on the NTA home page go to-

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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 30<sup>th</sup> September 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.

## Triage and Discharge Information for September 2006

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

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

D(A)AT	No. Triaged in September 2006	No. successful completions September 2006	No. unplanned discharges September 2006	No. discharges reason 'not known' September 2006	No. discharges reason 'other' September 2006
Blackburn with Darwen	24	-	13	0	-
Blackpool	70	7	22	0	-
Bolton	76	14	51	-	-
Bury	29	7	9	0	-
Cheshire	42	5	11	0	0
Cumbria	16	-	6	6	0
Halton	19	-	-	0	0
Knowsley	48	0	5	0	6
Lancashire	88	28	41	0	9
Liverpool	164	23	82	5	10
Manchester	61	7	30	6	-
Oldham	17	5	18	0	0
Rochdale	46	23	24	0	6
Salford	46	7	31	0	-
Sefton	53	9	11	0	-
St Helens	41	15	15	0	0
Stockport	26	8	12	0	-
Tameside	33	5	9	0	0
Trafford	25	10	9	0	0
Warrington	17	-	7	0	0
Wigan and Leigh	52	7	14	0	-
Wirral	39	13	18	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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 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.

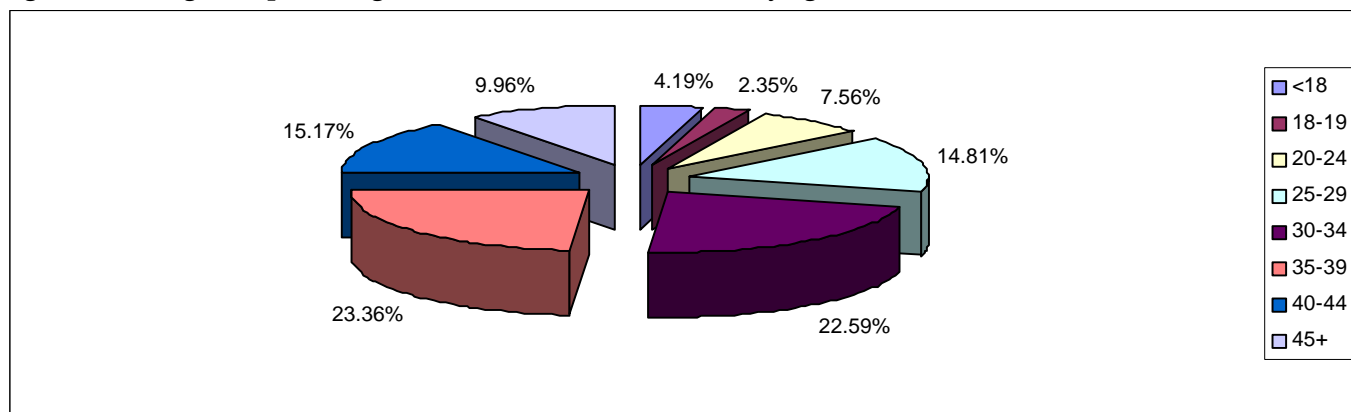
**Table Two: Number of individuals in contact with treatment services  
(From 01/04/2006 to 30/09/2006) by D(A)AT of residence**

D(A)AT	Number in treatment YTD
Blackburn with Darwen	833
Blackpool	1437
Bolton	1706
Bury	783
Cheshire	1861
Cumbria	928
Halton	662
Knowsley	950
Lancashire	4012
Liverpool	3562
Manchester	2967
Oldham	976
Rochdale	1263
Salford	978
Sefton	1519
St Helens	917
Stockport	758
Tameside	975
Trafford	630
Warrington	819
Wigan and Leigh	1236
Wirral	2553

## 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 (30/09/2006).

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



Whilst regionally 4.19% 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 Cheshire and Manchester 0.70% and 1.15% of the treatment population respectively were aged under 18. In contrast, 14.30% and 12.43% of those in contact with treatment services in Bury and Rochdale respectively were aged under 18. In Bolton, 14.65% of those in contact with service were aged 40 and over, whereas in Liverpool and Wirral this age group comprised 35.12% and 36.00% 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	19	13	73	143	265	197	65	58
Blackpool	21	24	140	236	339	359	190	128
Bolton	55	37	195	365	472	332	155	95
Bury	112	55	60	123	139	140	80	74
Cheshire	13	38	155	376	472	351	294	162
Cumbria	30	22	97	214	227	155	109	74
Halton	48	22	51	127	155	132	85	42
Knowsley	78	19	67	107	189	274	148	68
Lancashire	94	60	365	762	1076	799	491	365
Liverpool	58	17	169	327	704	1036	781	470
Manchester	34	30	145	345	696	817	533	367
Oldham	37	29	88	127	209	226	140	120
Rochdale	157	52	80	164	223	263	172	152
Salford	84	25	64	128	221	232	130	94
Sefton	65	32	105	161	296	439	263	158
St Helens	63	30	75	159	215	194	101	80
Stockport	35	32	72	113	183	149	87	87
Tameside	35	22	102	201	250	193	101	71
Trafford	69	50	38	56	87	153	124	53
Warrington	50	17	64	137	220	175	91	65
Wigan and Leigh	79	35	124	236	304	250	146	62
Wirral	85	80	111	202	428	728	594	325

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

During 2006/07 (YTD), 71.11% 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 and more males in the 35-39 age group in comparison to other age groups. Whilst regionally, 95.92% of those individuals stating their ethnicity were described as 'white', there was a degree of variation in this percentage from 86.02% in Oldham to 99.58% in Blackpool. It should be noted that ethnicity percentages were calculated from those that stated an ethnicity and did not include missing data.

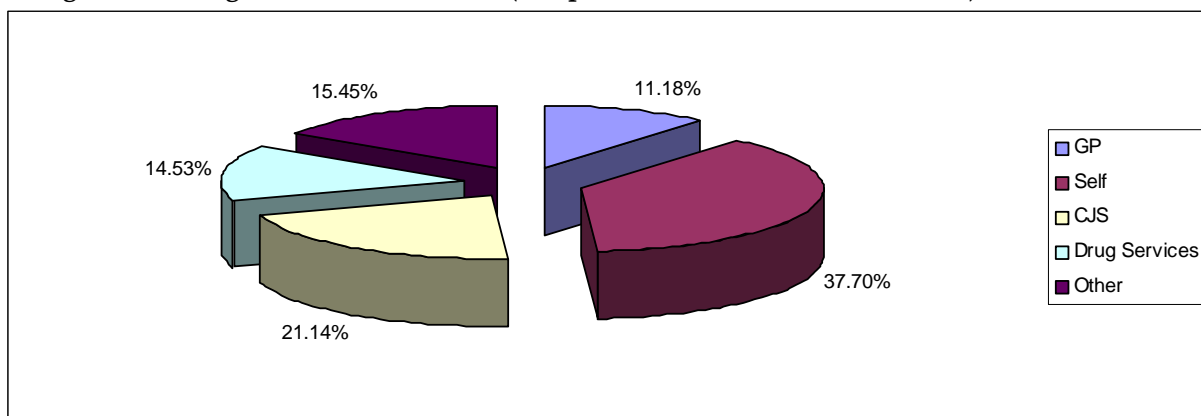
**Table Four: Gender and Ethnicity by D(A)AT of residence**

D(A)AT	Male		White	
	No.	%	No.	%
Blackburn with Darwen	645	77.43	695	94.82
Blackpool	1014	70.56	1427	99.58
Bolton	1224	71.75	1613	95.22
Bury	558	71.26	722	93.04
Cheshire	1343	72.17	1744	98.25
Cumbria	599	64.55	906	99.34
Halton	478	72.21	653	99.09
Knowsley	682	71.79	931	98.10
Lancashire	2776	69.19	3716	96.39
Liverpool	2411	67.69	3334	96.97
Manchester	2108	71.05	2568	88.58
Oldham	720	73.77	837	86.02
Rochdale	912	72.21	1165	92.98
Salford	721	73.72	919	95.04
Sefton	1064	70.05	1499	98.94
St Helens	677	73.83	908	99.02
Stockport	548	72.30	709	95.81
Tameside	694	71.18	912	96.20
Trafford	467	74.13	537	90.40
Warrington	615	75.09	811	99.02
Wigan and Leigh	895	72.41	1220	98.95
Wirral	1878	73.56	2520	99.10

## 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=40067 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 (37.70%). Self-referral varied from 16.98% in Blackpool to 59.12% in Wigan.

**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, 21.14% of referrals were from Criminal Justice Services, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 7.40% in Knowsley to 37.44% in Blackpool.

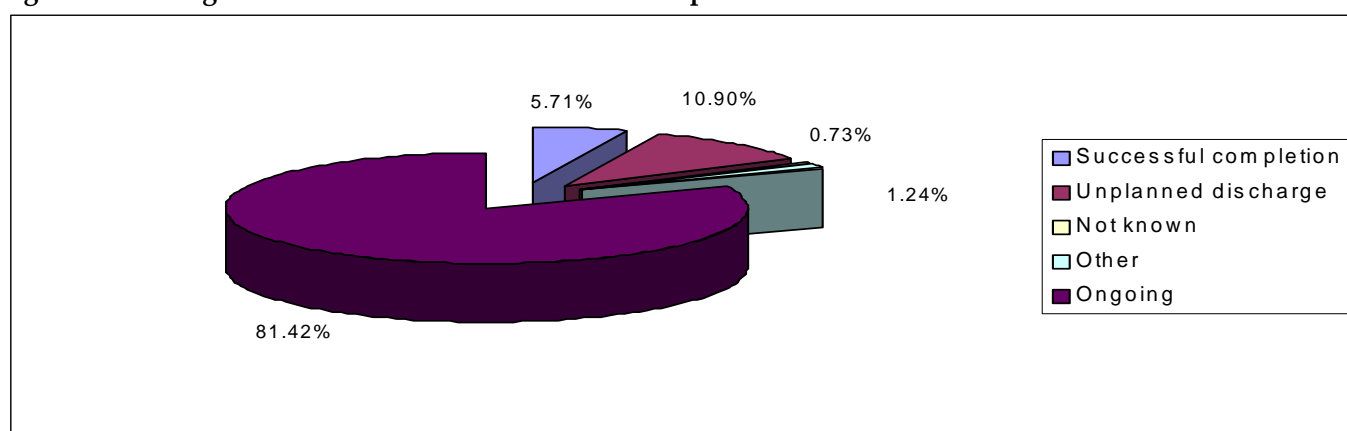
**Table Five: Referral Sources for all episodes of treatment by D(A)AT of residence**

D(A)AT	GP	Self	CJS	Drug services	Other
Blackburn with Darwen	96	368	354	30	130
Blackpool	42	336	741	736	124
Bolton	112	933	680	242	190
Bury	97	272	246	122	141
Cheshire	280	1197	262	163	183
Cumbria	425	221	203	140	176
Halton	99	350	150	75	121
Knowsley	92	513	81	128	281
Lancashire	367	1958	1532	394	581
Liverpool	1191	983	506	965	664
Manchester	163	1133	643	641	850
Oldham	96	572	198	86	84
Rochdale	153	552	288	83	437
Salford	49	651	205	148	184
Sefton	219	679	342	635	226
St Helens	98	527	203	109	190
Stockport	45	450	200	123	111
Tameside	94	500	258	84	145
Trafford	62	234	166	32	131
Warrington	75	534	122	203	150
Wigan and Leigh	64	862	310	98	124
Wirral	424	826	524	409	781

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> September 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 (81.42%). 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	650	78.03	65	7.80	112	13.45	0	0.00	6	0.72
Blackpool	1132	78.78	88	6.12	168	11.69	-	-	47	3.27
Bolton	1290	75.62	91	5.33	298	17.47	18	1.06	9	0.53
Bury	572	73.05	74	9.45	130	16.60	0	0.00	7	0.89
Cheshire	1581	84.95	89	4.78	188	10.10	0	0.00	-	-
Cumbria	755	81.36	40	4.31	58	6.25	70	7.54	5	0.54
Halton	579	87.46	39	5.89	37	5.59	-	-	5	0.76
Knowsley	806	84.84	51	5.37	64	6.74	-	-	28	2.95
Lancashire	3275	81.63	264	6.58	430	10.72	15	0.37	28	0.70
Liverpool	2863	80.38	208	5.84	417	11.71	40	1.12	34	0.95
Manchester	2617	88.20	80	2.70	223	7.52	24	0.81	23	0.78
Oldham	737	75.51	61	6.25	175	17.93	-	-	-	-
Rochdale	901	71.34	113	8.95	168	13.30	29	2.30	52	4.12
Salford	679	69.43	114	11.66	174	17.79	5	0.51	6	0.61
Sefton	1158	76.23	106	6.98	136	8.95	-	-	117	7.70
St Helens	720	78.52	98	10.69	93	10.14	0	0.00	6	0.65
Stockport	572	75.46	72	9.50	107	14.12	-	-	5	0.66
Tameside	763	78.26	48	4.92	159	16.31	-	-	-	-
Trafford	518	82.22	51	8.10	54	8.57	0	0.00	7	1.11
Warrington	704	85.96	36	4.40	78	9.52	0	0.00	-	-
Wigan and Leigh	1046	84.63	32	2.59	138	11.17	16	1.29	-	-
Wirral	2252	88.21	112	4.39	173	6.78	-	-	13	0.51

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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.**

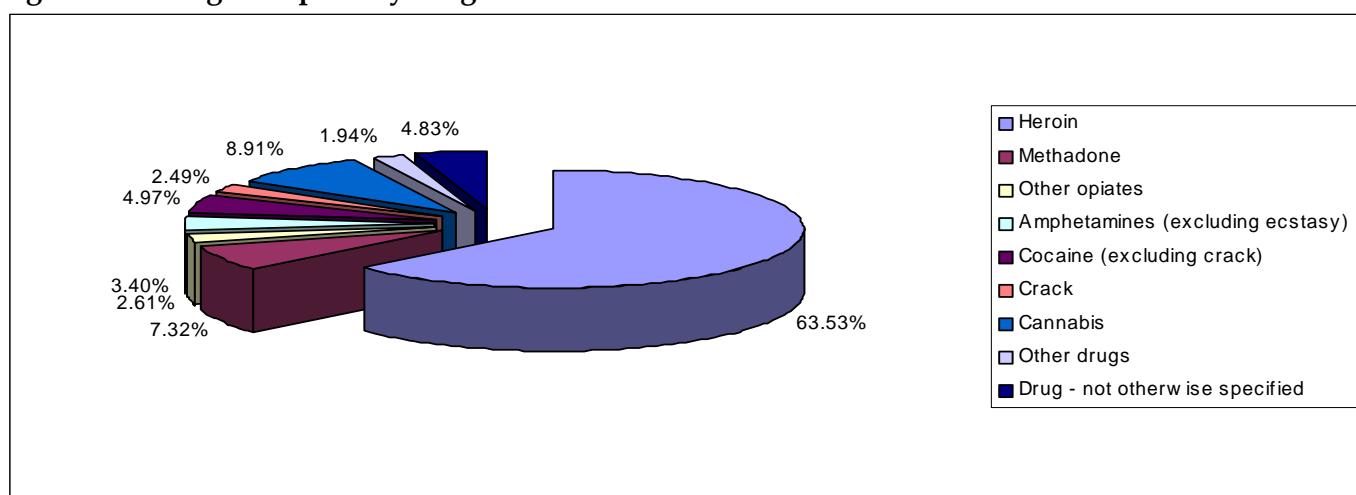
D(A)AT	Treatment Complete Drug Free		Treatment Completed		Referred on	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Blackburn with Darwen	-	-	43	66.15	18	27.69
Blackpool	15	17.05	32	36.36	41	46.59
Bolton	30	32.97	22	24.18	39	42.86
Bury	23	31.08	41	55.41	10	13.51
Cheshire	47	52.81	12	13.48	30	33.71
Cumbria	5	12.50	28	70.00	7	17.50
Halton	15	38.46	19	48.72	5	12.82
Knowsley	20	39.22	22	43.14	9	17.65
Lancashire	52	19.70	84	31.82	128	48.48
Liverpool	65	31.25	34	16.35	109	52.40
Manchester	10	12.50	28	35.00	42	52.50
Oldham	25	40.98	17	27.87	19	31.15
Rochdale	29	25.66	58	51.33	26	23.01
Salford	6	5.26	25	21.93	83	72.81
Sefton	15	14.15	31	29.25	60	56.60
St Helens	13	13.27	14	14.29	71	72.45
Stockport	17	23.61	53	73.61	-	-
Tameside	16	33.33	24	50.00	8	16.67
Trafford	18	35.29	12	23.53	21	41.18
Warrington	26	72.22	-	-	6	16.67
Wigan and Leigh	7	21.88	19	59.38	6	18.75
Wirral	67	59.82	25	22.32	20	17.86

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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 63.53% of individuals reported heroin as their primary drug of use, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 46.83% in Stockport to 74.43% in Blackburn with Darwen.

**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	620	46	25	39	12	16	37	5	33	833
Blackpool	1041	165	33	54	29	23	61	30	-	1437
Bolton	1091	90	64	93	43	40	129	48	108	1706
Bury	396	46	12	41	33	28	182	17	28	783
Cheshire	1280	258	37	52	57	37	60	21	59	1861
Cumbria	618	63	56	55	18	-	70	40	-	928
Halton	358	52	9	30	74	36	88	14	-	662
Knowsley	515	40	9	31	146	18	160	14	17	950
Lancashire	2560	286	74	127	86	81	222	82	494	4012
Liverpool	2164	262	118	42	283	100	201	38	354	3562
Manchester	2125	127	43	53	48	101	126	17	327	2967
Oldham	706	38	21	39	43	19	65	44	-	976
Rochdale	618	122	9	52	83	50	245	56	28	1263
Salford	589	100	41	30	27	15	148	18	10	978
Sefton	1061	56	12	25	143	27	121	14	60	1519
St Helens	589	68	12	25	64	24	108	17	10	917
Stockport	355	109	40	50	47	21	110	9	17	758
Tameside	603	117	36	45	46	24	72	21	11	975
Trafford	312	67	21	18	42	17	134	18	-	630
Warrington	465	89	25	18	51	24	123	20	-	819
Wigan and Leigh	769	79	22	100	71	17	141	37	0	1236
Wirral	1790	69	119	65	140	94	213	38	25	2553

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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	620	-	45	0	25	-	38	-	10	0	16	15	22	0	5	0	0	19	814
Blackpool	-	1039	-	164	0	33	-	53	0	29	0	23	14	47	-	27	0	-	21	1416
Bolton	6	1085	-	89	0	64	-	91	-	41	-	38	31	98	11	37	0	0	55	1651
Bury	0	396	0	46	0	12	-	38	-	31	-	27	97	85	7	10	-	0	112	671
Cheshire	-	1279	0	258	0	37	-	49	0	57	0	37	8	52	-	20	0	0	13	1848
Cumbria	-	617	0	63	0	56	-	54	-	17	0	-	24	46	-	37	0	0	30	898
Halton	-	357	0	52	0	9	0	30	-	70	0	36	42	46	-	13	0	8	48	614
Knowsley	0	515	0	40	0	9	0	31	5	141	-	17	68	92	-	10	0	8	78	872
Lancashire	5	2555	0	286	0	74	-	124	5	81	-	80	70	152	-	80	8	0	94	3918
Liverpool	-	2163	0	262	0	118	0	42	-	282	0	100	46	155	-	36	8	-	58	3504
Manchester	-	2124	0	127	0	43	0	53	-	46	0	101	29	97	-	15	0	0	34	2933
Oldham	-	705	0	38	0	21	0	39	-	42	0	19	33	32	-	43	-	0	37	939
Rochdale	-	614	0	122	0	9	0	52	10	73	0	50	135	110	8	48	0	0	157	1106
Salford	0	589	0	100	0	41	0	30	-	25	0	15	79	69	-	15	0	0	84	894
Sefton	-	1058	0	56	0	12	-	24	-	140	0	27	57	64	-	13	0	9	65	1454
St Helens	0	589	0	68	0	12	-	24	-	61	0	24	54	54	5	12	0	0	63	854
Stockport	0	355	0	109	0	40	-	48	5	42	0	21	19	91	0	9	9	0	35	723
Tameside	0	603	0	117	0	36	0	45	-	45	0	24	28	44	6	15	0	-	35	940
Trafford	0	312	0	67	0	21	0	18	0	42	0	17	63	71	6	12	0	0	69	561
Warrington	0	465	0	89	0	25	0	18	0	51	-	22	42	81	-	16	-	0	50	769
Wigan and Leigh	-	765	0	79	0	22	-	98	8	63	0	17	54	87	11	26	0	0	79	1157
Wirral	-	1789	0	69	0	119	-	63	8	132	0	94	66	147	8	30	0	25	85	2468

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

**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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