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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 **1st April 2006 up to 31st August 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, also produces additional outputs based on NDTMS information. The annual report, based on 2005/06 data can be found at <http://www.cph.org.uk/ndtms> and future outputs will include thematic reports, which will focus in detail on particular aspects of the NDTMS dataset.

Triage and Discharge Information for August 2006

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

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

D(A)AT	No. Triaged in August 2006	No. successful completions August 2006	No. unplanned discharges August 2006	No. discharges reason 'not known' August 2006	No. discharges reason 'other' August 2006
Blackburn with Darwen	36	12	26	0	0
Blackpool	72	11	29	0	12
Bolton	75	11	44	11	-
Bury	14	9	8	0	0
Cheshire	68	15	23	0	0
Cumbria	18	-	6	6	0
Halton	17	-	7	-	0
Knowsley	43	17	19	0	-
Lancashire	92	32	57	-	-
Liverpool	105	34	66	8	-
Manchester	52	13	14	0	0
Oldham	52	19	30	0	0
Rochdale	60	16	25	-	23
Salford	43	7	33	-	-
Sefton	62	39	30	0	93
St Helens	41	9	28	0	-
Stockport	16	-	10	-	0
Tameside	28	9	7	0	0
Trafford	24	5	9	0	5
Warrington	32	5	10	0	0
Wigan and Leigh	48	5	27	-	-
Wirral	52	15	10	-	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 2006 to 31st August 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). 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.

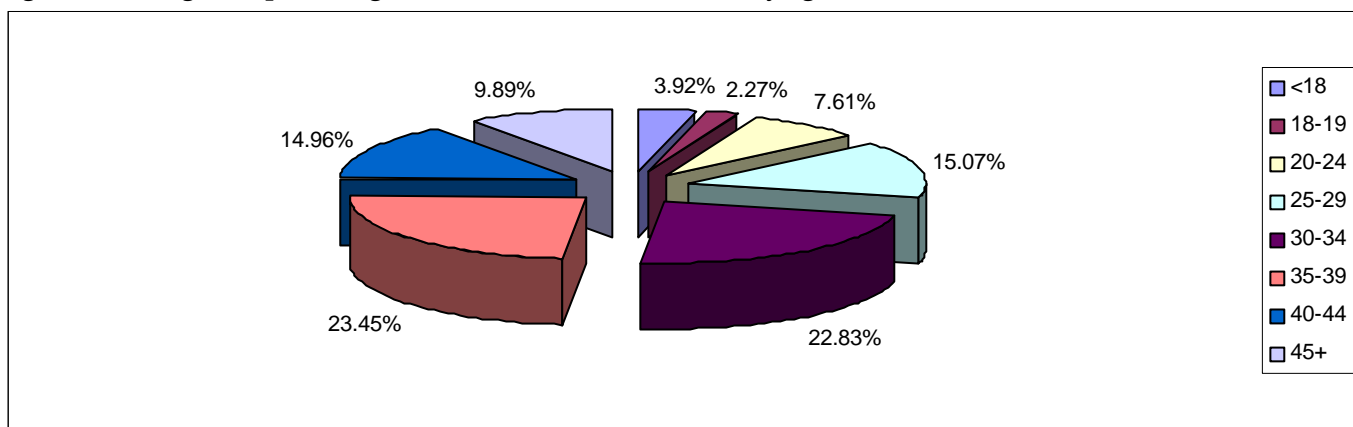
**Table Two: Number of individuals in contact with treatment services
(From 01/04/2006 to 31/08/2006) by D(A)AT of residence**

D(A)AT	Number in treatment YTD
Blackburn with Darwen	798
Blackpool	1391
Bolton	1661
Bury	854
Cheshire	1829
Cumbria	1028
Halton	647
Knowsley	912
Lancashire	3942
Liverpool	3387
Manchester	2778
Oldham	968
Rochdale	1272
Salford	937
Sefton	1486
St Helens	853
Stockport	692
Tameside	926
Trafford	610
Warrington	803
Wigan and Leigh	1189
Wirral	2503

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 (31/08/2006).

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



Whilst regionally 3.92% 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 Blackburn with Darwen and Cheshire, 0.25% and 0.71% of the treatment population respectively were aged under 18. In contrast, 12.53% and 11.95% of those in contact with treatment services in Bury and Rochdale respectively were aged under 18. In Bolton, 14.39% of those in contact with service were aged 40 and over, whereas in Liverpool and Wirral this age group comprised 34.75% and 35.60% 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	-	8	74	138	261	195	62	58
Blackpool	19	20	135	227	335	349	184	122
Bolton	54	38	194	356	460	320	147	92
Bury	107	58	74	133	157	159	90	76
Cheshire	13	37	155	373	461	353	282	155
Cumbria	29	22	112	241	255	173	116	80
Halton	49	21	49	122	151	131	82	42
Knowsley	73	18	68	105	175	272	136	65
Lancashire	49	58	362	778	1075	781	484	355
Liverpool	44	17	151	304	671	1023	734	443
Manchester	35	28	128	323	654	770	495	345
Oldham	40	28	86	131	204	224	137	118
Rochdale	152	50	87	167	221	261	174	160
Salford	80	23	56	122	215	222	128	91
Sefton	61	26	108	154	300	425	258	154
St Helens	62	25	68	143	207	180	91	77
Stockport	36	27	66	102	167	134	82	78
Tameside	32	23	95	188	241	186	96	65
Trafford	68	45	36	58	82	147	123	51
Warrington	48	18	60	139	216	177	81	64
Wigan and Leigh	76	32	120	230	293	234	144	60
Wirral	82	74	107	200	429	720	574	317

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Gender and Ethnicity of individuals in contact with treatment services

During 2006/07 (YTD), 71.23% of individuals in contact with treatment services in the North West were male. Regionally, there were proportionately more males in the 34-39 age group and more females in contact with treatment services aged 30-34 in comparison to other age groups. Whilst regionally, 95.96% of those individuals stating their ethnicity were described as 'white', there was a degree of variation in this percentage from 88.63% in Oldham to 99.57% in Blackpool. It should be noted that ethnicity percentages were calculated from those that stated an ethnicity and did not include missing data.

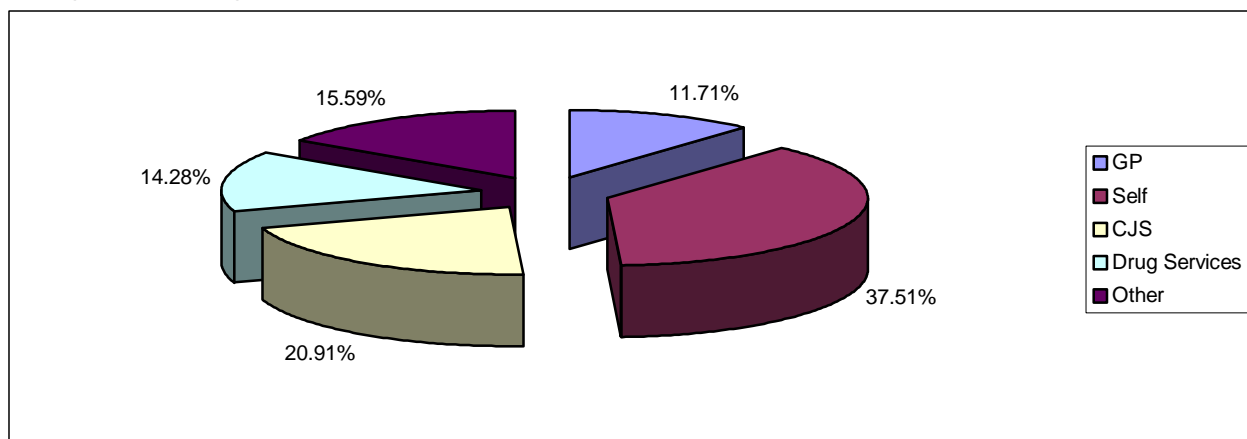
Table Four: Gender and Ethnicity by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Male		White	
	No.	%	No.	%
Blackburn with Darwen	618	77.44	661	94.70
Blackpool	984	70.74	1381	99.57
Bolton	1193	71.82	1570	95.27
Bury	617	72.25	768	92.53
Cheshire	1315	71.90	1714	98.28
Cumbria	672	65.37	1005	99.50
Halton	466	72.02	638	99.07
Knowsley	654	71.71	895	98.24
Lancashire	2728	69.20	3647	96.40
Liverpool	2297	67.82	3172	96.80
Manchester	1971	70.95	2405	88.75
Oldham	714	73.76	836	86.63
Rochdale	914	71.86	1178	93.34
Salford	700	74.71	878	94.82
Sefton	1036	69.72	1465	98.92
St Helens	635	74.44	844	98.94
Stockport	498	71.97	648	96.14
Tameside	657	70.95	862	95.99
Trafford	452	74.10	519	90.26
Warrington	605	75.34	796	99.13
Wigan and Leigh	864	72.67	1175	98.99
Wirral	1843	73.63	2470	99.04

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= 38867 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 (37.51%).

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, 20.91% of referral were from Criminal Justice Services, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 7.60% in Knowsley to 32.46% 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	365	311	28	124
Blackpool	40	326	708	702	116
Bolton	109	892	645	206	209
Bury	124	323	346	131	149
Cheshire	280	1166	246	158	180
Cumbria	524	227	202	122	222
Halton	93	343	146	64	120
Knowsley	91	491	75	115	268
Lancashire	404	1947	1490	363	530
Liverpool	1165	895	448	895	635
Manchester	153	1035	570	613	791
Oldham	94	566	193	84	87
Rochdale	147	528	299	93	437
Salford	48	620	198	129	177
Sefton	210	662	320	600	225
St Helens	96	493	125	98	188
Stockport	42	396	178	102	106
Tameside	90	469	225	72	136
Trafford	61	223	147	32	127
Warrington	75	528	119	191	145
Wigan and Leigh	61	816	285	87	117
Wirral	412	804	510	398	761

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 31st August 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 (83.82%). 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

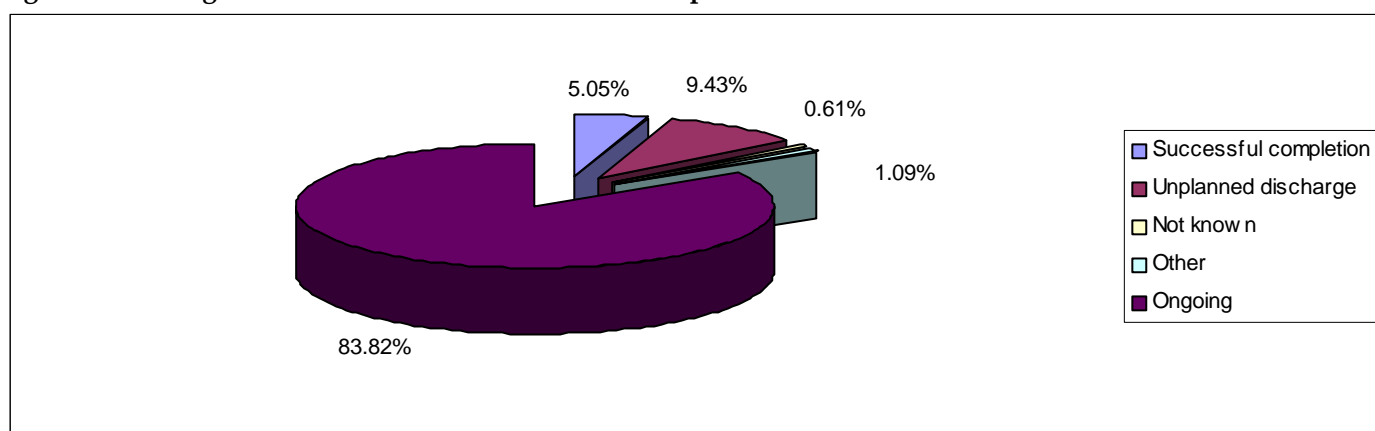


Table Six: Client status for latest episode of treatment by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Ongoing		Successful completion		Unplanned discharge		Not known		Other	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Blackburn with Darwen	650	81.45	50	6.27	95	11.90	0	0.00	-	-
Blackpool	1120	80.52	80	5.75	147	10.57	-	-	43	3.09
Bolton	1301	78.33	83	5.00	251	15.11	17	1.02	9	0.54
Bury	612	71.66	73	8.55	156	18.27	-	-	12	1.41
Cheshire	1580	86.39	79	4.32	167	9.13	0	0.00	-	-
Cumbria	908	88.33	31	3.02	40	3.89	44	4.28	5	0.49
Halton	574	88.72	36	5.56	30	4.64	-	-	5	0.77
Knowsley	780	85.53	49	5.37	60	6.58	-	-	22	2.41
Lancashire	3365	85.36	200	5.07	343	8.70	17	0.43	17	0.43
Liverpool	2823	83.35	182	5.37	324	9.57	36	1.06	22	0.65
Manchester	2542	91.50	65	2.34	146	5.26	8	0.29	17	0.61
Oldham	751	77.58	54	5.58	158	16.32	-	-	-	-
Rochdale	955	75.08	90	7.08	150	11.79	33	2.59	44	3.46
Salford	669	71.40	112	11.95	147	15.69	-	-	5	0.53
Sefton	1158	77.93	96	6.46	119	8.01	0	0.00	113	7.60
St Helens	686	80.42	76	8.91	85	9.96	0	0.00	6	0.70
Stockport	542	78.32	56	8.09	88	12.72	-	-	-	-
Tameside	771	83.26	37	4.00	115	12.42	-	-	-	-
Trafford	518	84.92	39	6.39	45	7.38	0	0.00	8	1.31
Warrington	715	89.04	30	3.74	57	7.10	0	0.00	-	-
Wigan and Leigh	1016	85.45	28	2.35	127	10.68	16	1.35	-	-
Wirral	2248	89.81	91	3.64	152	6.07	-	-	8	0.32

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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	-	-	30	60.00	17	34.00
Blackpool	12	15.00	29	36.25	39	48.75
Bolton	28	33.73	19	22.89	36	43.37
Bury	22	30.14	39	53.42	12	16.44
Cheshire	38	48.10	12	15.19	29	36.71
Cumbria	-	-	20	64.52	7	22.58
Halton	14	38.89	18	50.00	-	-
Knowsley	18	36.73	22	44.90	9	18.37
Lancashire	27	13.50	61	30.50	112	56.00
Liverpool	54	29.67	29	15.93	99	54.40
Manchester	9	13.85	20	30.77	36	55.38
Oldham	24	44.44	13	24.07	17	31.48
Rochdale	25	27.78	42	46.67	23	25.56
Salford	6	5.36	16	14.29	90	80.36
Sefton	16	16.67	28	29.17	52	54.17
St Helens	7	9.21	14	18.42	55	72.37
Stockport	11	19.64	44	78.57	-	-
Tameside	13	35.14	17	45.95	7	18.92
Trafford	14	35.90	-	-	21	53.85
Warrington	22	73.33	-	-	5	16.67
Wigan and Leigh	5	17.86	17	60.71	6	21.43
Wirral	52	57.14	21	23.08	18	19.78

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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 62.23% of individuals reported heroin as their primary drug of use, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 76.32% in Blackburn with Darwen to 44.36% in Stockport.

Figure Four: Regional primary drug of use.

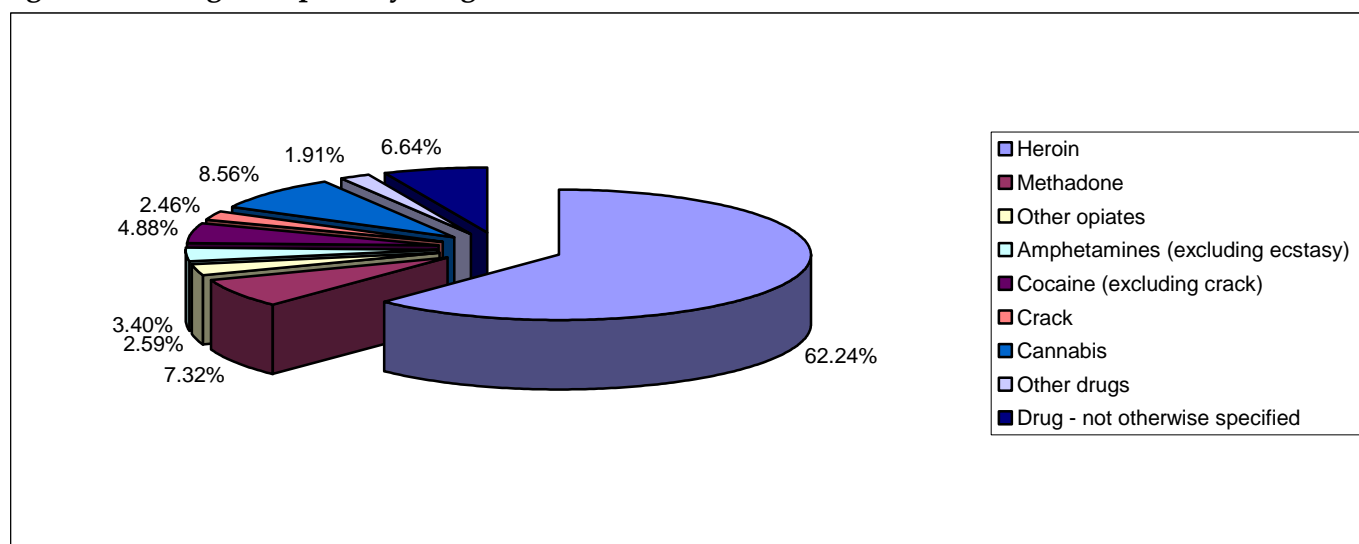


Table Eight: Primary drug of use by D(A)AT of residence

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	609	45	25	37	10	16	18	5	33	798
Blackpool	1006	164	33	50	29	22	58	29	0	1391
Bolton	1061	84	62	92	45	45	126	49	97	1661
Bury	398	53	13	48	54	36	188	21	43	854
Cheshire	1263	259	37	48	52	36	54	19	61	1829
Cumbria	697	62	60	65	23	3	68	42	8	1028
Halton	351	52	11	29	67	34	88	14	-	647
Knowsley	490	44	8	28	138	16	157	13	18	912
Lancashire	2573	286	74	124	84	79	176	80	466	3942
Liverpool	2071	257	117	39	244	80	172	37	370	3387
Manchester	1510	114	34	51	42	90	119	17	801	2778
Oldham	694	37	21	38	44	20	66	46	-	968
Rochdale	610	121	10	62	90	54	244	54	27	1272
Salford	567	97	38	28	25	16	142	14	10	937
Sefton	1032	55	12	25	146	26	113	12	65	1486
St Helens	542	71	9	22	57	21	103	14	14	853
Stockport	307	85	36	43	43	22	103	8	45	692
Tameside	594	106	35	39	38	21	63	20	10	926
Trafford	303	68	21	17	39	16	129	16	-	610
Warrington	455	88	24	18	51	23	121	19	-	803
Wigan and Leigh	757	73	22	92	64	15	129	37	0	1189
Wirral	1761	65	120	66	134	91	206	35	25	2503

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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	609	-	44	-	24	0	37	0	10	0	16	0	18	0	5	0	33	-	796
Blackpool	-	1004	-	163	0	33	-	49	0	29	0	22	13	45	-	27	0	0	19	1372
Bolton	5	1056	-	83	0	62	-	90	-	42	-	43	30	96	11	38	0	97	54	1607
Bury	0	398	0	53	0	13	-	45	-	53	-	35	92	96	8	13	-	41	107	747
Cheshire	-	1262	0	259	0	37	-	44	0	52	0	36	7	47	-	18	0	61	13	1816
Cumbria	-	696	0	62	0	60	-	64	-	22	0	-	23	45	-	39	0	8	29	999
Halton	-	350	0	52	0	11	0	29	-	63	0	34	43	45	-	13	0	-	49	598
Knowsley	0	490	0	44	0	8	0	28	-	134	-	15	65	92	-	10	0	18	73	839
Lancashire	-	2569	0	286	0	74	-	123	-	82	-	78	30	146	0	80	11	455	49	3893
Liverpool	-	2070	0	257	0	117	0	39	0	244	0	80	32	140	-	35	9	361	44	3343
Manchester	-	1509	-	113	0	34	0	51	-	40	0	90	29	90	-	15	0	801	35	2743
Oldham	-	693	0	37	0	21	0	38	-	43	0	20	35	31	-	44	-	-	40	928
Rochdale	-	607	0	121	0	10	0	62	10	80	0	54	133	111	6	48	0	27	152	1120
Salford	0	567	0	97	0	38	0	28	-	23	0	16	77	65	-	13	0	10	80	857
Sefton	-	1029	0	55	0	12	-	24	-	143	0	26	53	60	-	11	0	65	61	1425
St Helens	0	542	0	71	0	9	-	21	-	55	0	21	55	48	-	10	0	14	62	791
Stockport	0	307	0	85	0	36	-	41	-	40	0	22	20	83	0	8	11	34	36	656
Tameside	0	594	0	106	0	35	0	39	-	37	0	21	26	37	5	15	0	10	32	894
Trafford	0	303	0	68	0	21	0	17	0	39	0	16	62	67	6	10	0	-	68	542
Warrington	0	455	0	88	0	24	0	18	0	51	-	22	42	79	-	16	-	-	48	755
Wigan and Leigh	-	754	0	73	0	22	-	90	7	57	0	15	53	76	11	26	0	0	76	1113
Wirral	-	1760	0	65	0	120	-	64	7	127	0	91	66	140	6	29	0	25	82	2421

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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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