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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 August 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 August 2007

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

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

D(A)AT	No. Triaged in August 2007	No. successful completions August 2007	No. unplanned discharges August 2007	No. discharges reason 'not known' August 2007	No. discharges reason 'other' August 2007
Blackburn with Darwen	35	15	19	0	6
Blackpool	84	27	11	0	-
Bolton	75	23	24	0	0
Bury	25	8	11	0	-
Cheshire	61	24	16	0	-
Cumbria	24	5	9	11	0
Halton	33	20	5	0	-
Knowsley	54	-	18	0	5
Lancashire	212	96	50	0	-
Liverpool	134	52	70	0	-
Manchester	84	14	36	-	-
Oldham	35	5	15	0	0
Rochdale	40	18	19	0	-
Salford	32	22	32	0	0
Sefton	112	34	22	-	-
St Helens	29	25	14	0	0
Stockport	28	15	-	0	0
Tameside	58	-	23	0	0
Trafford	43	10	9	0	0
Warrington	14	-	6	0	0
Wigan and Leigh	85	20	17	0	0
Wirral	52	16	31	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 August 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.

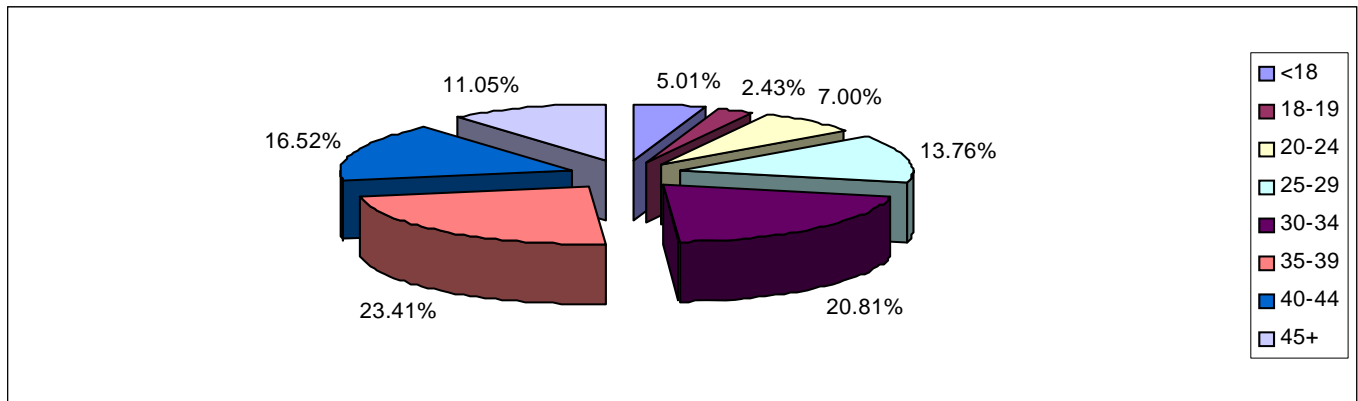
Table Two: Number of individuals in contact with treatment services (From 01/04/2007 to 31/08/2007) by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Number in treatment YTD
Blackburn with Darwen	835
Blackpool	1263
Bolton	1549
Bury	745
Cheshire	1959
Cumbria	1403
Halton	850
Knowsley	1119
Lancashire	4197
Liverpool	3662
Manchester	3216
Oldham	883
Rochdale	1400
Salford	983
Sefton	1464
St Helens	955
Stockport	718
Tameside	952
Trafford	623
Warrington	794
Wigan and Leigh	1324
Wirral	2569

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 (31/08/2007).

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



Whilst regionally 5.01% 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 Cumbria and Manchester, 1.92% and 2.18% of the treatment population respectively were aged under 18. In contrast, 13.50% and 13.15% of those in contact with treatment services in Rochdale and Bury respectively were aged under 18. In Blackburn with Darwen, 17.49% of those in contact with service were aged 40 and over, whereas in Liverpool and Wirral this age group comprised 38.23% and 40.48% 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	45	13	57	122	247	205	85	61
Blackpool	41	19	92	214	272	320	181	124
Bolton	52	41	152	299	423	304	188	90
Bury	98	62	46	110	127	136	96	70
Cheshire	116	49	162	305	448	376	301	202
Cumbria	27	26	143	323	366	247	151	120
Halton	30	24	86	132	190	170	118	100
Knowsley	126	19	82	140	190	279	196	87
Lancashire	271	101	302	703	1030	897	514	379
Liverpool	117	51	161	330	587	1016	868	532
Manchester	70	45	144	346	648	880	632	451
Oldham	25	22	69	105	195	224	141	102
Rochdale	189	67	97	180	204	297	195	171
Salford	53	14	55	121	227	249	157	107
Sefton	62	26	93	140	252	422	295	174
St Helens	40	22	95	141	227	212	125	93
Stockport	37	22	54	106	156	145	105	93
Tameside	44	15	75	184	240	201	116	77
Trafford	37	15	54	70	90	140	133	84
Warrington	37	27	50	119	197	189	104	71
Wigan and Leigh	54	51	119	253	331	273	165	78
Wirral	66	71	155	203	338	696	653	387

Gender and Ethnicity of individuals in contact with treatment services

During 2007/08 (YTD), 71.24% 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 35-39 in comparison to other age groups. Whilst regionally, 95.88% of those individuals stating their ethnicity were described as 'white', there was a degree of variation in this percentage from 87.16% in Oldham to 99.60% in Blackpool. It should be noted that ethnicity percentages were calculated from those that stated an ethnicity and did not include missing data.

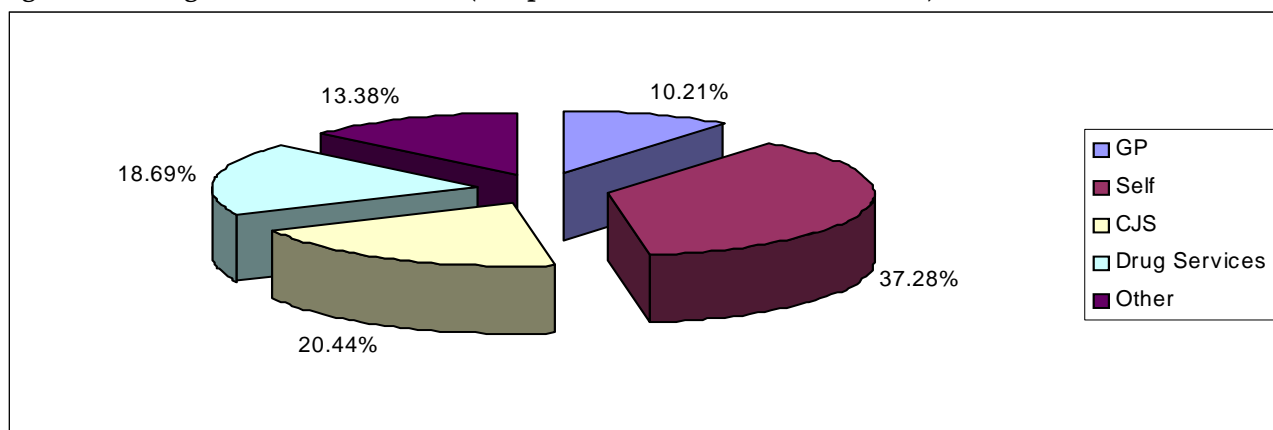
Table Four: Gender and Ethnicity by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Male		White	
	No.	%	No.	%
Blackburn with Darwen	648	77.60	680	95.10
Blackpool	853	67.54	1256	99.60
Bolton	1117	72.11	1464	94.82
Bury	553	74.23	695	93.92
Cheshire	1416	72.28	1892	98.44
Cumbria	940	67.00	1338	98.09
Halton	601	70.71	843	99.18
Knowsley	802	71.67	1093	98.56
Lancashire	2855	68.02	3852	96.20
Liverpool	2533	69.17	3435	96.46
Manchester	2283	70.99	2763	87.58
Oldham	642	72.71	767	87.16
Rochdale	985	70.36	1290	93.48
Salford	733	74.57	928	94.79
Sefton	1028	70.22	1448	99.25
St Helens	724	75.81	945	99.26
Stockport	523	72.84	678	95.90
Tameside	694	72.90	895	96.65
Trafford	458	73.52	552	89.90
Warrington	598	75.31	785	98.87
Wigan and Leigh	985	74.40	1306	99.09
Wirral	1875	72.99	2546	99.26

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=40962 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 (37.28%).

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, 20.44% of referrals were from Criminal Justice Services, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 10.09% in Knowsley to 38.41% 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	80	391	381	73	67
Blackpool	31	349	404	848	129
Bolton	107	816	519	244	147
Bury	80	218	258	113	136
Cheshire	218	1173	331	205	215
Cumbria	507	459	368	208	233
Halton	99	432	152	345	186
Knowsley	77	451	179	209	376
Lancashire	387	2198	1278	991	615
Liverpool	1167	1024	733	1046	506
Manchester	187	1455	733	671	819
Oldham	76	547	159	60	78
Rochdale	127	683	291	207	333
Salford	56	544	228	183	140
Sefton	162	519	420	670	185
St Helens	98	569	199	147	156
Stockport	35	431	141	105	97
Tameside	83	466	239	113	89
Trafford	41	174	220	179	69
Warrington	70	464	96	223	98
Wigan and Leigh	42	858	382	212	78
Wirral	398	845	550	499	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 August 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 (82.86%).

Figure Three: Regional client status for latest treatment episode

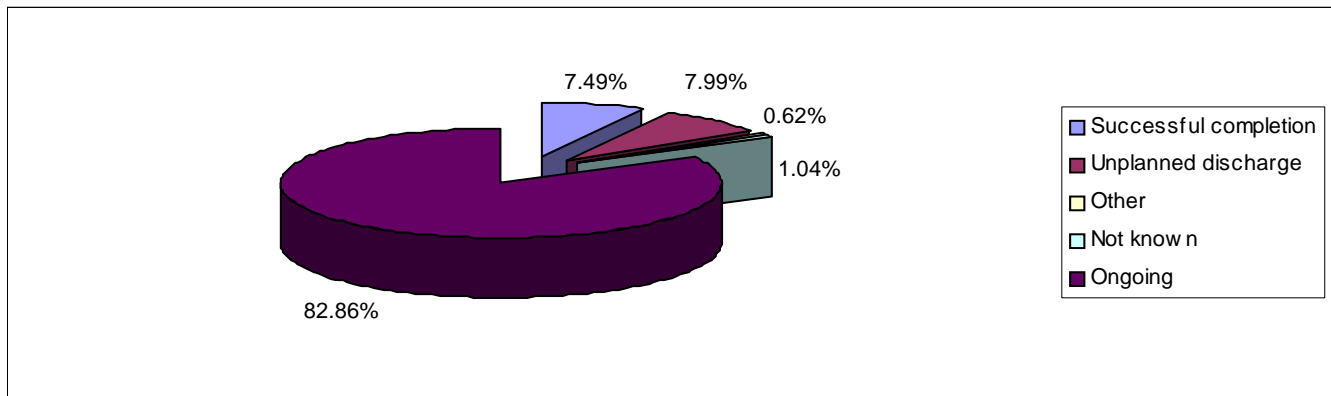


Table Six: Client status for latest episode of treatment by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Ongoing		Successful completion		Unplanned discharge		Not known		Other	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Blackburn with Darwen	641	76.77	76	9.10	108	12.93	-	-	9	1.08
Blackpool	1022	80.92	133	10.53	93	7.36	0	0.00	15	1.19
Bolton	1257	81.15	105	6.78	161	10.39	-	-	22	1.42
Bury	615	82.55	62	8.32	65	8.72	0	0.00	-	-
Cheshire	1716	87.60	95	4.85	140	7.15	-	-	-	-
Cumbria	1204	85.82	48	3.42	58	4.13	89	6.34	-	-
Halton	692	81.41	112	13.18	36	4.24	-	-	8	0.94
Knowsley	935	83.56	81	7.24	73	6.52	0	0.00	30	2.68
Lancashire	3275	78.03	567	13.51	312	7.43	0	0.00	43	1.02
Liverpool	3024	82.58	249	6.80	368	10.05	5	0.14	16	0.44
Manchester	2847	88.53	106	3.30	243	7.56	-	-	19	0.59
Oldham	773	87.54	44	4.98	65	7.36	0	0.00	-	-
Rochdale	1121	80.07	127	9.07	143	10.21	-	-	8	0.57
Salford	799	81.28	83	8.44	100	10.17	0	0.00	-	-
Sefton	1123	76.71	167	11.41	162	11.07	8	0.55	-	-
St Helens	789	82.62	100	10.47	64	6.70	0	0.00	-	-
Stockport	568	79.11	87	12.12	56	7.80	6	0.84	-	-
Tameside	807	84.77	26	2.73	112	11.76	5	0.53	-	-
Trafford	508	81.54	61	9.79	54	8.67	0	0.00	0	0.00
Warrington	467	58.82	62	7.81	38	4.79	224	28.21	-	-
Wigan and Leigh	1102	83.23	83	6.27	126	9.52	9	0.68	-	-
Wirral	2317	90.19	112	4.36	130	5.06	-	-	9	0.35

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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=2586) 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.

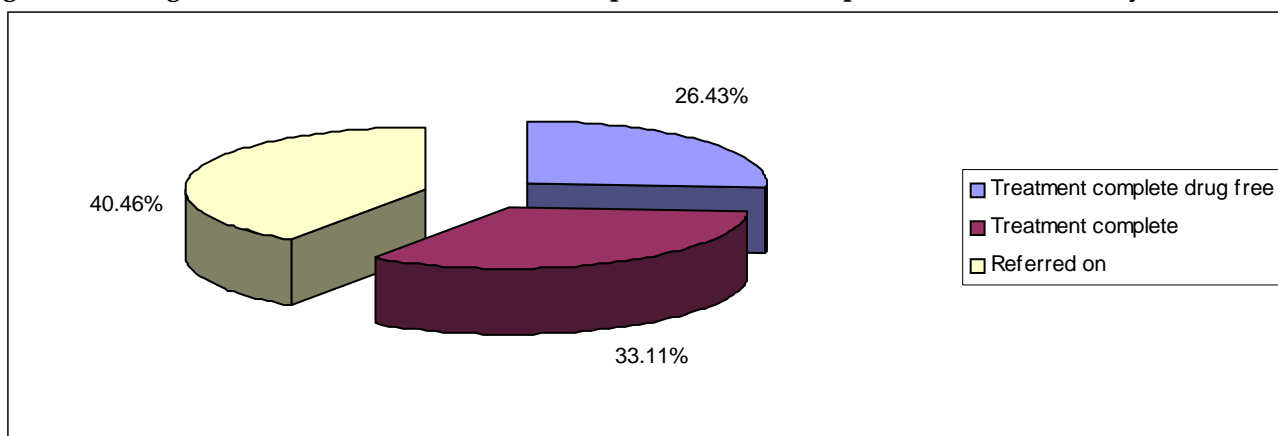


Table Seven: Breakdown of successful treatment completions for latest episode of treatment by D(A)AT of residence for the year to date.

D(A)AT	Treatment Complete Drug Free		Treatment Completed		Referred on	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Blackburn with Darwen	15	19.74	20	26.32	41	53.95
Blackpool	31	23.31	31	23.31	71	53.38
Bolton	37	35.24	41	39.05	27	25.71
Bury	29	46.77	19	30.65	14	22.58
Cheshire	35	36.84	34	35.79	26	27.37
Cumbria	7	14.58	35	72.92	6	12.50
Halton	25	22.32	42	37.50	45	40.18
Knowsley	51	62.96	16	19.75	14	17.28
Lancashire	68	11.99	152	26.81	347	61.20
Liverpool	90	36.14	54	21.69	105	42.17
Manchester	25	23.58	29	27.36	52	49.06
Oldham	24	54.55	13	29.55	7	15.91
Rochdale	45	35.43	62	48.82	20	15.75
Salford	9	10.84	38	45.78	36	43.37
Sefton	21	12.57	32	19.16	114	68.26
St Helens	16	16.00	17	17.00	67	67.00
Stockport	18	20.69	66	75.86	-	-
Tameside	11	42.31	8	30.77	7	26.92
Trafford	22	36.07	18	29.51	21	34.43
Warrington	27	43.55	9	14.52	26	41.94
Wigan and Leigh	16	19.28	37	44.58	30	36.14
Wirral	42	37.50	44	39.29	26	23.21

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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 67.01% of individuals reported heroin as their primary drug of use, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 83.06% in Blackpool to 40.35% in Halton.

Figure Five: Regional primary drug of use.

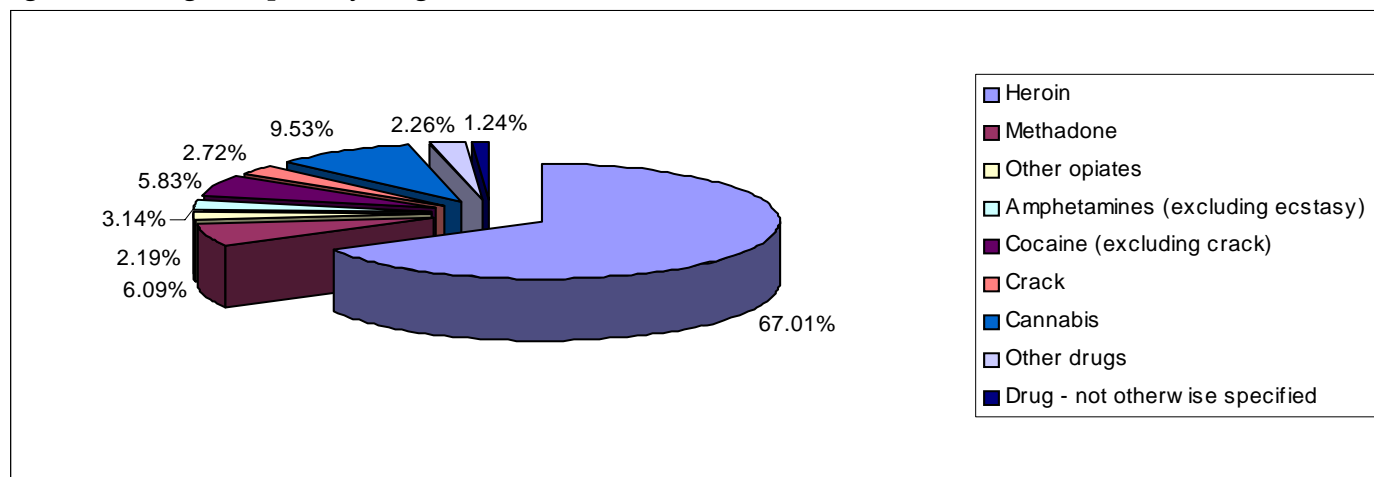


Table Eight: Primary drug of use by D(A)AT of residence

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	619	34	21	38	7	12	72	10	22	835
Blackpool	1049	44	16	40	19	22	42	30	-	1263
Bolton	1105	91	48	67	53	41	102	38	-	1549
Bury	438	5	10	26	63	24	154	23	-	745
Cheshire	1326	251	47	37	54	50	160	34	0	1959
Cumbria	986	112	83	63	28	-	74	50	-	1403
Halton	343	61	13	38	88	44	183	80	0	850
Knowsley	566	44	12	25	168	20	250	23	11	1119
Lancashire	2940	216	64	185	115	78	376	108	115	4197
Liverpool	2424	274	76	28	336	112	261	33	118	3662
Manchester	2487	169	43	75	84	148	125	39	46	3216
Oldham	674	31	18	24	44	19	57	15	-	883
Rochdale	763	100	10	66	60	40	276	67	18	1400
Salford	630	83	36	46	31	16	112	28	-	983
Sefton	982	60	14	13	181	29	123	16	46	1464
St Helens	640	66	17	22	85	15	84	24	-	955
Stockport	431	25	35	44	50	25	81	11	16	718
Tameside	638	72	27	30	55	23	76	18	13	952
Trafford	316	65	17	16	57	57	85	9	-	623
Warrington	462	72	23	11	63	22	117	22	-	794
Wigan and Leigh	908	69	23	93	90	18	104	19	0	1324
Wirral	1784	85	85	54	196	98	215	49	-	2569

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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	0	619	-	33	0	21	-	36	-	6	-	11	40	32	0	10	0	22	45	790
Blackpool	-	1048	0	44	0	16	-	38	0	19	0	22	25	17	13	17	0	-	41	1222
Bolton	6	1099	-	90	0	48	-	64	-	51	-	38	31	71	6	32	0	-	52	1497
Bury	-	437	0	5	0	10	-	24	9	54	-	23	78	76	5	18	-	0	98	647
Cheshire	-	1322	0	251	0	47	-	33	-	50	-	49	99	61	-	30	0	0	116	1843
Cumbria	-	982	0	112	0	83	-	61	0	28	0	-	14	60	7	43	0	-	27	1376
Halton	0	343	0	61	0	13	0	38	0	88	0	44	29	154	-	79	0	0	30	820
Knowsley	0	566	0	44	0	12	0	25	8	160	0	20	115	135	-	20	0	11	126	993
Lancashire	5	2935	0	216	0	64	20	165	10	105	0	78	216	160	20	88	0	115	271	3926
Liverpool	0	2424	0	274	0	76	0	28	-	333	-	111	102	159	-	30	8	110	117	3545
Manchester	-	2483	0	169	0	43	0	75	23	61	-	147	40	85	-	37	0	46	70	3146
Oldham	0	674	0	31	0	18	-	23	0	44	0	19	21	36	-	13	-	0	25	858
Rochdale	0	763	0	100	0	10	5	61	14	46	0	40	149	127	20	47	-	17	189	1211
Salford	-	629	0	83	0	36	-	45	0	31	0	16	47	65	-	24	0	-	53	930
Sefton	-	981	0	60	0	14	-	12	9	172	0	29	48	75	-	13	0	46	62	1402
St Helens	-	639	0	66	0	17	-	20	-	82	0	15	29	55	5	19	0	-	40	915
Stockport	-	430	0	25	0	35	0	44	-	47	0	25	25	56	0	11	8	8	37	681
Tameside	-	637	0	72	0	27	-	27	-	53	0	23	32	44	6	12	0	13	44	908
Trafford	0	316	0	65	0	17	-	15	-	56	0	57	34	51	-	8	0	-	37	586
Warrington	-	461	0	72	0	23	0	11	-	60	0	22	29	88	-	18	0	-	37	757
Wigan and Leigh	-	907	0	69	0	23	-	90	8	82	0	18	35	69	7	12	0	0	54	1270
Wirral	-	1782	0	85	0	85	0	54	11	185	0	98	46	169	7	42	0	-	66	2503

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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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