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Introduction

This publication is the third in our new 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 during 2005/06. 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 third monthly report details year to date information from 1st April 2005 up to 31st March 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 March 2006

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

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

D(A)AT	No. Triaged in March 2006	No. successful completions March 2006	No. unplanned discharges March 2006	No. discharges reason 'not known' March 2006	No. discharges reason 'other' March 2006
Blackburn with Darwen	61	7	27	0	0
Blackpool	103	26	24	0	8
Bolton	137	8	74	5	6
Bury	47	11	32	-	0
Cheshire	78	19	38	0	0
Cumbria	38	19	15	10	0
Halton	24	12	10	0	-
Knowsley	39	-	7	0	7
Lancashire	121	24	70	-	-
Liverpool	127	49	85	0	5
Manchester	71	-	28	-	-
Oldham	20	15	26	0	-
Rochdale	89	17	19	-	-
Salford	56	8	28	0	-
Sefton	118	35	17	0	10
St Helens	42	16	5	0	-
Stockport	26	-	12	44	0
Tameside	57	8	24	0	0
Trafford	29	24	15	0	-
Warrington	32	-	8	0	0
Wigan and Leigh	53	9	18	0	-
Wirral	55	9	14	-	-

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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' and 'died'. 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 those 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 2005 to 31st March 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.

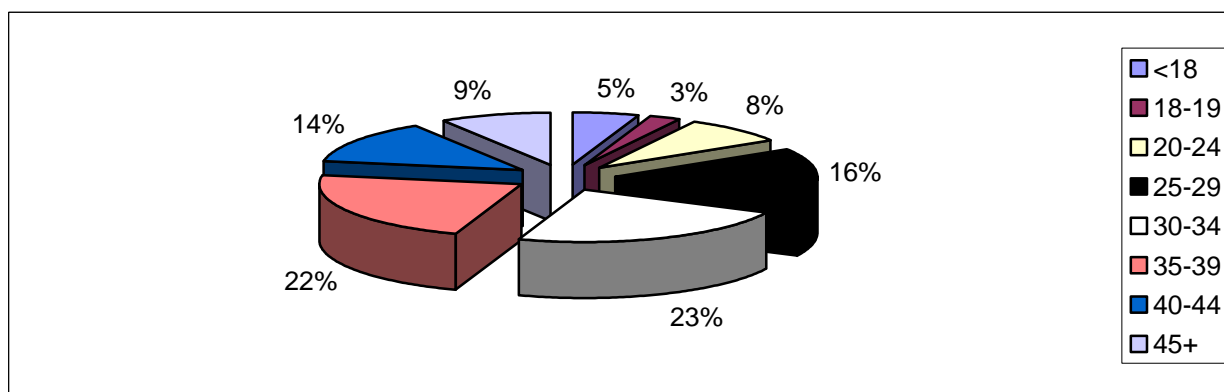
**Table Two: Number of individuals in contact with treatment services
(From 01/04/2005 to 31/03/06) by D(A)AT of residence**

D(A)AT	Number in treatment YTD
Blackburn with Darwen	936
Blackpool	1611
Bolton	1870
Bury	1083
Cheshire	2185
Cumbria	1412
Halton	713
Knowsley	896
Lancashire	4705
Liverpool	4059
Manchester	3204
Oldham	1130
Rochdale	1590
Salford	1125
Sefton	1604
St Helens	982
Stockport	978
Tameside	1125
Trafford	746
Warrington	847
Wigan and Leigh	1576
Wirral	2698

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 (31/03/2006).

Figure One: regional percentages of those in treatment by age bands



Whilst regionally 4.98% 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 and Cheshire, 0.21% and 1.60% of the treatment population respectively were aged under 18. In contrast, 14.77%, 14.03% and 12.68% of those in contact with treatment services in Bury, Rochdale and Stockport respectively were aged under 18. In Bolton, 12.89% of those in contact with service were aged 40 and over, whereas in Liverpool and Wirral this age group comprised 30.20% and 31.54% respectively of the treatment population.

Table Three: Age of those 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	-	14	81	200	308	198	74	59
Blackpool	32	27	156	289	396	380	214	117
Bolton	100	52	250	407	490	330	155	86
Bury	160	75	98	190	191	190	95	84
Cheshire	35	49	231	467	538	411	297	157
Cumbria	86	49	158	338	331	223	131	96
Halton	56	22	66	135	156	143	85	50
Knowsley	53	12	69	118	208	245	126	65
Lancashire	79	87	460	967	1257	922	516	417
Liverpool	66	24	185	424	885	1249	780	446
Manchester	64	45	170	424	762	874	536	329
Oldham	63	25	92	163	259	260	135	133
Rochdale	223	72	139	210	289	299	198	160
Salford	94	32	75	173	266	249	133	103
Sefton	94	36	110	180	339	445	254	146
St Helens	90	29	72	159	254	213	86	79
Stockport	124	58	97	136	210	156	112	85
Tameside	50	31	123	259	291	195	110	66
Trafford	71	44	56	86	119	179	133	58
Warrington	55	15	61	159	238	174	79	66
Wigan and Leigh	136	60	179	291	364	284	178	84
Wirral	113	76	115	249	522	772	551	300

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Gender and Ethnicity of those in contact with treatment services

During 2005/06 (YTD), 71.89% 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 20-29 in comparison to other age groups. Whilst regionally, 95.32% of those individuals stating their ethnicity were described as 'white', there was a degree of variation in this percentage from 87.90% in Oldham to 99.71% in Halton. It should be noted that ethnicity percentages were calculated from those that stated an ethnicity and did not include missing data.

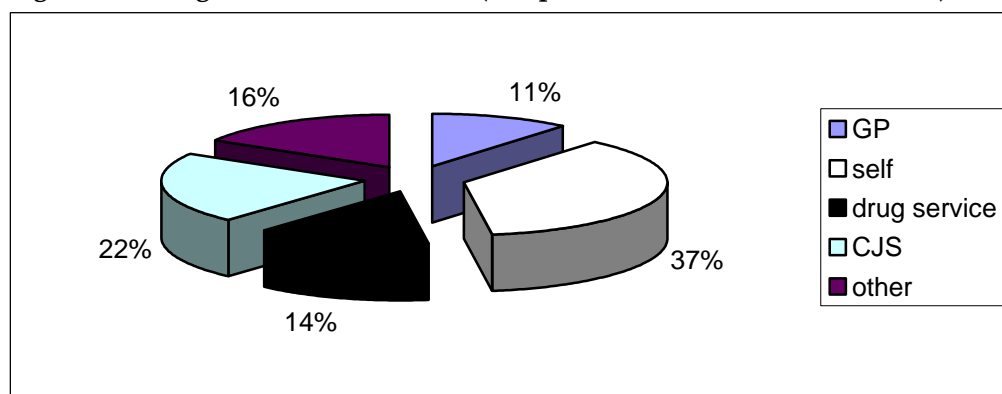
Table Four: Gender and Ethnicity by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Male		White	
	No.	%	No.	%
Blackburn with Darwen	727	77.67	769	94.36
Blackpool	1144	71.01	1586	98.88
Bolton	1367	73.10	1768	95.00
Bury	783	72.30	978	93.59
Cheshire	1567	71.72	1963	98.05
Cumbria	935	66.22	1381	99.00
Halton	516	72.37	701	99.71
Knowsley	655	73.10	876	97.88
Lancashire	3263	69.65	4313	96.44
Liverpool	2807	69.15	3658	96.54
Manchester	2280	71.16	2758	89.31
Oldham	841	74.42	988	87.90
Rochdale	1171	73.65	1431	92.44
Salford	859	76.36	1039	93.44
Sefton	1131	70.51	1566	98.74
St Helens	731	74.44	970	98.78
Stockport	710	72.60	892	94.89
Tameside	820	72.89	1077	96.25
Trafford	552	73.99	626	89.81
Warrington	635	74.97	839	99.06
Wigan and Leigh	1168	74.11	1544	98.66
Wirral	1992	73.83	2654	99.10

Referral sources of those in contact with treatment in the North West

In this section of the report, all episodes of treatment in 2005/06 have been recorded, regardless of whether an individual has entered treatment on more than one occasion over the year (n= 51304 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 (36.73%).

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, 22.17% of referral were from Criminal Justice Services, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 7.66% in Knowsley to 37.16% 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	110	497	441	31	208
Blackpool	77	627	1049	887	183
Bolton	128	1059	830	232	293
Bury	163	393	340	104	347
Cheshire	357	1527	325	148	286
Cumbria	723	356	331	157	351
Halton	97	383	232	82	139
Knowsley	86	519	80	104	256
Lancashire	536	2759	2111	484	841
Liverpool	1382	1386	955	1158	854
Manchester	177	1149	684	895	917
Oldham	107	675	298	150	128
Rochdale	178	610	442	206	686
Salford	55	717	251	147	205
Sefton	318	926	456	823	359
St Helens	126	621	178	124	275
Stockport	59	508	317	159	155
Tameside	122	658	374	114	205
Trafford	83	362	191	61	146
Warrington	87	599	141	167	174
Wigan and Leigh	87	1150	408	158	218
Wirral	459	886	652	516	898

Discharge Reasons for those in contact with treatment services

The following section details the discharge reasons for individuals exiting structured drug treatment during 2005/06 (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 March 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 2005/06 (YTD) were in an ongoing treatment episode (66.77%). Table seven details the successful completions for those concluding treatment according to D(A)AT of residence. A successful completion is defined as 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

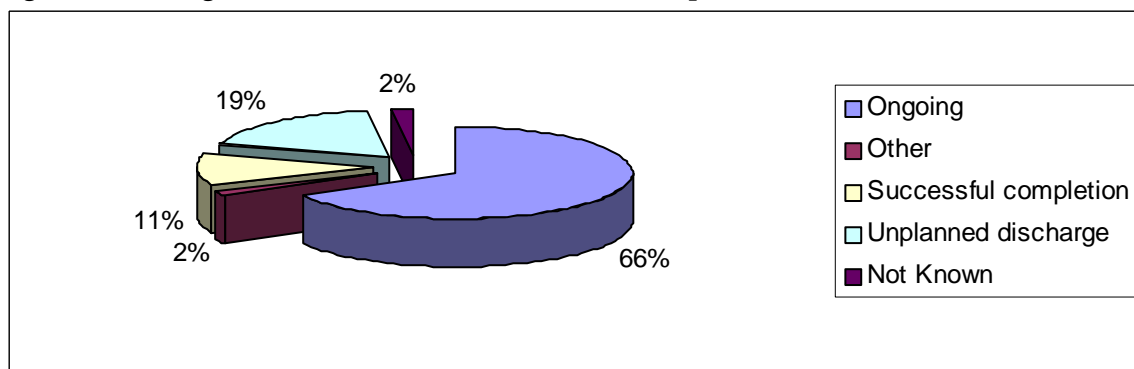


Table Six: Client status for latest episode of treatment by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Ongoing	Successful completion	Unplanned discharge	Not known	Other
Blackburn with Darwen	578	100	245	0	12
Blackpool	1009	233	334	7	27
Bolton	1212	166	414	14	62
Bury	636	139	295	-	12
Cheshire	1536	194	447	-	6
Cumbria	979	102	140	188	-
Halton	534	77	73	-	25
Knowsley	614	90	151	-	32
Lancashire	3137	480	1001	24	61
Liverpool	2528	377	837	154	118
Manchester	2472	212	467	30	21
Oldham	727	118	275	7	-
Rochdale	963	204	356	31	36
Salford	692	101	327	-	-
Sefton	804	511	159	24	79
St Helens	583	235	135	20	9
Stockport	538	113	225	52	50
Tameside	793	92	212	27	-
Trafford	463	164	103	-	8
Warrington	678	66	98	0	5
Wigan and Leigh	1012	153	370	12	29
Wirral	2189	159	294	31	23

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D(A)AT	Treatment Complete Drug Free	Treatment Completed	Referred on
Blackburn with Darwen	16	45	39
Blackpool	35	69	129
Bolton	53	47	66
Bury	37	42	60
Cheshire	77	36	81
Cumbria	10	80	12
Halton	-	54	19
Knowsley	38	26	26
Lancashire	63	204	213
Liverpool	138	51	188
Manchester	67	65	80
Oldham	43	44	31
Rochdale	58	67	79
Salford	14	57	30
Sefton	37	72	402
St Helens	44	30	161
Stockport	27	68	18
Tameside	15	48	29
Trafford	46	72	46
Warrington	35	17	14
Wigan and Leigh	24	105	24
Wirral	78	44	37

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

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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