

# North West NDTMS Monthly Report

JUNE 2006

## Contents

Introduction	1
Triage and discharge information for March 2006	2
Number in treatment by D(A)AT	3
Age of individuals in contact with treatment services	4
Gender and Ethnicity	5
Referral sources	6
Discharge reasons	7
Successful completion	8
Primary drug of use	9

Claire Shaw  
Ayesha Khundakar  
Adam Marr  
Jim McVeigh

Centre for Public Health,  
Faculty of Health and  
Applied Social Sciences,  
Liverpool John Moores  
University,  
Castle House,  
North Street,  
Liverpool.  
L3 2AY

Tel (0151) 231 4380  
Fax (0151) 231 4515

[C.Shaw@ljmu.ac.uk](mailto:C.Shaw@ljmu.ac.uk)

## Introduction

This publication is the second in 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 second monthly report details year to date information from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006 up to 31<sup>st</sup> May 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 provides information on all D(A)ATs in the region enabling individual D(A)ATs 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 May 2006

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

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

D(A)AT	No. Triaged in May 2006	No. successful completions May 2006	No. unplanned discharges May 2006	No. discharges reason 'not known' May 2006	No. discharges reason 'other' May 2006
Blackburn with Darwen	48	-	24	0	-
Blackpool	11	19	35	0	13
Bolton	91	13	77	-	-
Bury	42	7	46	0	0
Cheshire	61	16	22	0	0
Cumbria	15	-	-	-	-
Halton	7	10	-	0	0
Knowsley	43	8	10	0	6
Lancashire	79	30	52	-	6
Liverpool	141	43	59	-	5
Manchester	55	6	16	-	0
Oldham	39	14	38	-	0
Rochdale	31	12	18	6	6
Salford	71	8	12	0	0
Sefton	54	20	50	0	5
St Helens	41	18	22	0	-
Stockport	37	10	26	0	0
Tameside	41	11	34	-	0
Trafford	20	14	-	-	0
Warrington	16	9	8	0	-
Wigan and Leigh	47	-	22	13	0
Wirral	49	7	17	0	-

-= Numbers less than 5 have been suppressed to protect the confidentiality of individuals

### **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 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 31<sup>st</sup> May 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.

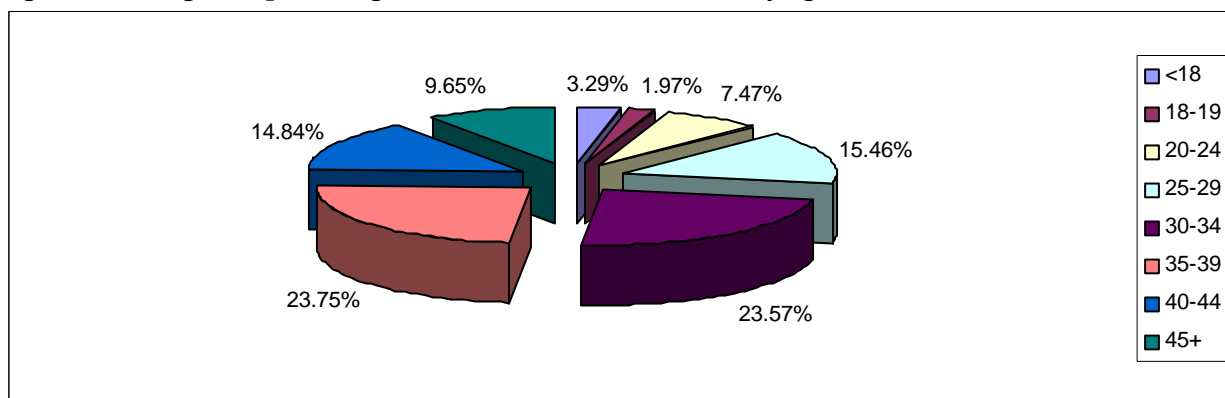
**Table Two: Number of individuals in contact with treatment services  
(From 01/04/2006 to 31/05/2006) by D(A)AT of residence**

D(A)AT	Number in treatment YTD
Blackburn with Darwen	679
Blackpool	1168
Bolton	1446
Bury	736
Cheshire	1655
Cumbria	1121
Halton	584
Knowsley	713
Lancashire	3522
Liverpool	3118
Manchester	2725
Oldham	870
Rochdale	1087
Salford	767
Sefton	1338
St Helens	750
Stockport	637
Tameside	933
Trafford	564
Warrington	729
Wigan and Leigh	1162
Wirral	2339

## 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 (31/05/2006).

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



Whilst regionally 3.29% 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, Cheshire and Liverpool, 0.15%, 0.73% and 0.77% of the treatment population respectively were aged under 18. In contrast, 11.01% and 10.67% of those in contact with treatment services in Bury and Rochdale respectively were aged under 18. In Bolton, 13.69% of those in contact with service were aged 40 and over, whereas in Liverpool and Wirral this age group comprised 34.00% and 35.27% 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	-	11	56	124	222	166	50	49
Blackpool	12	19	106	197	287	284	163	100
Bolton	56	34	163	319	410	266	124	74
Bury	81	38	56	119	150	146	79	67
Cheshire	12	18	140	343	422	332	246	142
Cumbria	10	22	124	283	289	187	117	89
Halton	33	17	49	113	140	120	74	38
Knowsley	56	14	41	80	152	218	102	50
Lancashire	46	49	311	716	961	699	418	322
Liverpool	24	16	137	280	632	969	672	388
Manchester	37	29	134	323	654	772	471	305
Oldham	31	17	69	121	197	216	113	106
Rochdale	116	28	74	136	202	233	161	137
Salford	44	13	49	108	193	180	103	77
Sefton	45	24	100	134	278	387	237	133
St Helens	56	18	57	123	197	158	75	66
Stockport	31	17	54	101	162	119	80	73
Tameside	22	19	105	207	253	172	96	59
Trafford	53	35	32	54	83	145	112	50
Warrington	36	13	49	131	205	163	75	57
Wigan and Leigh	65	39	128	227	280	226	141	56
Wirral	56	63	100	189	421	685	536	289

-= Numbers less than 5 have been suppressed to protect the confidentiality of individuals.

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

During 2006/07 (YTD), 71.10% 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, 96.03% of those individuals stating their ethnicity were described as 'white', there was a degree of variation in this percentage from 88.11% in Oldham to 99.64% in Cumbria. It should be noted that ethnicity percentages were calculated from those that stated an ethnicity and did not include missing data.

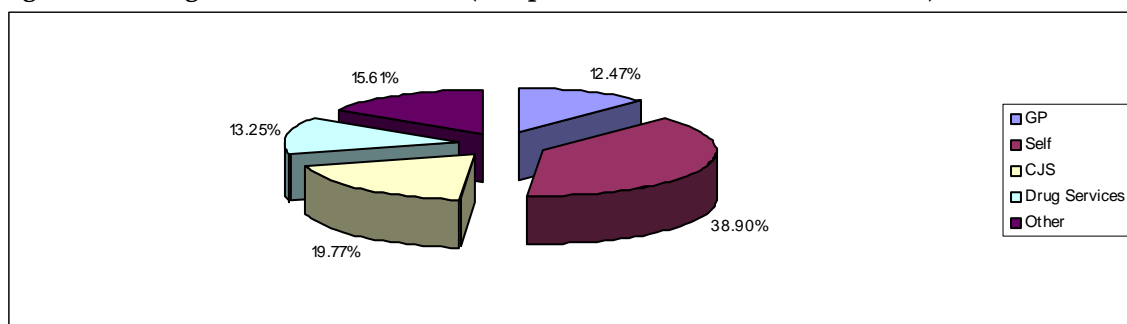
**Table Four: Gender and Ethnicity by D(A)AT of residence**

D(A)AT	Male		White	
	No.	%	No.	%
Blackburn with Darwen	520	76.58	560	94.92
Blackpool	827	70.80	1159	99.48
Bolton	1040	71.92	1374	95.55
Bury	528	71.74	656	92.79
Cheshire	1183	71.48	1532	98.08
Cumbria	722	64.41	1101	99.64
Halton	417	71.40	574	98.97
Knowsley	511	71.67	701	98.46
Lancashire	2423	68.80	3259	96.68
Liverpool	2122	68.06	2858	96.82
Manchester	1928	70.75	2357	88.84
Oldham	643	73.91	763	88.11
Rochdale	786	72.31	1003	92.96
Salford	585	76.27	716	94.09
Sefton	919	68.68	1315	98.80
St Helens	551	73.47	740	98.80
Stockport	463	72.68	594	95.35
Tameside	669	71.70	869	96.23
Trafford	417	73.94	477	90.00
Warrington	549	75.31	722	99.04
Wigan and Leigh	854	73.49	1145	98.96
Wirral	1713	73.24	2311	99.14

## 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= 37930 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 (38.90%).

**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 self referrals made up the largest proportion of referrals regionally (38.90%), this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 19.05% in Cumbria to 59.49% in Wigan. Regionally 19.77% of referrals were from Criminal Justice Services, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 6.97% in Knowsley to 36.52% 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	91	317	255	7	113
Blackpool	35	299	542	524	84
Bolton	106	799	484	156	211
Bury	113	256	222	55	165
Cheshire	266	1117	216	136	179
Cumbria	597	282	261	109	231
Halton	92	321	161	57	105
Knowsley	76	385	56	75	212
Lancashire	395	1877	1346	298	527
Liverpool	1307	976	416	984	630
Manchester	151	1018	552	587	775
Oldham	91	491	203	95	81
Rochdale	131	438	222	71	397
Salford	58	870	245	174	175
Sefton	207	789	274	588	270
St Helens	96	435	113	71	176
Stockport	37	357	175	90	104
Tameside	93	451	281	88	131
Trafford	96	405	158	46	165
Warrington	81	631	110	122	124
Wigan and Leigh	71	1028	375	98	156
Wirral	399	756	507	352	713

## 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. The data in Table Six has been collapsed into five categories as detailed on Page 2. These categories are Successful Completion, Unplanned Discharge, Ongoing, which includes all clients in contact with service on 31<sup>ST</sup> May 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 (93.72%). Regionally, unplanned discharge and successful completion accounted for 4.01% and 1.79% of discharges respectively. 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.

**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	623	13	41	0	-
Blackpool	1054	32	58	0	24
Bolton	1277	28	138	-	-
Bury	641	25	68	0	-
Cheshire	1569	31	54	0	-
Cumbria	1103	-	8	-	-
Halton	557	17	6	-	-
Knowsley	673	13	16	0	11
Lancashire	3315	55	135	7	10
Liverpool	2916	66	120	-	13
Manchester	2668	13	42	-	-
Oldham	787	19	63	-	0
Rochdale	1013	16	43	8	7
Salford	719	15	32	0	-
Sefton	1239	34	59	0	6
St Helens	682	33	34	0	-
Stockport	580	16	40	0	-
Tameside	846	18	67	-	-
Trafford	529	22	12	-	0
Warrington	696	16	16	0	-
Wigan and Leigh	1101	8	37	14	-
Wirral	2252	21	60	-	-

- = Numbers less than 5 have been suppressed to protect the confidentiality of individuals

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

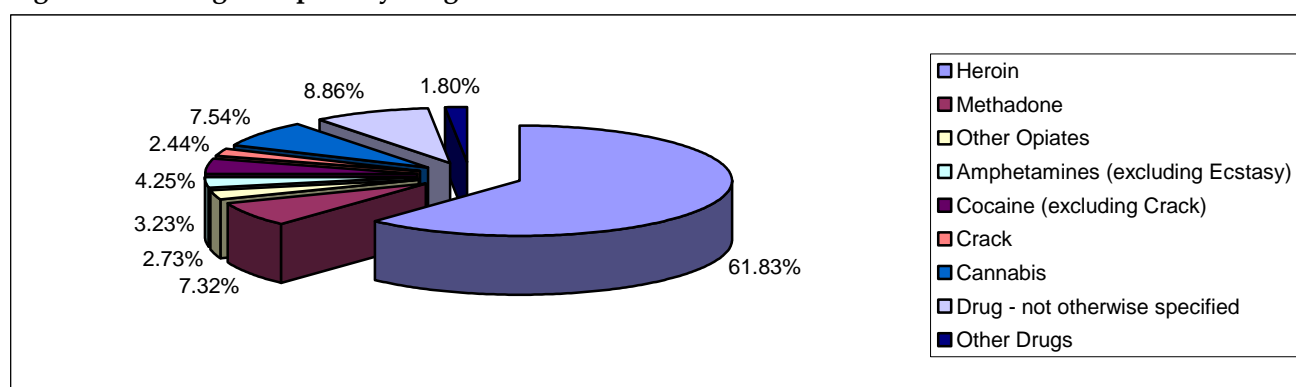
D(A)AT	Treatment Complete Drug Free	Treatment Completed	Referred on
Blackburn with Darwen	-	7	-
Blackpool	5	7	20
Bolton	9	7	12
Bury	6	9	10
Cheshire	19	-	8
Cumbria	0	-	0
Halton	7	9	-
Knowsley	6	-	-
Lancashire	10	23	22
Liverpool	23	13	30
Manchester	5	5	-
Oldham	7	-	9
Rochdale	7	-	6
Salford	0	6	9
Sefton	6	14	14
St Helens	-	7	23
Stockport	-	11	-
Tameside	5	9	-
Trafford	5	-	14
Warrington	11	-	-
Wigan and Leigh	-	5	-
Wirral	14	-	-

- = Numbers less than 5 have been suppressed to protect the confidentiality of individuals

## 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 61.83% of individuals reported heroin as their primary drug of use, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 38.72% in Bury to 77.32% in Blackburn and Darwen.

**Figure Three: Regional primary drug of use.**



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

**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
Blackburn with Darwen	525	42	18	25	7	14	13	-	31
Blackpool	861	143	20	40	21	14	46	22	-
Bolton	958	77	44	70	25	36	117	41	78
Bury	285	56	9	27	22	27	120	21	169
Cheshire	1109	247	27	39	38	31	40	17	107
Cumbria	804	67	64	66	18	5	45	42	10
Halton	329	46	10	27	61	31	67	12	-
Knowsley	403	31	-	19	102	14	113	6	21
Lancashire	2261	261	58	102	65	71	146	64	494
Liverpool	1847	247	179	36	190	80	129	31	379
Manchester	1341	86	24	52	41	86	130	15	950
Oldham	597	51	22	42	41	17	58	39	-
Rochdale	534	114	11	49	58	37	189	37	58
Salford	486	75	37	27	18	12	84	8	20
Sefton	949	53	11	21	116	19	93	9	67
St Helens	482	65	7	18	45	18	85	13	17
Stockport	301	87	36	40	37	20	80	10	26
Tameside	576	112	34	38	37	27	70	27	12
Trafford	267	63	16	20	41	24	102	11	20
Warrington	432	72	22	14	43	25	102	16	-
Wigan and Leigh	712	71	23	87	62	8	127	34	38
Wirral	1671	48	124	61	114	89	168	35	29

- = Numbers less than 5 have been suppressed to protect the confidentiality of individuals

### **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.

#### **Contact details**

**Claire Shaw**

**Centre for Public Health  
Faculty of Health and Applied Social Sciences  
Liverpool John Moores University  
Castle House  
North Street  
Liverpool  
L3 2AY  
Tel (0151) 231 4380  
Fax (0151) 231 4515**