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Introduction

This publication is the first 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 fourth monthly report details year to date information from 1st April 2006 up to 30th April 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 April 2006

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

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

D(A)AT	No. Triaged in April 2006	No. successful completions April 2006	No. unplanned discharges April 2006	No. discharges reason 'not known' April 2006	No. discharges reason 'other' April 2006
Blackburn with Darwen	45	9	18	0	0
Blackpool	6	11	20	0	12
Bolton	80	15	63	0	-
Bury	46	16	22	0	-
Cheshire	26	15	20	0	-
Cumbria	21	-	-	-	-
Halton	10	-	-	-	-
Knowsley	20	-	-	0	-
Lancashire	58	15	61	-	-
Liverpool	120	19	48	-	7
Manchester	32	6	24	0	0
Oldham	25	-	24	0	0
Rochdale	67	-	28	-	-
Salford	19	-	21	0	0
Sefton	23	9	8	0	0
St Helens	33	15	10	0	0
Stockport	16	6	15	0	-
Tameside	42	6	29	0	-
Trafford	10	-	6	0	0
Warrington	9	-	-	0	0
Wigan and Leigh	27	-	13	-	-
Wirral	33	7	11	-	-

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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 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 30th April 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.

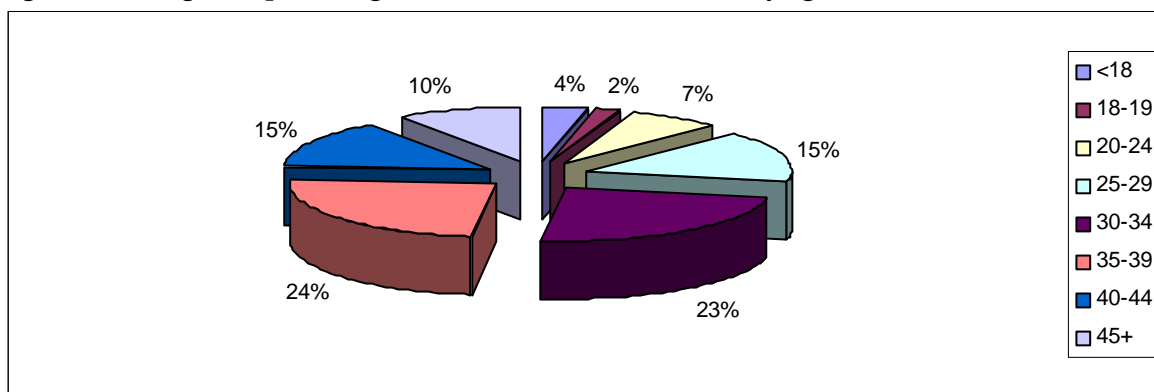
**Table Two: Number of individuals in contact with treatment services
(From 01/04/2006 to 30/04/06) by D(A)AT of residence**

D(A)AT	Number in treatment YTD
Blackburn with Darwen	648
Blackpool	1174
Bolton	1389
Bury	748
Cheshire	1588
Cumbria	1108
Halton	578
Knowsley	671
Lancashire	3458
Liverpool	2989
Manchester	2624
Oldham	834
Rochdale	1121
Salford	754
Sefton	1273
St Helens	708
Stockport	615
Tameside	909
Trafford	533
Warrington	717
Wigan and Leigh	1129
Wirral	2303

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 (30/04/2006).

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



Whilst regionally 3.51% 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, 0.31% and 0.50% of the treatment population respectively were aged under 18. In contrast, 14.84% and 13.65% of those in contact with treatment services in Bury and Rochdale respectively were aged under 18. In Bolton, 13.53% of those in contact with service were aged 40 and over, whereas in Liverpool and Wirral this age group comprised 33.62% and 34.78% 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	-	9	52	119	215	154	49	48
Blackpool	11	19	109	198	296	281	164	96
Bolton	57	38	154	315	385	252	118	70
Bury	111	45	54	116	143	141	76	62
Cheshire	8	19	130	328	407	316	239	141
Cumbria	10	21	120	281	287	185	116	88
Halton	31	13	54	117	135	120	70	38
Knowsley	44	10	37	79	145	209	98	49
Lancashire	43	50	310	695	945	691	402	322
Liverpool	23	15	129	259	620	938	640	365
Manchester	37	29	119	313	642	737	455	292
Oldham	32	14	61	111	196	213	108	99
Rochdale	153	40	73	134	197	230	164	130
Salford	41	14	40	99	194	183	98	85
Sefton	45	21	92	129	268	369	224	125
St Helens	54	15	50	114	189	151	69	66
Stockport	32	13	48	103	155	115	80	69
Tameside	19	20	97	204	248	169	92	60
Trafford	55	33	28	52	77	137	103	48
Warrington	36	12	50	125	206	161	70	57
Wigan and Leigh	62	33	125	222	279	220	135	53
Wirral	59	59	95	190	425	674	519	282

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Gender and Ethnicity of individuals in contact with treatment services

During 2006/07 (YTD), 70.98% 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, 96.06% of those individuals stating their ethnicity were described as 'white', there was a degree of variation in this percentage from 88.31% in Oldham to 99.73% in Cumbria. It should be noted that ethnicity percentages were calculated from those that stated an ethnicity and did not include missing data.

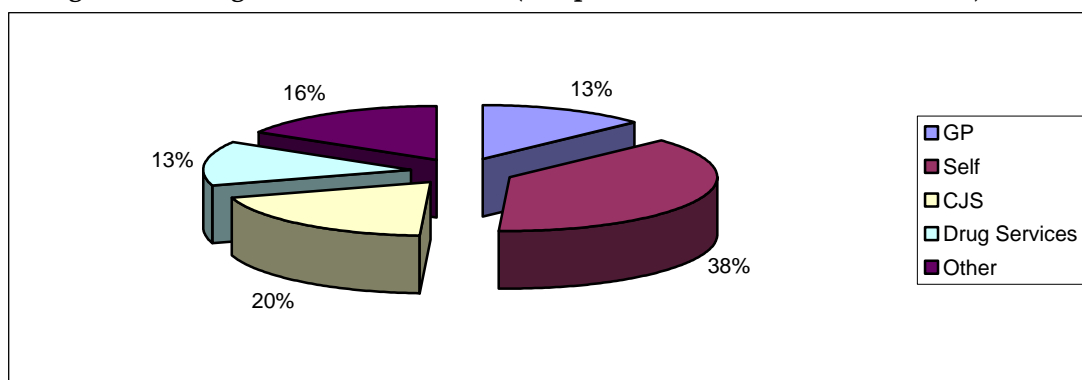
Table Four: Gender and Ethnicity by D(A)AT of residence

D(A)AT	Male		White	
	No.	%	No.	%
Blackburn with Darwen	498	76.85	539	94.89
Blackpool	835	71.12	1161	99.32
Bolton	996	71.71	1325	95.88
Bury	531	70.99	677	93.38
Cheshire	1128	71.03	1469	98.06
Cumbria	714	64.44	1088	99.73
Halton	411	71.11	566	98.78
Knowsley	486	72.43	660	98.36
Lancashire	2370	68.54	3192	96.49
Liverpool	2023	67.68	2684	96.93
Manchester	1851	70.54	2276	89.18
Oldham	618	74.10	733	88.31
Rochdale	819	73.06	1029	92.45
Salford	573	75.99	710	94.92
Sefton	875	68.74	1246	98.73
St Helens	518	73.16	699	98.73
Stockport	444	72.20	571	95.01
Tameside	654	71.95	844	96.35
Trafford	395	74.11	449	90.16
Warrington	539	75.17	709	98.88
Wigan and Leigh	825	73.07	1113	98.93
Wirral	1690	73.38	2273	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= 32959 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 (37.92%).

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, 19.48% of referral were from Criminal Justice Services, this proportion varied between D(A)ATs from 6.35% in Knowsley to 35.18% 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	86	294	237	10	102
Blackpool	35	328	547	552	93
Bolton	100	707	411	120	183
Bury	108	238	175	67	209
Cheshire	251	974	170	119	160
Cumbria	588	263	233	89	212
Halton	89	309	127	51	105
Knowsley	67	359	46	62	190
Lancashire	396	1750	1215	264	456
Liverpool	1052	702	353	669	519
Manchester	143	945	457	559	769
Oldham	77	462	184	94	74
Rochdale	128	410	197	96	449
Salford	29	443	133	103	97
Sefton	172	579	218	469	220
St Helens	92	389	78	59	158
Stockport	36	329	151	72	84
Tameside	92	431	260	77	129
Trafford	54	211	101	23	105
Warrington	71	495	97	119	113
Wigan and Leigh	54	750	257	84	125
Wirral	402	696	459	343	670

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 30th April 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 (97.59%). 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	Carry over from 05/06	Ongoing including April 2006	Successful completion April 2006	Unplanned discharge April 2006	Not known April 2006	Other April 2006
Blackburn with Darwen	603	621	9	18	0	0
Blackpool	1168	1131	11	20	0	12
Bolton	1309	1310	15	63	0	-
Bury	702	708	16	22	0	-
Cheshire	1562	1552	15	20	0	-
Cumbria	1087	1099	-	-	-	-
Halton	568	571	-	-	-	-
Knowsley	651	665	-	-	0	-
Lancashire	3400	3376	15	61	-	-
Liverpool	2869	2914	19	48	-	7
Manchester	2592	2594	6	24	0	0
Oldham	809	806	-	24	0	0
Rochdale	1054	1087	-	28	-	-
Salford	735	731	-	21	0	0
Sefton	1250	1256	9	8	0	0
St Helens	675	683	15	10	0	0
Stockport	599	593	6	15	0	-
Tameside	867	872	6	29	0	-
Trafford	523	523	-	6	0	0
Warrington	708	711	-	-	0	0
Wigan and Leigh	1102	1110	-	13	-	-
Wirral	2270	2281	7	11	-	-

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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
Blackburn with Darwen	-	5	-
Blackpool	-	-	7
Bolton	7	-	6
Bury	-	9	5
Cheshire	8	-	5
Cumbria	0	-	0
Halton	-	-	-
Knowsley	-	-	-
Lancashire	-	-	10
Liverpool	5	-	12
Manchester	-	-	-
Oldham	0	-	-
Rochdale	-	0	0
Salford	0	0	-
Sefton	-	-	-
St Helens	-	-	12
Stockport	-	-	-
Tameside	-	-	-
Trafford	-	0	-
Warrington	-	-	0
Wigan and Leigh	0	-	-
Wirral	5	0	-

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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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