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National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS)

Introduction

The Inter Agency Drug Misuse Database (IAD), established by Merseyside Drug (and Alcohol) Action Teams, Merseyside Police and the Public Health Sector (now Centre for Public Health) in 1997, supports the need for local information on drug misuse. In particular the IAD aims to:

- Provide comprehensive reporting of problem drug users' (PDUs') characteristics including a range of demographics and the types of drugs used.
- Reflect levels of service and intervention activity.
- Assist in D(A)AT's (and other responsible bodies) performance management.
- Facilitate the planning and development of services and interventions for PDUs.
- Identify gaps in service provision and delivery, as well as under-served groups as specified by the National Treatment Agency and Department of Health and by the Centre for Public Health, through interrogation of available data.
- Highlight changes in levels, demographics and characteristics of drug user populations.
- Report back to both individual D(A)ATs and service providers in the form of audits and quarterly reports as well as responding to ad hoc requests.
- Provide summary reporting on an annual basis.

To enable the above the IAD collects data from as many agencies in contact with drug users as possible and is continually seeking to expand the range and scope of data providers. Data are currently collected from criminal justice services, needle exchange schemes (both pharmacy and agency-based), the National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS) and Connexions (young people).

Data considerations

Analysis of data depends on the provision of attributable information. Each service provider records first and last initials, date of birth and gender, for each individual they record a contact with. The combination of these details provides an identifier (attributor) for each individual (e.g.: HF07/12/1974M). This is a nationally recognised system and allows individuals to be tracked through different service providers and across time whilst retaining an acceptable degree of anonymity. The attributor is essential to avoid double counting of individuals both within and across datasets, as well as enabling us to match across datasets. The D(A)AT referred to is the D(A)AT of contact unless otherwise stated.

The IAD will *only* be reporting attributable data for each dataset. In the past, report deadlines have been missed due to data arriving too late to be cleaned and analysed in time, or more often because the data requires a great deal of cleaning and validation before analysis. These reports are useful only if they can arrive within timelines useful to D(A)ATs (ie: in time for NTA quarterly submissions). For this reason, reports will now be sent out according to a strict timetable, with each quarter's report to be sent in the first week of the third month following the close of the reporting period. Any data that is missing or non-attributable will not be included in the report.

Year-to-Date figures will be provided for the current financial year, and will incorporate updated figures from previous quarters. The figures are calculated by aggregating successive quarterly datasets to omit double counting of those who present to services in each quarter. Year-to-Date data will be the most accurate reflection of annual service activity and will override previous quarterly data.

The Centre for Public Health will continue to work closely with service providers and D(A)ATs in order to improve both the timeliness and quality of monitoring data provided to the IAD. Many service providers are turning to electronic recording of data and it is hoped this will vastly improve the quality of the data as systems improve.

ARREST REFERRAL (AR)

Quarter 4 (2008/09)

Introduction

Raw data are provided by the Drug Intervention Programme (DIP) Team based at the Centre for Public Health, Liverpool John Moores University. The data supplied are for validated contacts within specified D(A)AT areas and are aggregated to one person per D(A)AT area. Individuals may therefore appear more than once within the final dataset if they have been seen in more than one D(A)AT area, but only once for each D(A)AT area within the reporting period.

Table 1: Individuals assessed, by Gender & Age Group

Gender	n	%
Male	53	91.4
Female	5	8.6
Age Group		
Under 18	0	0.0
18-19	7	12.1
20-24	8	13.8
25-29	9	15.5
30-34	11	19.0
35-39	10	17.2
40-44	7	12.1
45+	6	10.3
Total	58	100

Table 2: Year to Date, by Gender & Age Group

		Ger	nder			
	Ma	ale	Fen	nale	Total in A	ge Group
Age Group	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
18-19	14	8.0	3	11.5	17	8.4
20-24	41	23.3	3	11.5	44	21.8
25-29	30	17.0	5	19.2	35	17.3
30-34	33	18.8	3	11.5	36	17.8
35-39	26	14.8	8	30.8	34	16.8
40-44	16	9.1	4	15.4	20	9.9
45+	16	9.1	0	0.0	16	7.9
Total	176	100	26	100	202	100

Table 3: Reported Main Drug(s) of Use, by Frequency of Use

Drug of Use	Daily	Weekly
Amphetamines	1	0
Benzodiazepines	0	0
Cannabis	11	3
Crack	10	5
Cocaine	3	13
Ecstasy	0	0
Heroin	11	6
Methadone	8	0
Other	2	0

NB: The complexity of the drug profiles reported through arrest referral is such that we have decided the best way of reporting the data is to provide figures for the number of people reporting Daily or Weekly use of each drug. Where "Main drug" is provided in the original data it does not always match the other substances reported as being used daily; consequently, this method of reporting should provide a more accurate picture of drug use as reported through Arrest Referral rather than simply stating the "Main Drug". However it should be noted that some people may report several drugs being used and will therefore be counted in the figures for each drug they report. For this reason totals are not provided.

SYRINGE EXCHANGE SERVICES

Quarter 4 (2008/09)

Introduction

Data are collected directly from syringe exchange providers. Analysis of syringe exchange data allows performance monitoring of harm reduction services at both D(A)AT and service provider level.

AGENCY SYRINGE EXCHANGE

Table 4: Individuals by Gender

New Clients	n	%
Male	41	100
Female	0	0.0
Total	41	100
All Clients		
Male	165	95.4
Female	8	4.6
Total	173	100

Table 5: Individuals by Gender: Steroids Users Omitted

New Clients	n	%
Male	5	100
Female	0	0.0
Total	5	100
All Clients		
Male	61	88.4
Female	8	11.6
Total	69	100

Table 6: Individuals by Age Group

	New	Clients	All C	lients
Age Group	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0.0	0	0.0
18-19	1	2.4	8	4.6
20-24	12	29.3	22	12.7
25-29	10	24.4	42	24.3
30-34	13	31.7	38	22.0
35-39	3	7.3	35	20.2
40-44	2	4.9	21	12.1
45+	0	0.0	7	4.0
Total	41	100	173	100

Table 7: Individuals by Age Group: Steroid Users omitted

	New	Clients	All C	lients
Age Group	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0.0	0	0.0
18-19	0	0.0	0	0.0
20-24	1	20.0	3	4.3
25-29	0	0.0	5	7.2
30-34	2	40.0	13	18.8
35-39	1	20.0	25	36.2
40-44	1	20.0	19	27.5
45+	0	0.0	4	5.8
Total	5	100	69	100

Table 8: Gender by Age Group of Individuals

		Ge	ender	
	M	lale	Fe	male
Age Group	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0.0	0	0.0
18-19	8	4.8	0	0.0
20-24	22	13.3	0	0.0
25-29	40	24.2	2	25.0
30-34	35	21.2	3	37.5
35-39	33	20.0	2	25.0
40-44	20	12.1	1	12.5
45+	7	4.2	0	0.0
Total	165	100	8	100

Table 9: Gender by Age Group: Steroid Users omitted

		Ger	nder	
	N	lale	Fen	nale
Age Group	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0.0	0	0.0
18-19	0	0.0	0	0.0
20-24	3	4.9	0	0.0
25-29	3	4.9	2	25.0
30-34	10	16.4	3	37.5
35-39	23	37.7	2	25.0
40-44	18	29.5	1	12.5
45+	4	6.6	0	0.0
Total	61	100	8	100

Table 10: Year to Date, by Gender & Age Group

		Ger	nder			
0 N 0 N	M	ale	Fen	nale	Total in A	ge Group
Age Group	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
18-19	27	6.6	0	0.0	27	6.3
20-24	65	15.9	0	0.0	65	15.1
25-29	94	23.0	3	13.6	97	22.6
30-34	77	18.9	5	22.7	82	19.1
35-39	89	21.8	5	22.7	94	21.9
40-44	42	10.3	3	13.6	45	10.5
45+	14	3.4	6	27.3	20	4.7
Total	408	100	22	100	430	100

Table 11: Year to Date, by Gender & Age Group: Steroid Users Omitted

		Ger	nder			
	Ma	ale	Fen	nale	Total in A	ge Group
Age Group	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
18-19	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
20-24	3	2.6	0	0.0	3	2.2
25-29	6	5.2	3	13.6	9	6.5
30-34	22	19.0	5	22.7	27	19.6
35-39	50	43.1	5	22.7	55	39.9
40-44	28	24.1	3	13.6	31	22.5
45+	7	6.0	6	27.3	13	9.4
Total	116	100	22	100	138	100

Table 12: Main Drug of Use for New Agency Syringe Exchange Clients, by Gender

		Gei	Gender			
	ı	Male	Fen	nale		
Drug of Use	n	%	n	%		
Amphetamines	0	0.0	0	0.0		
Benzodiazepines	0	0.0	0	0.0		
Cocaine	0	0.0	0	0.0		
Crack	0	0.0	0	0.0		
Heroin	3	7.3	0	0.0		
Methadone	0	0.0	0	0.0		
Melanotan	0	0.0	0	0.0		
Steroids	36	87.8	0	0.0		
Other	2	4.9	0	0.0		
Total	41	100	0	0.0		

Table 13: Main Drug of Use for All Agency Syringe Exchange Clients, by Gender

	r	Male	Female		
Drug of Use	n	%	n	%	
Amphetamines	0	0.0	0	0.0	
Benzodiazepines	0	0.0	0	0.0	
Cocaine	2	1.2	0	0.0	
Crack	0	0.0	0	0.0	
Heroin	47	28.5	8	100	
Methadone	2	1.2	0	0.0	
Melanotan	0	0.0	0	0.0	
Steroids	104	63.0	0	0.0	
Other	10	6.0	0	0.0	
Total*	165	100	8	100	

^{*}Please Note: Totals may not be concurrent due to the reporting of Melanotan clients. Further details are available on request.

Table 14: Main Drug of Use for New Agency Syringe Exchange Clients, by Age Group

		heta- ine		zodi- pine	Coc	aine	Cra	ack	Не	roin	Meth	adone	Ste	roids
Age Group	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0	-	-	0	0.0
18-19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0	-	-	1	2.8
20-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0	-	-	11	30.6
25-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0	-	-	10	27.8
30-34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	33.3	-	-	11	30.6
35-39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	33.3	-	-	2	5.6
40-44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	33.3	-	-	1	2.8
45+	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	0	0.0	-	-	0	0.0
Total*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	100	-	-	36	100

^{* %} Totals are by Drug, not Age Group.

Please Note: Due to a change in reporting methods main drug of use by age group will only be reported for new clients. Information on age group for all clients is available on request.

PHARMACY SYRINGE EXCHANGE

Table 15: Individuals by Gender

New Clients	n	%
Male	2	66.7
Female	1	33.3
Total	3	100
All Clients		
Male	4	66.7
Female	2	33.3
Total	6	100

Table 16: Individuals by Age Group

	New	Clients	All C	Clients
Age Group	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0.0	0	0.0
18-19	0	0.0	0	0.0
20-24	0	0.0	0	0.0
25-29	1	33.3	2	33.3
30-34	0	0.0	1	16.7
35-39	1	33.3	1	16.7
40-44	0	0.0	1	16.7
45+	1	33.3	1	16.7
Total	3	100	6	100

Table 17: Year to Date, by Gender & Age Group

		Ger	nder			
	Ma	ale	Fen	nale	Total in A	ge Group
Age Group	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
18-19	0	0.0	1	8.3	1	2.0
20-24	4	10.5	1	8.3	5	10.0
25-29	8	21.0	6	50.0	14	28.0
30-34	11	28.9	2	16.7	13	26.0
35-39	5	13.2	1	8.3	6	12.0
40-44	4	10.5	1	8.3	5	10.0
45+	6	15.8	0	0.0	6	12.0
Total	38	100	12	100	50	100

COMBINED PHARMACY AND AGENCY SYRINGE EXCHANGE

Analyses here are based on an aggregated combination of Agency and Pharmacy-based datasets for the reporting period. Data are aggregated by attributor and D(A)AT to one person per D(A)AT area.

Table 18: Individuals in Syringe Exchange, by Gender

New Clients	n	%
Male	43	97.7
Female	1	2.3
Total	44	100
All Clients		
Male	168	94.9
Female	9	5.1
Total	177	100

Table 19: Individuals in Syringe Exchange, by Gender: Steroid Users Omitted*

New Clients	n	%
Male	7	87.5
Female	1	12.5
Total	8	100
All Clients		
Male	64	87.7
Female	9	12.3
Total	73	100

^{*}Only known steroid users, based on Agency SES data, have been omitted.

Table 20: Individuals in Syringe Exchange, by Age Group

	New	Clients	All C	lients
Age Group	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0.0	0	0.0
18-19	1	2.3	8	4.5
20-24	12	27.3	22	12.4
25-29	11	25.0	43	24.3
30-34	13	29.5	38	21.5
35-39	4	9.1	36	20.3
40-44	2	4.5	22	12.4
45+	1	2.3	8	4.5
Total	44	100	177	100

Table 21: Individuals in Syringe Exchange by Age Group: Steroid Users Omitted

	New	Clients	All Clients		
Age Group	n	%	n	%	
Under 18	0	0.0	0	0.0	
18-19	0	0.0	0	0.0	
20-24	1	12.5	3	4.1	
25-29	1	12.5	6	8.2	
30-34	2	25.0	13	17.8	
35-39	2	25.0	26	35.6	
40-44	1	12.5	20	27.4	
45+	1	12.5	5	6.8	
Total	8	100	73	100	

Table 22: Year to Date, by Gender & Age Group

		Ger	nder			
	M	ale	Female		Total in Age Group	
Age Group	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
18-19	27	6.1	1	3.0	28	5.9
20-24	72	16.3	1	3.0	73	15.4
25-29	100	22.7	9	27.3	109	23.0
30-34	89	20.2	6	18.2	95	20.0
35-39	93	21.1	6	18.2	99	20.9
40-44	42	9.5	4	12.1	46	9.7
45+	18	4.1	6	18.2	24	5.1
Total	441	100	33	100	474	100

Table 23: Total Syringes Provided

	Agency	Pharmacy	Total (Q)	Year to Date
Barrels	5,742	70	5,812	31,684

NB: We will no longer be reporting needle returns as it is not possible to accurately calculate them from the data available. Total Syringes include exchanges by non-attributable individuals.

National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS)

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Background

The NDTMS is the official method for measuring the extent and nature of structured drug treatment in England and Wales. The system is commissioned by the NTA and is operated through nine regional centres – corresponding to the nine government offices for the regions.

Data here are aggregated to one individual per D(A)AT. Individuals presenting in more than one D(A)AT within the quarter's time period will therefore be represented more than once in the original data. The D(A)AT referred to is D(A)AT of treatment.

New Clients

Figures presented here for "new" clients are calculated using the triage date. Those individuals triaged within the reporting period are taken as new clients for this report. However, it should be noted that these individuals may have been triaged, or in contact with treatment services, before this period.

Table 24: Individuals in Contact with Treatment Services, by Gender

New Clients	n	%
Male	115	73.2
Female	42	26.8
Total	157	100
All Clients		
Male	1,050	73.1
Female	387	26.9
Total	1,437	100

Table 25: Year to Date, by Gender

New Clients	n	%
Male	383	74.4
Female	132	25.6
Total	515	100
All Clients		
Male	1,159	73.8
Female	412	26.2
Total	1,571	100

Table 26: Individuals in Contact with Treatment Services, by Age Group

	New Clients		All C	lients
Age Group	n	%	n	%
Under 18	14	8.9	142	9.9
18-19	4	2.5	45	3.1
20-24	17	10.8	155	10.8
25-29	28	17.8	195	13.6
30-34	26	16.6	289	20.1
35-39	31	19.7	293	20.4
40-44	25	15.9	211	14.7
45+	12	7.6	107	7.4
Total	157	100	1,437	100

Table 27: Year to Date, by Age Group

	New Clients		All C	lients
Age Group	n	%	n	%
Under 18	42	8.2	144	9.2
18-19	15	2.9	55	3.5
20-24	61	11.8	190	12.1
25-29	83	16.1	220	14.0
30-34	105	20.4	309	19.7
35-39	90	17.5	315	20.1
40-44	78	15.1	224	14.3
45+	41	8.0	114	7.3
Total	515	100	1,571	100

Table 28: Ethnicity of Individuals in Contact with Treatment Services

	New	Clients	All C	lients
Ethnicity	n	%	n	%
White British	154	98.1	1,411	98.2
White Irish	1	<1	1	<1
Other White	0	0.0	2	<1
White & Black Caribbean	0	0.0	3	<1
White & Black African	0	0.0	1	<1
African	0	0.0	1	<1
White & Asian	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Black	0	0.0	4	<1
Caribbean	0	0.0	1	<1
Chinese	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other	2	1.2	5	<1
Unknown	0	0.0	8	<1
Total	157	100	1,437	100

Table 29: Individuals in Contact with Treatment Services, by Main Drug of Use

	New	Clients	All C	lients
Drug of Use	n	%	n	%
Heroin	69	43.9	760	52.9
Methadone	7	4.5	77	5.4
Other Opiates	8	5.1	30	2.1
Benzodiazepine	0	0.0	2	<1
Amphetamines	5	3.2	25	1.7
Cocaine	32	20.4	239	16.6
Crack	4	2.5	29	2.0
Ecstasy	0	0.0	9	<1
Cannabis	30	19.1	256	17.8
Prescription Drugs	2	1.3	6	<1
Other/Unknown	0	0.0	4	<1
Total	157	100	1,437	100

CONNEXIONS

Quarter 4 (2008/09)

Background

Connexions provide a support service for young people, aged 13-19. The Greater Merseyside Connexions Partnership provides data presented here.

Table 30: Individuals in Contact with Connexions, by Gender

Gender	n	%
Male	17	51.5
Female	16	48.5
Total	33	100

Table 31: Year to Date, by Gender

Gender	n	%
Male	28	53.8
Female	24	46.2
Total	52	100

Table 32: Individuals in Contact with Connexions, by Age

Age Group	n	%
16	6	18.2
17	4	12.1
18	15	45.5
19	8	24.2
Total	33	100

Table 33: Year to Date, by Age

Age Group	n	%
16	10	19.2
17	9	17.3
18	17	32.7
19	16	30.8
Total	52	100

Table 34: Individuals in Contact with Connexions by Drug/Alcohol Problem

Substance	n	%
Alcohol/Other*	6	18.2
Drugs	27	81.8
Total	33	100

^{*&}quot;Other" is generally used to refer to solvents although this is not necessarily always the case.

Table 35: Year to Date, by Drug/Alcohol problem

Substance	n	%
Alcohol/Other*	11	21.2
Drugs	41	78.8
Total	52	100

^{*&}quot;Other" is generally used to refer to solvents although this is not necessarily always the case.

COMBINED DATASETS

Quarter 4 (2008/09)

Introduction

Data presented here are drawn from a combination of datasets relating to Arrest Referrals, Probation, Syringe Exchange (Agency and Pharmacy), NDTMS and Connexions. The combined data are aggregated on attributor and D(A)AT area of intervention (except Probation, which is based on residence), to produce overall figures for numbers of individuals in contact with services reporting to the IAD. Figures presented here will not necessarily reflect the combined totals of data presented earlier as duplicate attributors are removed. These figures should not be taken as a measure of prevalence of problem drug users, but reflects the total number of problem drug users in contact with a range of agencies. Further information on the processes of data manipulation, aggregation and analysis is available from the IAD Manager.

Table 36: Total Problem Drug Users reported to the IAD, by Gender and Age Group

Gender	n	%	
Male	1,223	74.9	
Female	409	25.1	
Age Group			
Under 18	151	9.3	
18-19	80	4.9	
20-24	181	11.1	
25-29	238	14.6	
30-34	326	20.0	
35-39	313	19.2	
40-44	228	14.0	
45+	115	7.0	
Total	1,632	100	

Table 37: Year to Date, by Gender and Age Group

		Gender				
Age Group	Male		Female		Total in Age Group	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 18	99	5.7	60	12.6	159	7.2
18-19	113	6.5	29	6.1	142	6.4
20-24	264	15.3	42	8.8	306	13.9
25-29	282	16.3	78	16.4	360	16.3
30-34	308	17.8	104	21.9	412	18.7
35-39	330	19.1	76	16.0	406	18.4
40-44	213	12.3	57	12.0	270	12.3
45+	119	6.9	29	6.1	148	6.7
Total	1,728	100	475	100	2,203	100

CROSS-MATCHED DATASETS

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Data are shown for the crossover between each type of Syringe Exchange and NDTMS, separately, during the current reported quarter. For the purposes of this analysis, known steroid users were removed as they are less likely to be accessing structured drug treatment.

For methodological reasons the crossover between all three datasets will no longer be reported. Further information is available from the IAD manager if required.

NB: Numbers in brackets refer to the total reported for that service type, with steroid users omitted. These include the numbers appearing on the crossover sections. Analyses for the crossover areas are based on D(A)AT of Syringe Exchange site.

Fig 1: Crossover between Agency Syringe Exchange and NDTMS datasets

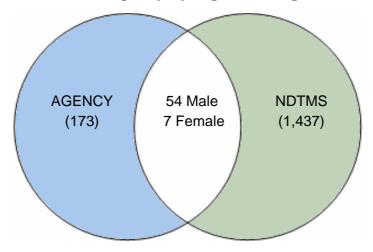


Fig 2: Crossover between Pharmacy Syringe Exchange and NDTMS datasets

