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Introduction

The Inter Agency Drug Misuse Database (IAD), which was 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. As of April 2005, the IAD was expanded to include the DATS of Halton and Warrington. 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)ATs' (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 users and drug use.
- 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) and the National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS) and now includes Connexions (young people). It is anticipated that data will also soon be available from Big Life (homeless).

Efforts are continually being made to expand the range of service providers that report to the IAD.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: 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. However, the report will build from quarter to quarter with figures ultimately being provided for the three quarters prior to the reporting period. We will therefore update previous quarters figures with any data that arrived too late for a particular report where possible. Additionally, each report will include year to date figures for each dataset. 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.

NB: Year to Date figures are provided for the current financial year. The figures are calculated by aggregating successive quarterly datasets to omit double counting of those who present to services in every quarter.

ARRESTS UNDER THE MISUSE OF DRUGS ACT (1971)

Arrests under Misuse of Drugs Act monitoring

Recently, no arrest data has been available. Discussions are under way for the provision of data by the new organisation tasked by Merseyside Police for this role. As yet, there is no timescale for when this data will be provided.

PROBATION

Probation monitoring

No data has been received in time for this report. The IAD is working to resolve this issue.

ARREST REFERRAL (AR)

Quarter 1 (2005/06)- Quarter 4 (2005/06)

Introduction

Data are provided by ARCH Initiatives and Lighthouse Project on assessments made at custody suites and courts. The total number of assessments figure is based on one person per location per date; this is to ensure duplicate data are not included. Duplicate records may appear for the same individual twice on the same day. In these circumstances data are aggregated to a single record. The same individual may however, be counted twice within the reporting period.

Please Note: Q3 figures have been amended in this quarter's report, and will also be reflected in the year-to-date figures.

Table 1: Individuals assessed within Sefton DAT by Gender and Age Group

	Sefton							
	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
Gender	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Male	33	71.7	20	74.1	36	69.2	20	83.3
Female	13	28.3	7	25.9	16	30.8	4	16.7
Age								
Under 19	1	2.2	0	0	2	3.8	2	8.3
19-25	6	13.0	5	18.5	4	7.7	3	12.5
25+	39	84.8	22	81.5	46	88.5	19	79.2
<i>Totals</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>100</i>

Of all male arrestees, 2 were under 19 years old (10% of male arrestees) and 2 were aged 19-25 (10%). Of females arrestees, 1 was aged 19-25 (25% of females). There were no female arrestees under 19 years old.

Table 2: Year to Date by Gender and Age Group (April 2005 – March 2006)

Gender	Sefton	
	n	%
Male	104	75.4
Female	34	24.6
Age		
Under 19	5	3.6
19-25	17	12.3
25+	116	84.1
<i>Totals</i>	<i>138</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 3: Total Assessments by Drug of use within Sefton DAT

Drug of Use*	Sefton							
	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Cannabis	2	4.3	0	0	1	1.9	1	4.2
Cocaine	2	4.3	0	0	4	7.7	0	0
Cocaine & Cannabis	-	-	0	0	1	1.9	2	8.3
Crack	2	4.3	2	7.4	0	0	0	0
Crack & Amphetamines	-	-	0	0	1	1.9	0	0
Heroin	24	52.2	6	22.2	15	28.8	3	12.5
Heroin & Cocaine	-	-	0	0	5	9.6	1	4.2
Heroin & Crack	5	10.9	15	55.6	24	46.2	11	45.8
Heroin & Benzodiazepines	-	-	1	3.7	0	0	2	8.3
Methadone & Heroin	0	0	1	3.7	1	1.9	1	4.2
Alcohol	2	4.3	0	0	0	0	2	8.3
Unknown	9	19.6	2	7.4	0	0	1	4.2
<i>Totals</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>100</i>

*Polydrug use is increasingly being reported by a number of agencies. IAD reports will reflect this where possible.

Key	
0	Not reported
-	Category not included

Main Problem Drug by Gender

Amongst male arrestees heroin and crack combined were the main drugs of use (40% of male arrestees), followed by heroin (15%). For female arrestees heroin and crack combined (75% of females) were the main drugs of use.

Main Problem Drug by Age Group

For the arrestees under 19, 1 reported alcohol, and the other cannabis as the main drugs of use (50% respectively). Of the 3 arrestees aged 19-25, cocaine & cannabis combined were the most common drugs (66.7% of 19 to 25 year olds). For arrestees aged 25 years and over, heroin & crack combined were the main drugs of use (52.6% of those over 25) followed by heroin alone (15.8%).

Table 4: Year to Date by Drug (April 2005 – March 2006)

Drug of Use	Sefton	
	n	%
Alcohol	4	2.9
Cocaine	6	4.3
Cocaine & Cannabis	3	2.2
Crack	2	1.4
Crack & Amphetamines	1	0.7
Heroin	41	29.7
Heroin & Crack	53	38.4
Heroin & Cocaine	6	4.3
Heroin & Benzodiazepines	3	2.2
Methadone & Heroin	3	2.2
Cannabis	4	2.9
Unknown	12	8.7
<i>Totals</i>	<i>138</i>	<i>100</i>

SYRINGE EXCHANGE SERVICES

Quarter 1 (2005/06)- Quarter 4 (2005/06)

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. This also facilitates geographical analysis of both distribution and movement of injecting drug users.

The D(A)AT referred to is the D(A)AT of the syringe exchange where the client was seen. Ages are calculated based on the last day of the month in which they were last seen.

AGENCY SYRINGE EXCHANGE

Table 5: Individuals within Sefton DAT by Gender

	Sefton							
	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
New Clients	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Male	64	92.8	44	89.8	34	89.5	58	90.6
Female	5	7.2	5	10.2	4	10.5	6	9.4
<i>Totals</i>	69	100	49	100	38	100	64	100
All Clients								
Male	330	86.2	280	84.8	260	85.5	302	86.5
Female	53	13.8	50	15.2	44	14.5	47	13.5
<i>Totals</i>	383	100	330	100	304	100	349	100

Table 6: Year to Date by Gender (April 2005 – March 2006)

All Clients	Sefton	
	n	%
Male	684	88.3
Female	91	11.7
<i>Totals</i>	775	100

Table 7: Individuals within Sefton DAT by Age Group

	Sefton							
	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
New Clients	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 19	3	4.3	0	0	1	2.6	4	6.3
19-25	23	33.3	14	28.6	11	28.9	21	32.8
25+	43	62.3	35	71.4	26	68.4	39	60.9
<i>Totals</i>	69	100	49	100	38	100	64	100
All Clients								
Under 19	5	1.3	3	0.9	5	1.6	5	1.4
19-25	61	15.9	44	13.3	38	12.5	58	16.6
25+	317	82.8	283	85.8	262	85.9	286	81.9
<i>Totals</i>	383	100	330	100	304	100	349	100

Of all Agency based syringe exchange clients reported to the IAD for this period 3 males (1.0% of males) and 2 females (4.3% of females) were under 19 years of age. Fifty-three males (17.5%) and 5 females (10.6%) were aged 19 to 25. Of those over 25 years of age, 246 were male (81.5% of males) and 40 were female (85.1%).

Table 8: Year to Date by Age Group (April 2005 – March 2006)

All Clients	Sefton	
	n	%
Under 19	11	1.4
19-25	138	17.8
25+	626	80.8
<i>Totals</i>	<i>775</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 9: Main Drug of Use for New Agency Syringe Exchange clients within Sefton DAT

Drug of Use	Sefton	
	Q4	
	n	%
Heroin	28	45.2
Steroids	33	53.2
Cocaine*	1	1.6
<i>Totals</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>100</i>

Please note: Due to changes in reporting for Agency Syringe Exchange we are only reporting drug of use for new clients here. It was felt that reporting for all clients, based on limited information provided, would be somewhat misleading.

The IAD will be making changes to the monitoring process in the next few months to improve data flow and quality.

*Including Crack

Please Note: The client figures recorded for Drug of Use are based on the limited information provided and are not representative of the number of new clients overall.

Key	
0	Not reported
-	Category not included

Main Problem Drugs by Gender

The two main drugs of use reported by New Agency Syringe Exchange clients for this period were steroids followed by heroin. Of those reporting steroids as their main drug of use, all 33 were Male (39.3% of all male New Clients with a reported drug). A total of 22 heroin users were male (39.3% of male New clients with a reported drug) and 6 females were heroin injectors (100% of female New Clients with a reported drug).

Main Problem Drugs by Age Group

Three New Clients aged under 19 reported steroids as the main drug of use (75% of New Clients under 19) and 1 reported heroin. Of New Clients aged 19-25, 14 were steroid users (73.7% of this age group) and 5 were heroin users (26.3% of this age group). Of New Clients aged over 25, 22 were heroin users (56.4% of the 25+ age group) and 16 reported steroids (41% of over 25's).

Table 10: Year to Date by Main Drug of Use for All Agency Syringe Exchange clients (April 2005 - March 2006)

Drug of Use	Sefton	
	n	%
Heroin	224	46.9
Heroin & Crack	6	1.3
Methadone	22	4.6
Amphetamines	8	1.7
Cyclizine	1	0.2
Steroids	205	42.9
Cocaine*	6	1.2
Various	6	1.3
<i>Totals</i>	<i>478</i>	<i>100</i>

Please Note: The client figures recorded for Drug of Use are based on the limited information provided and are not representative of the number of clients overall.

Table 11: Quarterly Total Visits within Sefton DAT

	Sefton			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Attributable	1049	656	1029	1091
Non Attributable	-	-	-	14
<i>Totals</i>	<i>1049</i>	<i>656</i>	<i>1029</i>	<i>1105</i>

PHARMACY SYRINGE EXCHANGE

Previous problems with monitoring Pharmacy Syringe Exchange in Sefton have now been resolved and it is anticipated that data flow and quality will improve.

Please Note: Not all the data for this quarter was supplied in time for analysis. The updated figures will be provided in the Q1 06/07 report. However, the updated figures for Q3 are provided in this report.

Table 12: Individuals within Sefton DAT by Gender

	Sefton							
	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
New Clients	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	143	84.1
Female	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	15.9
<i>Totals</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	170	100
All Clients								
Male	9	69.2	69	88.5	41	78.8	217	84.4
Female	4	30.8	9	11.5	11	21.2	40	15.6
<i>Totals</i>	13	100	78	100	52	100	257	100

Table 13: Year to Date (April 2005 – March 2006)

New Clients*	Sefton	
	n	%
Male	143	84.1
Female	27	15.9
<i>Totals</i>	170	100
All Clients		
Male	291	83.4
Female	58	16.6
<i>Totals</i>	349	100

*These figures are from Q4 only

Table 14: Individuals within Sefton DAT by Age Group

	Sefton							
	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
New Clients	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 19	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.6
19-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	11.2
25+	-	-	-	-	-	-	150	88.2
<i>Totals</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	170	100
All Clients								
Under 19	0	0	2	2.6	1	1.9	2	0.8
19-25	0	0	3	3.8	2	3.8	22	8.6
25+	13	100	73	93.6	49	94.2	233	90.7
<i>Totals</i>	13	100	78	100	52	100	257	100

Of all pharmacy clients, 2 males were under 19 years of age (0.9% of males) and 19 were aged 19-25 (8.8%). Of the female clients, 3 were aged 19-25 (7.5% of females) and none were under 19 years of age.

Table 15: Year to Date by Age Group (April 2005 – March 2006)

	Sefton	
New Clients*	n	%
Under 19	1	0.6
19-25	19	11.2
25+	150	88.2
<i>Totals</i>	<i>170</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Under 19	3	0.9
19-25	24	6.9
25+	322	92.3
<i>Totals</i>	<i>349</i>	<i>100</i>

*These figures are from Q4 only

COMBINED PHARMACY AND AGENCY-BASED SYRINGE EXCHANGE

Analyses here are based on a combination of the aggregated Agency and Pharmacy-based datasets. Data are aggregated by attributor and DAT to one person per DAT area.

Please Note: Not all the Pharmacy SES data for this quarter were provided in time for analysis. The updated figures will be provided in the future Q1 report. However, the updated figures for Q3 have been provided.

Table 16: Individuals in Syringe Exchange within Sefton DAT by Gender

	Sefton							
	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
New Clients	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Male	-	-	-	-	34	89.5	197	85.7
Female	-	-	-	-	4	10.5	33	14.3
<i>Totals</i>	-	-	-	-	38	100	230	100
All Clients								
Male	306	86.2	263	84.3	296	84.3	495	85.5
Female	49	13.8	49	15.7	55	15.7	84	14.5
<i>Totals</i>	355	100	312	100	351	100	579	100

Please Note: New clients have not be included for Q1-Q2, as Pharmacy new client data were not available for this period.

Table 17: Year to Date (April 2005 – March 2006)

New Clients	Sefton	
	n	%
Male	413	85.9
Female	68	14.1
<i>Totals</i>	481	100
All Clients		
Male	936	87.0
Female	140	13.0
<i>Totals</i>	1076	100

Table 18: Individuals in Syringe Exchange within Sefton DAT by Age Group

	Sefton							
	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
New Clients	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 19	-	-	-	-	1	2.6	185	80.4
19-25	-	-	-	-	11	28.9	40	17.4
25+	-	-	-	-	26	76.7	5	2.2
<i>Totals</i>	-	-	-	-	38	100	230	100
All Clients								
Under 19	5	1.4	2	0.6	6	1.7	493	85.1
19-25	58	16.3	31	9.9	40	11.4	79	13.6
25+	292	82.3	279	89.4	305	86.9	7	1.2
<i>Totals</i>	355	100	312	100	351	100	579	100

Table 19: Year to Date by Age Group (April 2005 – March 2006)

New Clients*	Sefton	
	n	%
Under 19	12	2.5
19-25	84	17.5
25+	385	80.0
<i>Totals</i>	<i>481</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Under 19	896	83.3
19-25	161	15.0
25+	19	1.8
<i>Totals</i>	<i>1076</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 20: Syringes Provided & Returned within Sefton DAT, by Quarter

	Sefton			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Syringes Provided- Agency	18131	18136	23533	19145
Syringes Provided- Pharmacy	280	2135	1819	14838
Returns	14719	19213	19667	49437

National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS)

Quarter 1 (2005/06)- Quarter 4 (2005/06)

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 quarter, per D(A)AT. Individuals presenting in more than one D(A)AT within the 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.

Clients by Age Group

As of this quarter, the IAD will be changing the way it reports Age Groups for NDTMS clients. Clients will be separated into 8 age categories as opposed to the 3 used in previous quarters (although the original age group breakdown is shown in this quarter for continuity). This change is in response to D(A)AT requests for a more detailed age breakdown. As of Q1 06/07 all services will be reported using the new age group categories.

Table 21: Individuals in contact with treatment services by Gender

	Sefton							
	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
New Clients	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Male	-	-	113	75.3	186	71.5	214	66.3
Female	-	-	37	24.7	74	28.5	109	33.7
<i>Totals</i>	-	-	150	100	260	100	323	100
All Clients								
Male	1123	70.6	1181	71.1	834	70.1	914	69.1
Female	468	29.4	481	28.9	356	29.9	408	30.9
<i>Totals</i>	1591	100	1662	100	1190	100	1322	100

Please note: For Q1 a breakdown of new clients by gender was not available. This information will be available from the NDTMS team if required.

Table 22: Year to Date by Gender (April 2005 – March 2006)

All Clients	Sefton	
	n	%
Male	2334	70.4
Female	983	29.6
<i>Totals</i>	3317	100

Table 23: Individuals in contact with treatment services by Age Group

	Sefton							
	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
New Clients	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 19	-	-	19	12.7	29	11.2	37	11.5
19-25	-	-	12	8.0	36	13.8	31	9.6
25+	-	-	119	79.3	195	75.0	255	78.9
<i>Totals</i>	-	-	150	100	260	100	323	100
All Clients								
Under 19*	-	-	60	3.6	71	6.0	85	6.4
19-25*	-	-	81	4.9	101	8.5	161	12.2
25+	1451	91.2	1521	91.5	1018	85.5	1076	81.4
<i>Totals</i>	1591	100	1662	100	1190	100	1322	100

*Please Note Q1: Due to changes in the analysis and reporting of age groups by the IAD for Q2, a breakdown by number and percentage of the two age groups for those under 25 was not possible for this report.

Table 24: Individuals in contact with treatment services by Extended Age Group

	Sefton	
	Q4	
New Clients	n	%
Under 18	35	10.8
18-19	3	0.9
20-24	30	9.3
25-29	42	13
30-34	60	18.6
35-39	84	26
40-44	46	14.3
45+	23	7.1
<i>Totals</i>	323	100
All Clients		
Under 18	58	4.4
18-19	26	1.9
20-24	90	6.8
25-29	160	12.1
30-34	268	20.3
35-39	381	28.8
40-44	222	16.8
45+	117	8.9
<i>Totals</i>	1322	100

Table 25: Year to Date (April 2005 – March 2006)

	Sefton	
	n	%
Under 19	195	5.9
19-25	285	8.6
25+	2837	85.5
<i>Totals</i>	3317	100

Table 26: Ethnicity of people in structured drug treatment within Sefton DAT

Ethnicity	Sefton							
	Q3				Q4			
	New Clients		All Clients		New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
White British	255	98.1	1162	97.6	314	97.3	1297	98
White Irish	0	0	3	0.3	1	0.3	5	0.4
Other White	1	0.4	2	0.2	1	0.3	4	0.3
White & Black African	0	0	2	0.2	0	0	1	0.1
White & Asian	0	0	0	0	1	0.3	1	0.1
Other Mixed	1	0.4	2	0.2	3	0.9	4	0.3
Other Black	0	0	1	0.1	1	0.3	1	0.1
Chinese	0	0	1	0.1	0	0	1	0.1
Other	0	0	7	0.6	2	0.6	7	0.5
Unknown	3	1.2	10	0.8	0	0	1	0.1
<i>Totals</i>	<i>260</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>1190</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>323</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>1322</i>	<i>100</i>

CONNEXIONS

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Background

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

Table 27: Individuals within Sefton DAT by Gender

Gender	Sefton							
	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Male	2	40.0	25	69.4	14	70.0	16	72.7
Female	3	60.0	11	30.6	6	30.0	6	27.3
<i>Totals</i>	5	100	36	100	20	100	22	100

Table 28: Year to Date by Gender (April 2005 – March 2006)

	Sefton	
	n	%
Male	44	67.7
Female	21	32.3
<i>Totals</i>	65	100

Table 29: Individuals within Sefton DAT by Age

Age	Sefton							
	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
16	1	20.0	12	33.3	6	30.0	10	45.5
17	2	40.0	10	27.8	4	20.0	6	27.3
18	2	40.0	7	19.4	3	15.0	2	9.1
19	0	0	7	19.4	7	35.0	4	18.2
<i>Totals</i>	5	100	36	100	20	100	22	100

Table 30: Year to Date by Age (April 2005 – March 2006)

Age	Sefton	
	n	%
16	25	38.5
17	19	29.2
18	11	16.9
19	10	15.4
<i>Totals</i>	65	100

Table 31: Drug/Alcohol problem by DAT of contact

	Sefton							
	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Alcohol/Other*	3	60.0	13	36.1	5	25.0	4	18.2
Drugs	2	40.0	23	63.9	15	75.0	18	81.8
<i>Totals</i>	5	100	36	100	20	100	22	100

* "Other" is generally used to refer to solvents although this is not necessarily always the case.

Table 32: Year to Date by Drug/Alcohol Problem (April 2005 – March 2006)

	Sefton	
	n	%
Alcohol/Other*	19	29.2
Drugs	46	70.8
<i>Totals</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>100</i>

Combined Datasets

Quarter 1 (2005/06)- Quarter 4 (2005/06)

Introduction

Data presented here is drawn from a combination of datasets relating to Arrests under Misuse of Drugs Act (1971), Arrest Referrals, Syringe Exchange (Agency and Pharmacy), NDTMS, Probation and Connexions. The combined data are aggregated on attributer and DAT area to produce overall figures for numbers of individuals presenting to any service reporting to the IAD. Figures presented here will therefore 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. Note that, for those in the Connexions dataset, only individuals with a reported drug problem were included. Further information on the processes of data manipulation, aggregation and analysis is available from the IAD Manager.

Please Note: The quarterly figures for total problem drug users are drawn from only the data provided for that quarter. The year to date totals will include datasets that have not reported every quarter but have provided figures during the 05/06 financial year.

Table 33: Total Problem Drug Users reported to the IAD within Sefton DAT by Gender and Age Group

	Sefton							
	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
Gender	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Male	1383	73.1	1522	73.6	1203	75.0	1294	73.7
Female	509	26.9	547	26.4	402	25.0	461	26.3
Age								
Under 19	73	3.9	99	4.8	106	6.6	107	6.1
19-25	138	7.3	143	6.9	176	11.0	235	13.4
25+	1681	88.8	1827	88.3	1324	82.4	1413	80.5
<i>Totals</i>	<i>1892</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>2069</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>1606</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>1755</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 34: Year to Date by Gender and Age Group April 2005 – March 2006

Gender	Sefton	
	n	%
Male	2580	76.2
Female	807	23.8
Age		
Under 19	216	6.4
19-25	371	11.0
25+	2800	82.7
<i>Totals</i>	<i>3387</i>	<i>100</i>

Year to Date:

Of all males reported to the IAD for this period, 172 (6.7% of males) were under 19 and 312 (12.1%) were aged 19 to 25.

For female clients 44 (5.5%) were under 19 and 59 (7.3%) were between 19 to 25 years old.

Fig 1: Distribution of Problematic Drug Users by Age Group and Gender

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