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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. 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)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), the National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS) and 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 quarters 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 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.

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

	St Helens							
	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
Gender	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Male	54	88.5	37	69.8	30	81.1	20	90.9
Female	7	11.5	16	30.2	7	18.9	2	9.1
Age								
Under 19	3	4.9	0	0	0	0	1	4.5
19-25	10	16.4	6	11.3	4	10.8	4	18.2
25+	48	78.7	47	88.7	33	89.2	17	77.3
<i>Totals</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>100</i>

The 1 arrestee under 19 was male (5% of males). Of arrestees aged 19-25 years old, all 4 were male (20% of males). Both female arrestees were over 25 years of age.

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

Gender	St Helens	
	n	%
Male	99	78.6
Female	27	21.4
Age		
Under 19	2	1.6
19-25	16	12.7
25+	108	85.7
<i>Totals</i>	<i>126</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 3: Total Assessments within St Helens DAT by Drug of use

Drug of Use*	St Helens							
	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
	n	%	n	n	n	%	n	%
Alcohol	-	-	0	0	1	2.7	0	0
Amphetamines	0	0	0	0	1	2.7	1	4.5
Cannabis & Amphetamines	-	-	0	0	1	2.7	0	0
Cocaine	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4.5
Crack	1	1.6	5	9.4	0	0	0	0
Heroin	41	67.2	4	7.5	23	62.2	7	31.8
Heroin & Benzodiazepines	-	-	2	3.8	0	0	1	4.5
Heroin & Cannabis	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4.5
Heroin & Cocaine	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9.1
Heroin & Crack	2	3.3	12	22.6	0	0	5	22.7
MDMA	0	0	0	0	1	2.7	0	0
Methadone	8	13.1	2	3.8	4	10.8	1	4.5
Methadone & Crack	0	0	3	5.7	0	0	0	0
Methadone & Heroin	0	0	13	24.5	0	0	3	13.6
Unknown	9	14.8	12	22.6	6	16.2	0	0
<i>Totals</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>100</i>

*Changes in monitoring systems mean we now have data available on polydrug use. For this reason the above table now contains categories that were not previously reported such as heroin & crack combined.

Key	
0	Not reported
-	Category not included

Main Problem Drug by Gender

Amongst male arrestees the most common reported drug of use was heroin (35% of male arrestees), followed by heroin & crack combined (20%). For the 2 female arrestees, one reported heroin & crack, the other methadone (50% of females respectively).

Main Problem Drug by Age Group

The 1 arrestee under 19 years old, reported heroin & crack combined (20% of heroin & crack users). Of the 4 arrestees aged 19-25 years old, 2 reported heroin as the main reported drug of use (28.6% of heroin users). Heroin was also the most common drug for the 25+ age group (71.4% of heroin users).

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

Drug of Use	St Helens	
	n	%
Alcohol	1	0.8
Amphetamines	2	1.6
Cannabis & Amphetamines	1	0.8
Cocaine	1	0.8
Crack	5	4.0
Heroin	47	37.3
Heroin & Benzodiazepines	3	2.4
Heroin & Cocaine	2	1.6
Heroin & Crack	15	11.9
Heroin & Cannabis	1	0.8
MDMA	1	0.8
Methadone	11	8.7
Methadone & Crack	3	2.4
Methadone & Heroin	14	11.1
Unknown	19	15.1
<i>Totals</i>	<i>126</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

Due to data collection and validation problems for Q1-Q2, the data presented in this report are not indicative of the true level of Agency service activity. These problems are now resolved and are reflected in the updated Q3 data and in Q4.

Table 5: Individuals within St Helens DAT by Gender

	St Helens							
	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
New Clients	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Male	17	94.4	4	100	77	92.8	53	86.9
Female	1	5.6	0	0	6	7.2	8	13.1
<i>Totals</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>83</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients								
Male	183	88.4	130	90.3	299	91.7	354	90.8
Female	24	11.6	14	9.7	27	8.3	36	9.2
<i>Totals</i>	<i>207</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>144</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>326</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>390</i>	<i>100</i>

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

All Clients	St Helens	
	n	%
Male	545	91.1
Female	53	8.9
<i>Totals</i>	<i>598</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 7: Individuals within St Helens DAT by Age Group

	St Helens							
	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
New Clients	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 19	0	0	1	25.0	0	0	1	1.6
19-25	7	38.9	1	25.0	15	18.1	15	24.6
25+	11	61.1	2	50.0	68	81.9	45	73.8
<i>Totals</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>83</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients								
Under 19	1	0.5	1	0.7	2	0.6	6	1.5
19-25	20	9.7	13	9.0	32	9.8	37	9.5
25+	186	89.9	130	90.3	292	89.6	347	89.0
<i>Totals</i>	<i>207</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>144</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>326</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>390</i>	<i>100</i>

Of all Agency based syringe exchange clients reported to the IAD for this period, 5 males (1.4% of males), and 1 female (2.8% of females) were under 19 years old. Thirty-three males (9.3%) and 4 females (11.1% of females) were in the 19-25 age group.

Table 8: Agency Syringe Exchange Year to Date: April 2005 – March 2006

All Clients	St Helens	
	n	%
Under 19	5	0.8
19-25	69	11.5
25+	524	87.6
<i>Totals</i>	<i>598</i>	<i>100</i>

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

Drug of Use	St Helens	
	Q4	
	n	%
Heroin	22	36.7
Methadone	1	1.7
Amphetamines	4	6.7
Steroids	32	53.3
Cocaine*	1	1.7
<i>Totals</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>100</i>

*Including Crack

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

Main Drug 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 32 were male (61.5% of all male new clients). Of all heroin users, 15 were male (28.8%) and 7 were female (87.5% of female new clients with a reported drug of use).

Main Drug by Age Group

The 1 new client aged under 19 reported steroids as the main drug of use. Of new clients aged 19-25, 12 were steroid users (80% of new clients in this age group) and 2 were heroin users (13.3%). Of new clients aged over 25, 20 were heroin users (45.5% of new clients in the 25+ age group) and 19 reported steroids (43.2%).

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

Drug of Use	St Helens	
	n	%
Heroin	196	49.4
Methadone	25	6.3
Amphetamines	16	4.0
Steroids	115	29.0
Cocaine*	2	0.6
Temazepam	9	2.3
Cyclizine	7	1.8
Morphine	1	0.3
Various	26	6.5
<i>Totals</i>	<i>397</i>	<i>100</i>

*Includes 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 clients overall.

Table 11: Quarterly Total Visits within St Helens DAT

St Helens			
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
777	372	693	1776

PHARMACY SYRINGE EXCHANGE

Pharmacy syringe exchange data has not been fully reported due to transitional problems from July 2004 to December 2005. Those involved in the provision and monitoring of this service have now resolved these problems and backdated figures for Q3 have been provided in this report.

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.

Table 12: Individuals within St Helens DAT by Gender

	St Helens							
	Q1*		Q2		Q3		Q4	
New Clients	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	72	90.0
Female	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	10.0
<i>Totals</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	100
All Clients								
Male	-	-	31	86.1	25	80.6	97	85.1
Female	-	-	5	13.9	6	19.4	17	14.9
<i>Totals</i>	-	-	36	100	31	100	114	100

* No data was available for Q1 due to transitional problems in the monitoring of this service.

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

New Clients	St Helens	
	n	%
Male	72	88.9
Female	9	11.1
<i>Totals</i>	81	100
All Clients		
Male	128	85.9
Female	21	14.1
<i>Totals</i>	149	100

Table 14: Individuals within St Helens DAT by Age Group

	St Helens							
	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
New Clients	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 19	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2.5
19-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	6.3
25+	-	-	-	-	-	-	73	91.3
<i>Totals</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	100
All Clients								
Under 19	-	-	0	0	0	0	2	1.8
19-25	-	-	1	2.8	1	3.2	7	6.1
25+	-	-	35	97.2	30	96.8	105	92.1
<i>Totals</i>	-	-	36	100	31	100	114	100

Both pharmacy clients under 19 years of age were male (2.1% of males). Of clients aged 19-25, 4 were male (4.1% of all males) and 3 were female (17.6% of females). For those in the 25+ age group 91 were male (93.8% of males) and 14 were female (13.3% of females).

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

	St Helens	
New Clients	n	%
Under 19	2	2.5
19-25	5	6.2
25+	74	91.4
<i>Totals</i>	<i>81</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Under 19	2	1.3
19-25	7	4.7
25+	140	94.0
<i>Totals</i>	<i>149</i>	<i>100</i>

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 D(A)AT to one person per D(A)AT area. Individuals who appear in more than one D(A)AT area may therefore appear more than once in the final dataset.

Table 16: Individuals in Syringe Exchange within St Helens DAT, by Gender

	St Helens							
	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
New Clients	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Male	-	-	-	-	57	95.0	126	88.7
Female	-	-	-	-	3	5.0	16	11.3
<i>Totals</i>	-	-	-	-	60	100	142	100
All Clients								
Male	-	-	142	89.3	202	91.8	416	90.2
Female	-	-	17	10.7	18	8.2	45	9.8
<i>Totals</i>	-	-	159	100	220	100	461	100

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

	St Helens	
	n	%
New Clients		
Male	322	90.4
Female	34	9.6
<i>Totals</i>	356	100
All Clients		
Male	613	90.5
Female	64	9.5
<i>Totals</i>	677	100

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

	St Helens							
	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
New Clients	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 19	-	-	-	-	0	0	3	2.1
19-25	-	-	-	-	14	23.3	20	14.1
25+	-	-	-	-	46	76.7	119	83.8
<i>Totals</i>	-	-	-	-	60	100	142	100
All Clients								
Under 19	-	-	1	0.6	1	0.5	8	1.7
19-25	-	-	13	8.2	26	11.8	40	8.7
25+	-	-	145	91.2	193	87.7	413	89.6
<i>Totals</i>	-	-	159	100	220	100	461	100

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

New Clients	St Helens	
	n	%
Under 19	4	1.1
19-25	56	15.7
25+	296	83.1
<i>Totals</i>	356	100
All Clients		
Under 19	10	1.5
19-25	82	12.1
25+	585	86.4
<i>Totals</i>	677	100

Table 20: Total Syringes Provided and Returned within St Helens DAT, by Quarter

	St Helens			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Syringes Provided - Agency	7853	4790	16108	22649
Syringes Provided - Pharmacy	-	144	785	2153
Returns*	3761	2660	21228	19549

* figures are from Agency Syringe Exchange only.

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 year, 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 3 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 Service by Gender

	St Helens							
	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
New Clients	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Male	-	-	85	73.9	97	75.8	106	79.7
Female	-	-	30	26.1	31	24.2	27	20.3
<i>Totals</i>	-	-	115	100	128	100	133	100
All Clients								
Male	620	72.5	598	73.5	521	73.1	534	73.6
Female	235	27.5	216	26.5	192	26.9	192	26.4
<i>Totals</i>	855	100	814	100	713	100	726	100

Please Note: A breakdown by number and percentage of the two age groups for those under 25 for Q1 was not possible.

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

All Clients	St Helens	
	n	%
Male	1310	73.4
Female	474	26.6
<i>Totals</i>	1784	100

Table 23: Individuals in Contact with Treatment Services by Age Group

	St Helens							
	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
New Clients	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 19	-	-	17	14.8	24	18.9	22	16.5
19-25	-	-	15	13.0	19	14.8	17	12.8
25+	-	-	83	72.2	85	66.4	94	70.4
<i>Totals</i>	-	-	115	100	128	100	133	100
All Clients								
Under 19*	-	-	57	7.0	60	8.4	79	10.9
19-25*	-	-	74	9.1	75	10.5	114	15.7
25+	650	76.0	683	83.9	578	81.1	533	73.4
<i>Totals</i>	855	100	814	100	713	100	726	100

Please Note: A breakdown by number and percentage of the two age groups for those under 25 for Q1 was not possible.

Table 24: Individuals in Contact with Treatment Service by Extended Age Group

	St Helens	
	Q4	
New Clients	n	%
Under 18	21	15.8
18-19	5	3.8
20-24	13	9.8
25-29	25	0.8
30-34	24	18.0
35-39	23	17.3
40-44	7	5.3
45+	5	3.8
<i>Totals</i>	133	100
All Clients		
Under 18	63	8.7
18-19	20	2.7
20-24	48	6.6
25-29	116	16
30-34	187	25.8
35-39	158	21.8
40-44	67	9.2
45+	67	9.2
<i>Totals</i>	726	100

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

	St Helens	
	n	%
Under 19	250	14.0
19-25	213	11.9
25+	1321	74.0
<i>Totals</i>	1784	100

Table 26: NDTMS: Ethnicity of people in structured drug treatment within St Helens DAT

Ethnicity	St Helens							
	Q3				Q4			
	New Clients		All Clients		New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
White British	125	97.7	703	98.6	131	98.4	718	99
White Irish	0	0	0	0	1	0.8	1	0.1
White & Black African	1	0.8	1	0.1	0	0	1	0.1
Other Mixed	1	0.8	1	0.1	0	0	1	0.1
Other Black	0	0	1	0.1	1	0.8	2	0.3
Other	1	0.8	4	0.6	0	0	3	0.4
Unknown	0	0	3	0.4	0	0	0	0
<i>Totals</i>	<i>128</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>713</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>133</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>726</i>	<i>100</i>

CONNEXIONS

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

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 St Helens DAT by Gender

	St Helens							
	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
Gender	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Male	1	20.0	22	68.8	5	55.6	4	57.1
Female	4	80.0	10	31.3	4	44.4	3	42.9
<i>Totals</i>	5	100	32	100	9	100	7	100

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

	St Helens	
	n	%
Male	28	66.7
Female	14	33.3
<i>Totals</i>	42	100

Table 29: Individuals within St Helens DAT by Age

	St Helens							
	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
Age	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
16	1	20.0	4	12.5	1	11.1	0	0
17	0	0	9	28.1	3	33.3	2	28.6
18	4	80.0	12	37.5	2	22.2	2	28.6
19	0	0	7	21.9	3	33.3	3	42.9
<i>Totals</i>	5	100	32	100	9	100	7	100

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

	St Helens	
	n	%
16	6	14.3
17	11	26.2
18	17	40.5
19	8	19.0
<i>Totals</i>	42	100

Table 31: Drug/Alcohol problem for clients within St Helens DAT

	St Helens							
	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Alcohol/Other*	2	40.0	9	28.1	4	44.4	2	28.6
Drugs	3	60.0	23	71.9	5	55.6	5	71.4
<i>Totals</i>	5	100	32	100	9	100	7	100

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

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

	St Helens	
	n	%
Alcohol/Other*	13	31.0
Drugs	29	69.0
<i>Totals</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>100</i>

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

Combined Datasets

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

Introduction

Data presented here are 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 attributor and D(A)AT 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. 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 St Helens DAT by Gender and Age Group

	St Helens							
	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
Gender	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Male	720	74.2	752	75.0	675	76.4	842	79.6
Female	251	25.8	250	25.0	208	23.6	216	20.4
Age								
Under 19	142	14.6	91	9.1	65	7.4	87	8.2
19-25	82	8.4	104	10.4	102	11.6	152	14.4
25+	747	76.9	807	80.5	716	81.1	819	77.4
<i>Totals</i>	<i>971</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>1002</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>883</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>1058</i>	<i>100</i>

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

	St Helens	
	n	%
Male	1411	79.0
Female	374	21.0
Age		
Under 19	224	12.5
19-25	227	12.7
25+	1334	74.7
<i>Totals</i>	<i>1785</i>	<i>100</i>

Year to Date:

Of all males reported to the IAD for this period, 162 (11.5% of males) were under 19 and 175 (12.4%) were aged 19 to 25. For female clients 62 (16.6% of females) were under 19 and 52 (13.9%) were 19 to 25 years old.

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

