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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 (2006/07)****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	40	90.9
Female	4	9.1
Age Group		
Under 18	0	0
18-19	0	0
20-24	3	6.8
25-29	12	27.3
30-34	16	36.4
35-39	9	20.5
40-44	4	9.1
45+	0	0
Total	44	100

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

Age Group	Gender				Total in Age Group	
	Male		Female		n	%
	n	%	n	%		
Under 18	2	1.2	0	0	2	1.0
18-19	10	6.2	0	0	10	5.2
20-24	21	13.0	4	12.9	25	13.0
25-29	37	22.8	12	38.7	49	25.4
30-34	39	24.1	9	29.0	48	24.9
35-39	31	19.1	4	12.9	35	18.1
40-44	15	9.3	2	6.5	17	8.8
45+	7	4.3	0	0	7	3.6
Total	162	100	31	100	193	100

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

Drug of Use	Daily	Weekly
Amphetamines	2	1
Benzodiazepines	2	1
Cannabis	0	1
Crack	18	3
Cocaine	9	1
Ecstasy	0	1
Heroin	37	0
Methadone	6	0
Other	0	1

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.

PROBATION

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Due to last minute technical problems it was not possible to include Probation data for this quarter. The Annual Report will however, include data from Quarter 4 2006/07.

SYRINGE EXCHANGE SERVICES

Quarter 4 (2006/07)

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

Please Note: Due to recent changes to the monitoring system this quarter's data on new clients does not accurately reflect the number of new clients presenting to St Helens Agency SES over this period.

Table 4: Individuals by Gender

New Clients	n	%
Male	1	100
Female	0	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	327	89.1
Female	40	10.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>367</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 5: Individuals by Gender: Steroids Users Omitted

New Clients	n	%
Male	1	100
Female	0	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	252	86.3
Female	40	13.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>292</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 6: Individuals by Age Group

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	0	0
18-19	0	0	5	1.4
20-24	0	0	28	7.6
25-29	0	0	57	15.5
30-34	0	0	101	27.5
35-39	1	100	106	28.9
40-44	0	0	41	11.2
45+	0	0	29	7.9
Total	1	100	367	100

Table 7: Individuals by Age Group: Steroid Users Omitted

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	0	0
18-19	0	0	0	0
20-24	0	0	11	3.8
25-29	0	0	41	14.0
30-34	0	0	80	27.4
35-39	1	100	94	32.2
40-44	0	0	40	13.7
45+	0	0	26	8.9
Total	1	100	292	100

Table 8: Gender by Age Group of Individuals

Age Group	Gender			
	Male		Female	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	0	0
18-19	5	1.5	0	0
20-24	23	7.0	5	12.5
25-29	47	14.4	10	25.0
30-34	87	26.6	14	35.0
35-39	104	31.8	2	5.0
40-44	34	10.4	7	17.5
45+	27	8.3	2	5.0
Total	327	100	40	100

Table 9: Gender by Age Group: Steroid Users Omitted

Age Group	Gender			
	Male		Female	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	0	0
18-19	0	0	0	0
20-24	6	2.4	5	12.5
25-29	31	12.3	10	25.0
30-34	66	26.2	14	35.0
35-39	92	36.5	2	5.0
40-44	33	13.1	7	17.5
45+	24	9.5	2	5.0
Total	252	100	40	100

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

Age Group	Gender				Total in Age Group	
	Male		Female			
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	0	0	0	0
18-19	15	2.3	2	2.8	17	2.3
20-24	68	10.3	4	5.6	72	9.9
25-29	116	17.6	22	30.6	138	18.9
30-34	171	26.0	20	27.8	191	26.2
35-39	163	24.8	11	15.3	174	23.8
40-44	76	11.6	10	13.9	86	11.8
45+	49	7.4	3	4.2	52	7.1
Total	658	100	72	100	730	100

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

Age Group	Gender				Total in Age Group	
	Male		Female			
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	0	0	0	0
18-19	5	1.0	2	2.8	7	1.2
20-24	20	4.1	4	5.6	24	4.2
25-29	80	16.2	22	30.6	102	18.1
30-34	140	28.4	20	27.8	160	28.3
35-39	140	28.4	11	15.3	151	26.7
40-44	67	13.6	10	13.9	77	13.6
45+	41	8.3	3	4.2	44	7.8
Total	493	100	72	100	565	100

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

Drug of Use	Gender			
	Male		Female	
	n	%	n	%
Heroin	1	100	0	0
Methadone	0	0	0	0
Steroids	0	0	0	0
Total	1	100	0	0

Please Note: Due to changes in reporting methods we will now only report drug of use for new clients. Information on drug of use for all clients is available on request.

Table 13: Main Drug of Use for New Agency Syringe Exchange Clients, by Age Group

Age Group	Heroin	
	n	%
Under 18	0	0
18-19	0	0
20-24	0	0
25-29	0	0
30-34	0	0
35-39	1	100
40-44	0	0
45+	0	0
Total*	1	100

* % Totals are by Drug, not Age Group

PHARMACY SYRINGE EXCHANGE

Table 14: Individuals by Gender

New Clients	n	%
Male	43	82.7
Female	9	17.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	110	83.3
Female	22	16.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>132</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 15: Individuals by Age Group

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	0	0
18-19	0	0	2	1.5
20-24	7	13.5	10	7.6
25-29	10	19.2	29	22.0
30-34	10	19.2	34	25.8
35-39	9	17.3	27	20.5
40-44	10	19.2	19	14.4
45+	6	11.5	11	8.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>132</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 16: Year to Date, by Gender & Age Group

Age Group	Gender				Total in Age Group	
	Male		Female			
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	1	1.6	1	0.2
18-19	5	1.4	2	3.3	7	1.7
20-24	27	7.6	7	11.5	34	8.2
25-29	76	21.4	9	14.8	96	23.1
30-34	95	26.8	13	21.8	108	26.0
35-39	76	21.4	9	14.8	85	20.4
40-44	45	12.7	8	13.1	53	12.7
45+	31	8.7	1	1.6	32	7.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>355</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>416</i>	<i>100</i>

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 17: Individuals in Syringe Exchange, by Gender

New Clients	n	%
Male	44	83.0
Female	9	17.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	404	88.6
Female	52	11.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>456</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 18: Individuals in Syringe Exchange, by Gender: Steroid Users Omitted

New Clients	n	%
Male	4	57.1
Female	3	42.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>100</i>
All Clients		
Male	329	86.4
Female	52	13.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>381</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 19: Individuals in Syringe Exchange, by Age Group

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	0	0
18-19	0	0	6	1.3
20-24	7	13.2	35	7.7
25-29	10	18.9	76	16.7
30-34	10	18.9	120	26.3
35-39	10	18.9	126	27.6
40-44	10	18.9	54	11.8
45+	6	11.3	39	8.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>456</i>	<i>100</i>

Table 20: Individuals in Syringe Exchange by Age Group: Steroid Users Omitted

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	0	0
18-19	0	0	1	0.3
20-24	1	14.3	18	4.7
25-29	1	14.3	60	15.7
30-34	1	14.3	99	26.0
35-39	2	28.6	114	29.9
40-44	2	28.6	53	13.9
45+	0	0	36	9.4
Total	7	100	381	100

Table 21: Year to Date, by Gender & Age Group

Age Group	Gender				Total in Age Group	
	Male		Female			
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 18	0	0	1	0.9	1	0.1
18-19	20	2.2	3	2.7	23	2.3
20-24	89	9.8	7	6.2	96	9.4
25-29	170	18.7	36	31.9	206	20.2
30-34	229	25.2	28	24.8	257	25.2
35-39	214	23.6	19	16.8	233	22.8
40-44	111	12.2	15	13.3	126	12.4
45+	74	8.2	4	3.5	78	7.6
Total	907	100	113	100	1020	100

Table 22: Total Syringes Provided

	This Quarter	Year to Date
Barrels	22,179	110,670
Needles	29,782	146,617

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)

Quarter 4 (2006/07)

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 23: Individuals in Contact with Treatment Services, by Gender

New Clients	n	%
Male	105	83.3
Female	21	16.7
Total	126	100
All Clients		
Male	809	75.3
Female	265	24.7
Total	1,074	100

Table 24: Year to Date, by Gender

New Clients	n	%
Male	377	78.1
Female	106	21.9
Total	483	100
All Clients		
Male	816	75.3
Female	267	24.7
Total	1083	100

Table 25: Individuals in Contact with Treatment Services, by Age Group

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	3	2.4	67	6.2
18-19	6	4.8	39	3.6
20-24	16	12.7	98	9.1
25-29	19	15.1	165	15.4
30-34	27	21.4	244	22.7
35-39	34	27.0	233	21.7
40-44	13	10.3	130	12.1
45+	8	6.4	98	9.1
Total	126	100	1,074	100

Table 26: Year to Date, by Age Group

Age Group	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Under 18	34	7.0	88	8.1
18-19	22	4.6	38	3.5
20-24	69	14.3	156	14.4
25-29	89	18.4	210	19.4
30-34	96	19.9	240	22.2
35-39	99	20.5	198	18.3
40-44	45	9.3	91	8.4
45+	29	6.0	62	5.7
Total	483	100	1083	100

Table 27: Ethnicity of Individuals in Contact with Treatment Services

Ethnicity	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
White British	126	100	1069	99.5
White Irish	0	0	1	0.1
Other Black	0	0	1	0.1
Other	0	0	3	0.3
Total	126	100	1074	100

Table 28: Individuals in Contact with Treatment Services, by Main Drug of Use

Drug of Use	New Clients		All Clients	
	n	%	n	%
Heroin	77	61.1	670	62.4
Methadone	5	4.0	79	7.4
Other Opiates	4	3.2	22	2.1
Benzodiazepine	2	1.6	11	1.0
Amphetamines	3	2.4	26	2.4
Cocaine	21	16.7	104	9.7
Crack	3	2.4	32	3.0
Hallucinogens	0	0	1	0.1
Ecstasy	1	0.8	6	0.6
Cannabis	10	7.9	114	10.6
Solvents	0	0	4	0.4
Other/Unknown	0	0	5	0.5
Total	126	100	1074	100

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 29: Individuals in Contact with Connexions, by Gender

Gender	n	%
Male	24	63.2
Female	14	36.8
Total	38	100

Table 30: Year to Date, by Gender

Gender	n	%
Male	44	61.1
Female	28	38.9
Total	72	100

Table 31: Individuals in Contact with Connexions, by Age

Age Group	n	%
16	11	28.9
17	6	15.8
18	11	28.9
19	10	26.3
Total	38	100

Table 32: Year to Date, by Age

Age Group	n	%
16	18	25.0
17	9	12.5
18	19	26.4
19	26	36.1
Total	72	100

Table 33: Individuals in Contact with Connexions by Drug/Alcohol Problem

Substance	n	%
Alcohol/Other*	14	36.8
Drugs	24	63.2
Total	38	100

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

Table 34: Year to Date, by Drug/Alcohol Problem

Substance	n	%
Alcohol/Other*	24	33.3
Drugs	48	66.7
Total	72	100

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

COMBINED DATASETS

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Introduction

Data presented here are drawn from a combination of datasets relating to Arrest Referrals, Syringe Exchange (Agency and Pharmacy), NDTMS and Connexions. The combined data are aggregated on attributor and D(A)AT area of intervention 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 35: Total Problem Drug Users reported to the IAD, by Gender and Age Group

Gender	n	%
Male	1105	78.8
Female	297	21.2
Age Group		
Under 18	98	7.0
18-19	61	4.4
20-24	171	12.2
25-29	241	17.2
30-34	320	22.8
35-39	286	20.4
40-44	131	9.3
45+	94	6.7
Total	1402	100

Table 36: Year to Date, by Gender and Age Group

Age Group	Gender				Total in Age Group	
	Male		Female			
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Under 18	90	5.6	20	5.5	110	5.6
18-19	68	4.3	31	8.5	99	5.0
20-24	199	12.5	54	14.8	253	12.9
25-29	291	18.2	87	23.9	378	19.3
30-34	368	23.0	80	22.0	448	22.8
35-39	315	19.7	57	15.7	372	19.0
40-44	161	10.1	21	5.8	182	9.3
45+	106	6.6	14	3.8	120	6.1
Total	1598	100	364	100	1962	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

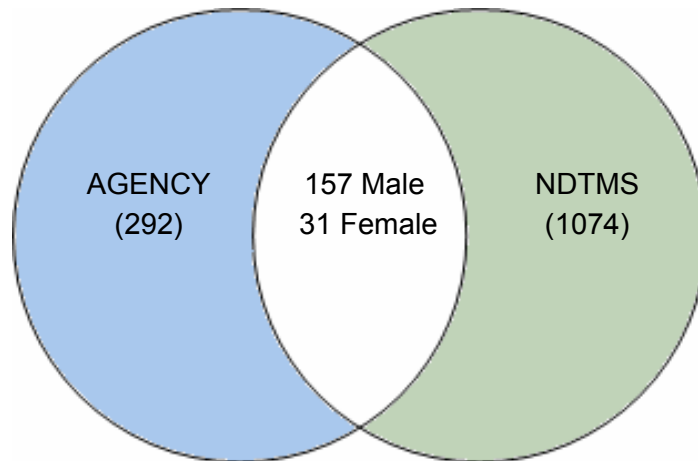


Fig 2: Crossover between Pharmacy Syringe Exchange and NDTMS datasets

