



Statistics from the Northern Ireland Drug Misuse Database: 1 April 2012 – 31 March 2013

This bulletin summarises information on people presenting to services with problem drug misuse and relates to the 12-month period ending 31 March 2013. It is the twelfth bulletin reporting on information collected through the Northern Ireland Drug Misuse Database (DMD), and collects detailed data on those presenting for treatment, including information on drugs misused and injecting behaviour.

In Summary:

- In Northern Ireland in 2012/13, a total of 2,824 clients presented to services for problem drug misuse and gave their consent for their details to be included in the DMD. This was 6% lower than in 2011/12 (2,999 clients).
- More than three-quarters of clients (77%) were male. Male clients were younger than female clients. For males, 37% were aged 18-25 and 18% were aged over 40. For females, 18% were aged 18-25 and 51% were aged over 40.
- Over four-fifths of all clients (84%) used at least one hypnotic drug, with 64% of all clients using a hypnotic drug as their main drug.
- Two-fifths of all clients (42%) used at least one stimulant drug, with 14% of all clients using a stimulant drug as their main drug.
- Over one quarter of all clients (27%) used at least one opioid analgesic drug, with 19% of all clients using an opioid analgesic drug as their main drug.
- Considering all drugs used by clients, the most commonly reported drug was Cannabis (used by 58% of clients) followed by Benzodiazepines (used by 44% of clients) and Cocaine (used by 27% of clients).
- Cannabis was used by 38% of clients as the main drug of misuse in 2012/13, compared with 41% of clients in 2011/12.
- A similar proportion of clients (25%) used Benzodiazepines as the main drug of misuse in 2012/13, compared with 2011/12 (24%).
- The proportion of those who had ever injected rose from 7% in 2011/12 to 9% in 2012/13, with 21% of clients in the Northern Trust area reporting ever injecting.

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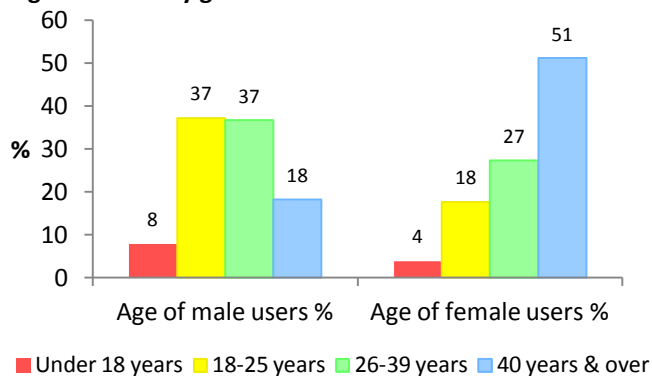
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Drug User Profile

Age of Clients by gender

More than three-quarters of clients (77%) were male. Male clients were on average younger than female clients. More than four-fifths of males (82%) were aged under 40 compared with half of females (49%).

Age of clients by gender

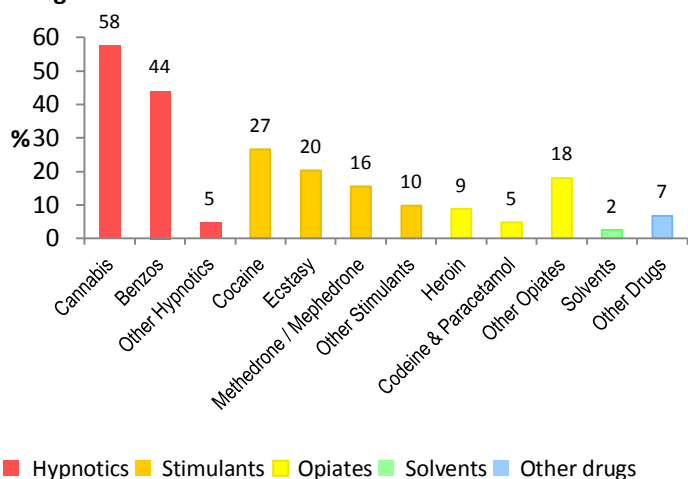


One quarter of all clients were in prison, with the majority of these being male (97%) and aged under 40 (90%).

Drugs Used

Considering the range of drugs used by clients, Cannabis was the most commonly reported drug (used by 58% of clients) followed by Benzodiazepines (44% of clients).

Drugs Used



Route of use

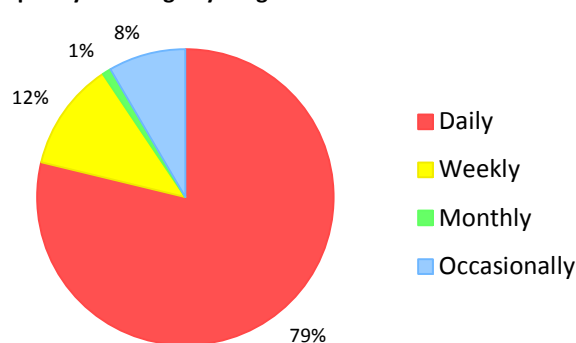
The main route of use was orally for Benzodiazepines (100%), other hypnotics (99%), Codeine and Paracetamol (99%), Ecstasy (98%) and other opiates (92%). Smoking was the main route of use for Cannabis (86%). Sniffing was the main route for Cocaine (86%) and Solvents (87%) and Methedrone /

Mephedrone (64%). Almost three-fifths of clients using Heroin (56%) injected it, while a further two-fifths of clients smoked it (39%).

Frequency of use

Four-fifths of all users (79%) used at least one drug on a daily basis and a further 12% used at least one drug weekly. Between 80% and 90% of clients in all Trust areas had taken at least one drug in the last four weeks, compared with 40% of clients in prison.

Frequency of taking any drug

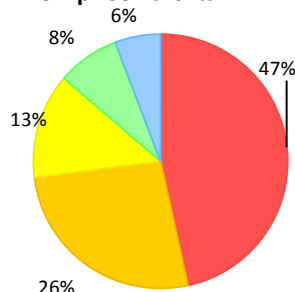


Number of Drugs used

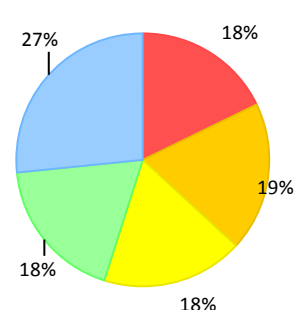
Approximately two-fifths of those presenting for treatment took just one drug (39%), while a quarter took two drugs, 15% took three drugs and 22% took four or more drugs.

There was a marked difference between the number of drugs used by clients in prison in comparison with those who were not in prison. Almost half of clients not in prison (47%) had one drug of misuse which compared with less than a fifth of clients in prison (18%). The proportion of clients in prison using five drugs (27%) was more than four times that of clients not in prison (6%).

Non-prison clients



Prison clients

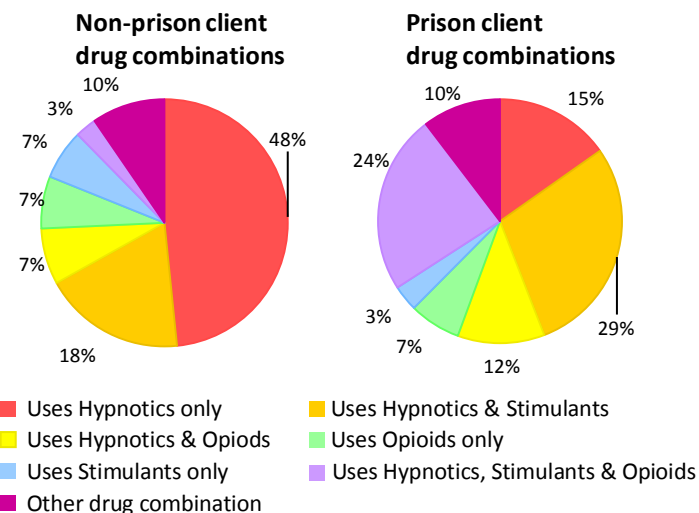


Legend for Number of Drugs used:

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- Two drugs taken (Orange)
- Three drugs taken (Yellow)
- Four drugs taken (Green)
- Five drugs taken (Blue)

Drug Combinations

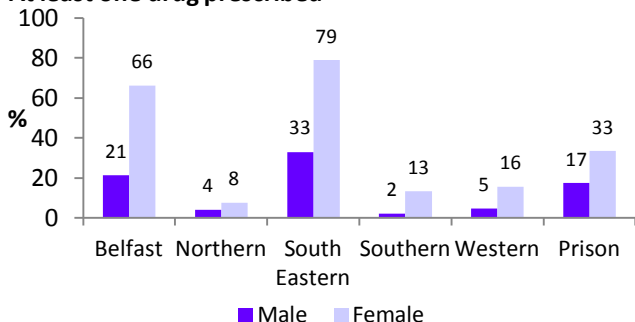
Drug combinations used varied between clients in prison and clients not in prison. Almost half of non-prison clients used hypnotic drugs only (although they may have taken more than one hypnotic drug), with a fifth taking a combination of hypnotics and stimulants. This compared with 29% of clients in prison that used both hypnotics and stimulants, while a further 24% used hypnotics, stimulants and opioids and 15% used hypnotic drugs only.



Use of Prescription drugs

Just over one-quarter of all clients (26%) took at least one prescribed drug, with females more likely to do so than males (57% of females compared with 18% of males). The relatively high proportion of females that took prescribed drugs in the South Eastern Trust (79%) and the Belfast Trust (66%) was due to some extent to specialised Benzodiazepines projects being in place within those areas.

At least one drug prescribed



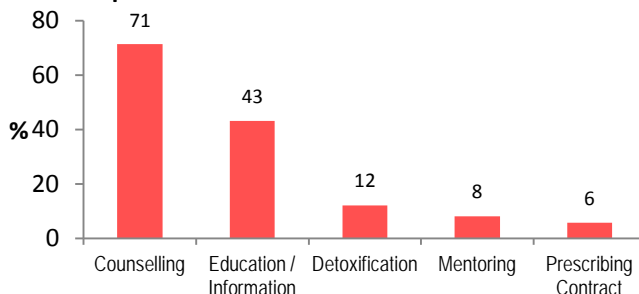
Problem Use of Alcohol

Problem alcohol use was reported by 26% of clients ranging from 12% of those in prisons to 46% in the Western Trust. Overall, 15% of clients reported alcohol as their main problem ranging from 5% in the Northern Trust to 30% of clients in the Western Trust.

Proposed Treatment

Clients could be offered one or more treatment services. The most common treatment offered was counselling (71%) followed by Education / Information (43%), detoxification (12%) and mentoring (8%).

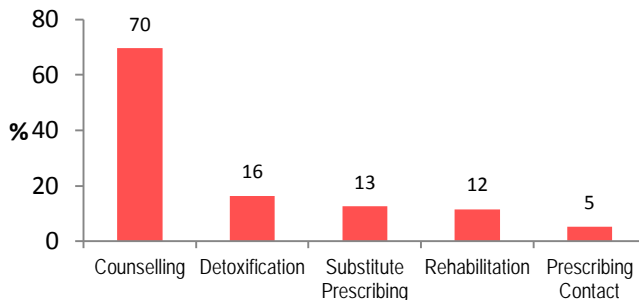
Main Proposed Actions



Previous treatment

Over a quarter of those presenting for treatment (28%) had previously received treatment for their drug misuse. More than two-thirds of those previously treated had received counselling as part of their treatment (70%).

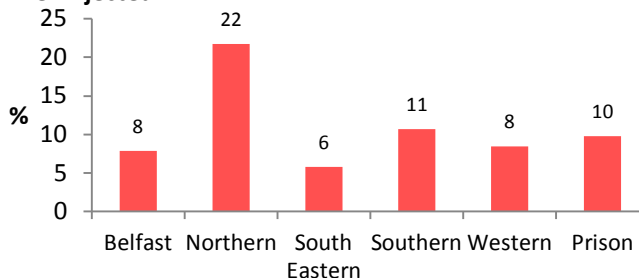
Previous Treatment



Injecting History

Just under one-tenth of clients (9%) had ever injected their drugs. Injecting was notably higher in the Northern Trust (22% of clients) compared with all other Trusts. Heroin use among clients in the Northern Trust was also higher than all other Trusts.

Ever Injected



Of those who had ever injected, one-third (33%) had shared injecting paraphernalia and one-third (32%)

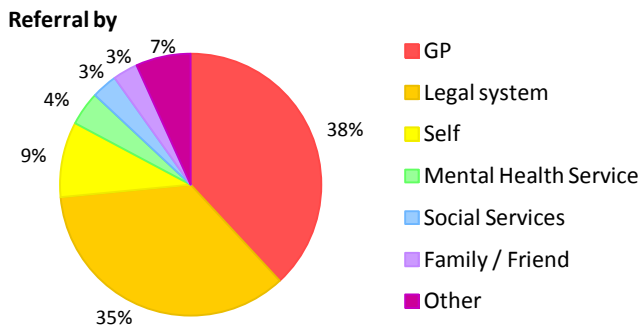
had injected in the last four weeks. Over half of those with an injecting history had been tested for HIV (57%), Hepatitis C (56%) and Hepatitis B (55%). Almost a quarter (24%) had been fully vaccinated against Hepatitis B, while a further 8% had been partly vaccinated.

Attendance

Half of all clients were required by others to attend for treatment, while a third chose to attend themselves and a fifth were persuaded by others.

Referral

Almost two-fifths of referrals (38%) came from GPs, while 35% of referrals came through the legal system.



Attendance reason

Clients could state one or more reasons for attendance for treatment. The most common reason given was for legal reasons (40%), followed by psychological reasons (37%), family / relationships (34%), medical reasons (22%) with 15% citing other reasons.

Dependent children

A third of clients reported having dependent children ranging from a quarter of those in the Southern Trust (25%) to two-fifths of those in the Western Trust (38%).

Employment status

Just over one-tenth of clients (11%) were in employment and 6% were students. Almost half were unemployed (46%), a further 7% were receiving other benefits and 3% were retired. One quarter of all clients were in prison or a young offender centre.

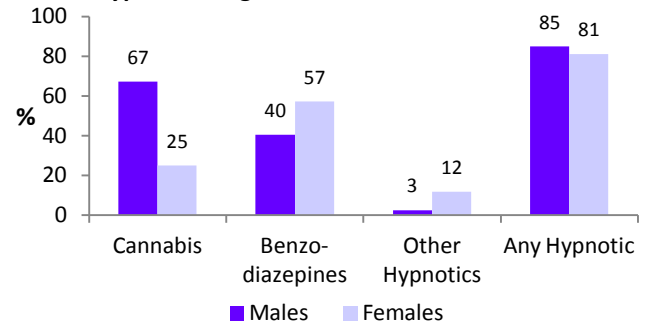
Less than a quarter of clients (23%) had worked in the last twelve months.

Use of Hypnotic Drugs

Use by gender

Hypnotic drugs were the most commonly used type of drug by both males and females (85% and 81% respectively). However, the use of individual hypnotic drugs varied greatly by gender with males more likely to use Cannabis (67%) than females (25%). Females were more likely to use Benzodiazepines (57%) than males (40%).

Use of Hypnotic Drugs



The majority of females (86%) using Benzodiazepines obtained them solely on prescription, compared with 31% of males.

Frequency of use

The majority of those using Cannabis (74%), Benzodiazepines (71%) and other hypnotics (84%) did so on a daily basis.

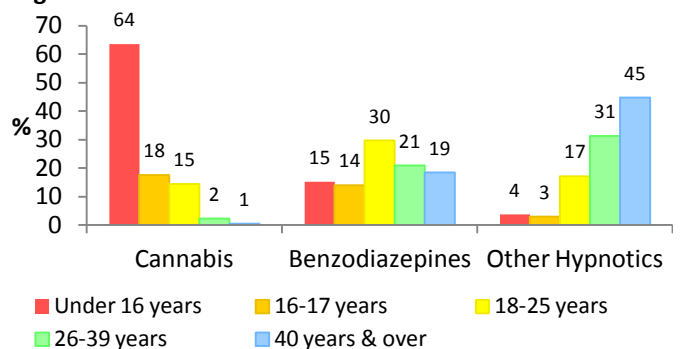
Route of Use

The main route of use for Benzodiazepines, and other hypnotics was by taking them orally (100% and 99% respectively) while the main route of use for Cannabis was smoking (87%).

Age of first use

The majority of clients using Cannabis (81%) had taken this drug under the age of 18. Two-fifths of clients using benzodiazepine (40%) and other hypnotics (76%) first used these drugs aged 26 or over.

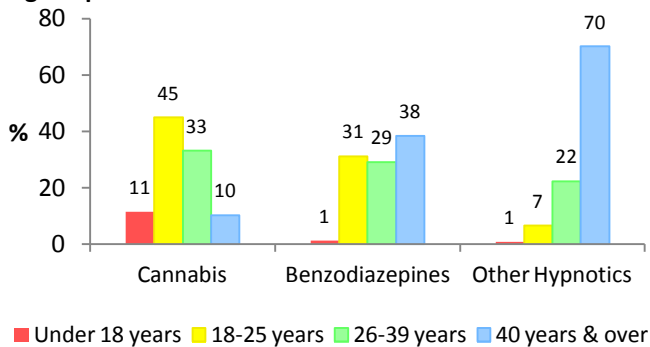
Age at first use



Age at presentation for treatment

As per the age profile for first use, age at presentation for treatment was younger for Cannabis with 56% of clients aged 25 and under. This compared with a third of clients using Benzodiazepines and 7% of clients using other hypnotics.

Age at presentation for treatment



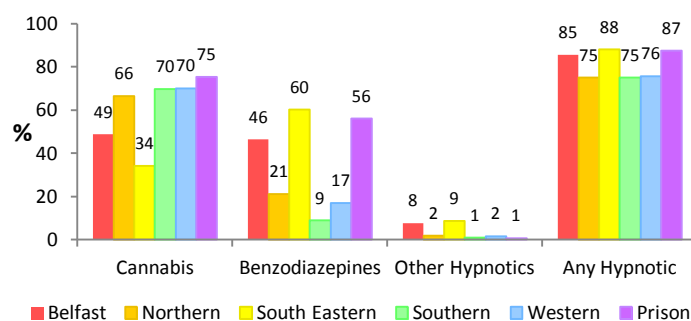
Use by Trust

Hypnotic drugs were used by the majority of clients across all Trust areas ranging from 75% of those in both the Northern and Southern Trusts to 87% of those in prison and 88% of those within the South Eastern Trust. However the level of use of individual hypnotic drugs varied widely across Trusts.

Cannabis was the most commonly reported drug across all Trust areas with the exception of the South Eastern Trust area. Cannabis use ranged from 70% of clients in both the Western and Southern Trust areas to 34% in the South Eastern Trust area. Cannabis was used by three-quarters of all clients in prison.

It should be noted that the higher proportions of clients presenting for treatment due to Benzodiazepine use in the Belfast (46%) and South Eastern (60%) Trust areas is due to some extent to special Benzodiazepines projects in place in these areas. In comparison, Benzodiazepine use was 21% in the Northern, 17% in the Western and 9% in the Southern Trust areas. Almost three-fifths of those in prison (56%) reported having used Benzodiazepines. Use of other hypnotics (mainly Z-drugs such as Zopiclone which are thought to be less addictive and/or habit forming) was also highest in the Belfast and South Eastern Trusts (8% and 9% respectively) with the vast majority of these having been prescribed.

Use of Hypnotic Drugs by Trust



Comparison of use in 2012/13 with 2011/12

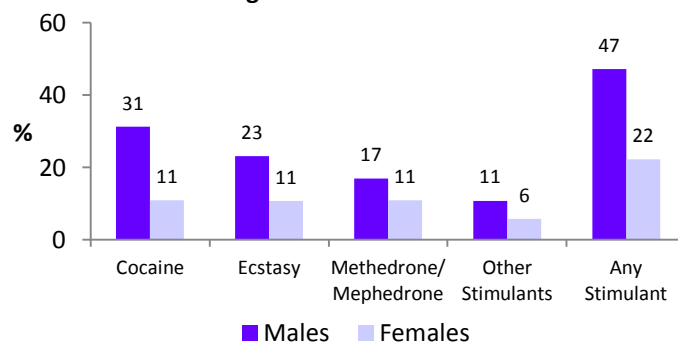
There was little change in the proportion of clients using hypnotics in 2012/13 (84%) compared with 2011/12 (83%). Use of Cannabis remained the same at 58%, while use of Benzodiazepines rose from 36% to 44% however use of other hypnotics fell from 7% to 5% over this period.

Use of Stimulant Drugs

Use by gender

Males were more likely to use stimulant drugs (47%) than females (22%). This was also true for each individual stimulant drug, most notably for Cocaine where the proportion of male users (31%) was almost three times that for females (11%).

Use of Stimulant Drugs



Frequency of use

More than two-thirds of clients using Methedrone / Mephedrone (71%) did so at least on a weekly basis. This compared with 55% of clients using Cocaine, 57% of Ecstasy users and 51% of clients using other stimulant drugs. Around two-fifths of clients using Ecstasy (36%), Cocaine (38%) and other Stimulants (42%) did so occasionally.

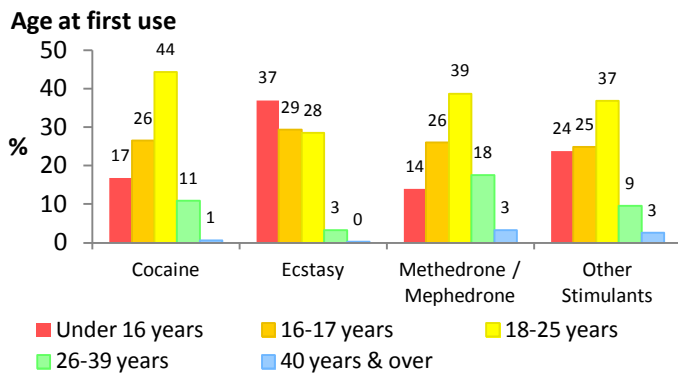
Route of Use

The main route of use for Cocaine (86%) and Methedrone / Mephedrone (64%) was by sniffing,

while the main route of use for Ecstasy (98%) and other stimulants (60%) was orally.

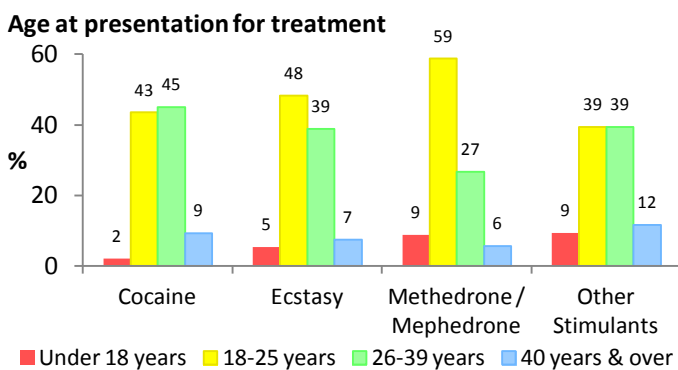
Age of first use

With the exception of Ecstasy, the first use of stimulant drugs occurred for the highest percentage of clients between the age of 18 and 25 years. Age of first use for Ecstasy users tended to be younger, with 37% first using under sixteen years of age.



Age at presentation for treatment

The highest proportion of clients using Methedrone / Mephedrone (59%) and Ecstasy (48%) presented for treatment aged between 18 and 25 years. For clients using Cocaine, 45% presented for treatment at between 26 and 39 years and 43% between 18 and 25 years.



Use by Trust

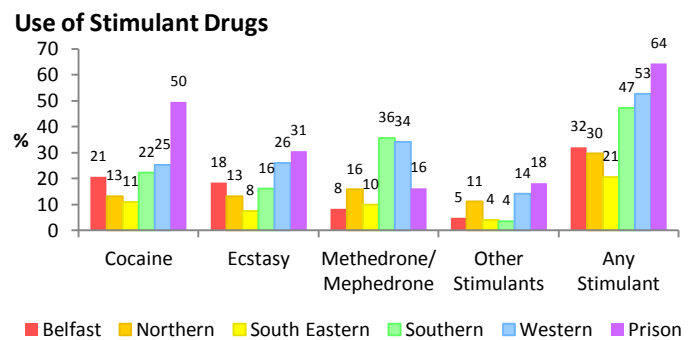
Use of any stimulant drug varied extensively across the Trust areas ranging from 21% of clients within the South Eastern Trust to 53% of clients in the Western Trust. Almost two-thirds of clients in prison (64%) used stimulant drugs.

Cocaine was used by half of clients in prison, while its use ranged from 25% of clients in the Western Trust to 11% in the South Eastern Trust area.

Almost a third of clients in prison (31%) reported having used Ecstasy. Outside prison, the highest use of Ecstasy was reported amongst clients in the Western Trust area (26%).

Methedrone / Mephedrone was the second most commonly reported drug used in both the Southern (36%) and Western Trust areas (34%).

Other stimulants were used by 18% of clients in prison. Across Trusts, the use of other stimulants was highest in the Western Trust (14%) and lowest in the South Eastern and Southern Trusts (4%).



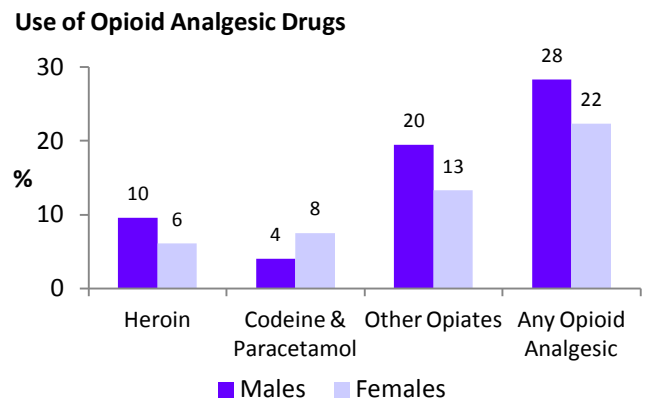
Comparison of use in 2012/13 with 2011/12

Use of any stimulant increased slightly from 39% in 2011/12 to 42% of clients in 2012/13. Use of Cocaine increased from 24% to 27% of clients and use of Ecstasy also increased from 14% to 20% of clients. Use of Methedrone / Mephedrone and other stimulants among clients remained relatively unchanged.

Use of Opioid Analgesic Drugs

Use by gender

Males were slightly more likely to use opioid analgesic drugs (28%) than females (22%). This was true for Heroin and other opiates, while a higher proportion of females used Codeine & Paracetamol.



Frequency of use

The majority of those using opioid analgesics used them on a daily basis with 83% of Codeine & Paracetamol users, 67% of other opiate users and 56% of Heroin users using these drugs daily.

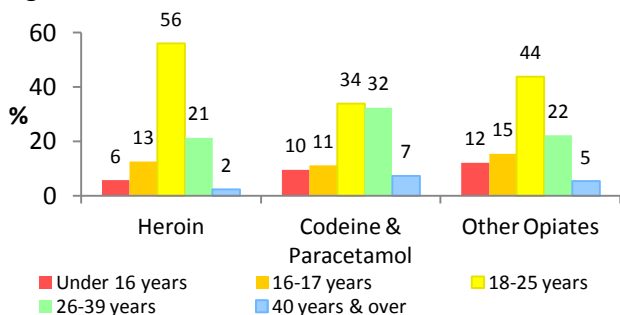
Route of Use

The main route of use for Codeine & Paracetamol (99%) and other opiates (92%) was orally. The main route of use for Heroin was injecting (56%) followed by smoking (39%).

Age of first use

The highest proportion of clients had their first use of opioid analgesic drugs between the age of 18 and 25 years, however for Codeine & Paracetamol, a sizeable proportion of first use occurred between 26 and 39 years).

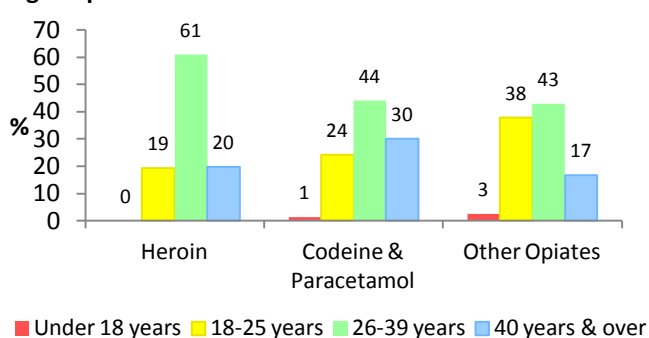
Age at first use



Age at presentation for treatment

The highest proportion of clients using all opioid analgesic drugs presented for treatment aged between 26 and 39 years.

Age at presentation for treatment %



Use by Trust

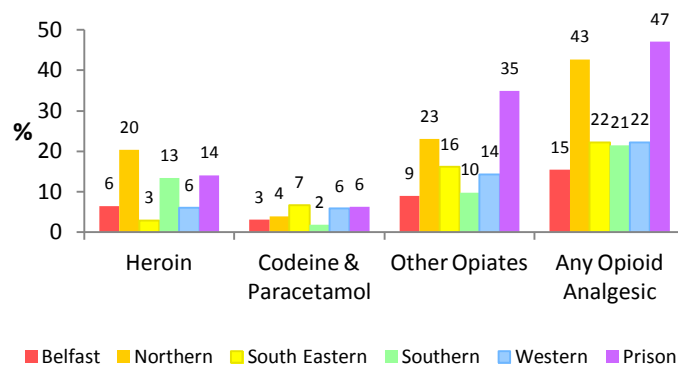
Use of opioid analgesic drugs was highest in prisons at 47%. Use within the Northern Trust area (43%) was around twice that in the Southern, South Eastern and

Western Trusts and almost three times that in the Belfast Trust.

Use of Heroin ranged from 20% in the Northern Trust to 3% in the South Eastern Trust.

More than a third of clients in prisons (35%) used other opiates (mainly Tramadol). Use of other opiates in the Northern Trust (23%) was also relatively high.

Use of Opioid Analgesic Drugs



Comparison of use with 2011/12

Use of opioid analgesic drugs increased from 22% in 2011/12 to 27% of clients in 2012/13. Use of other opiates increased from 13% to 18%, however use of Codeine & Paracetamol remained broadly similar.

Use of Solvents / Other Drugs

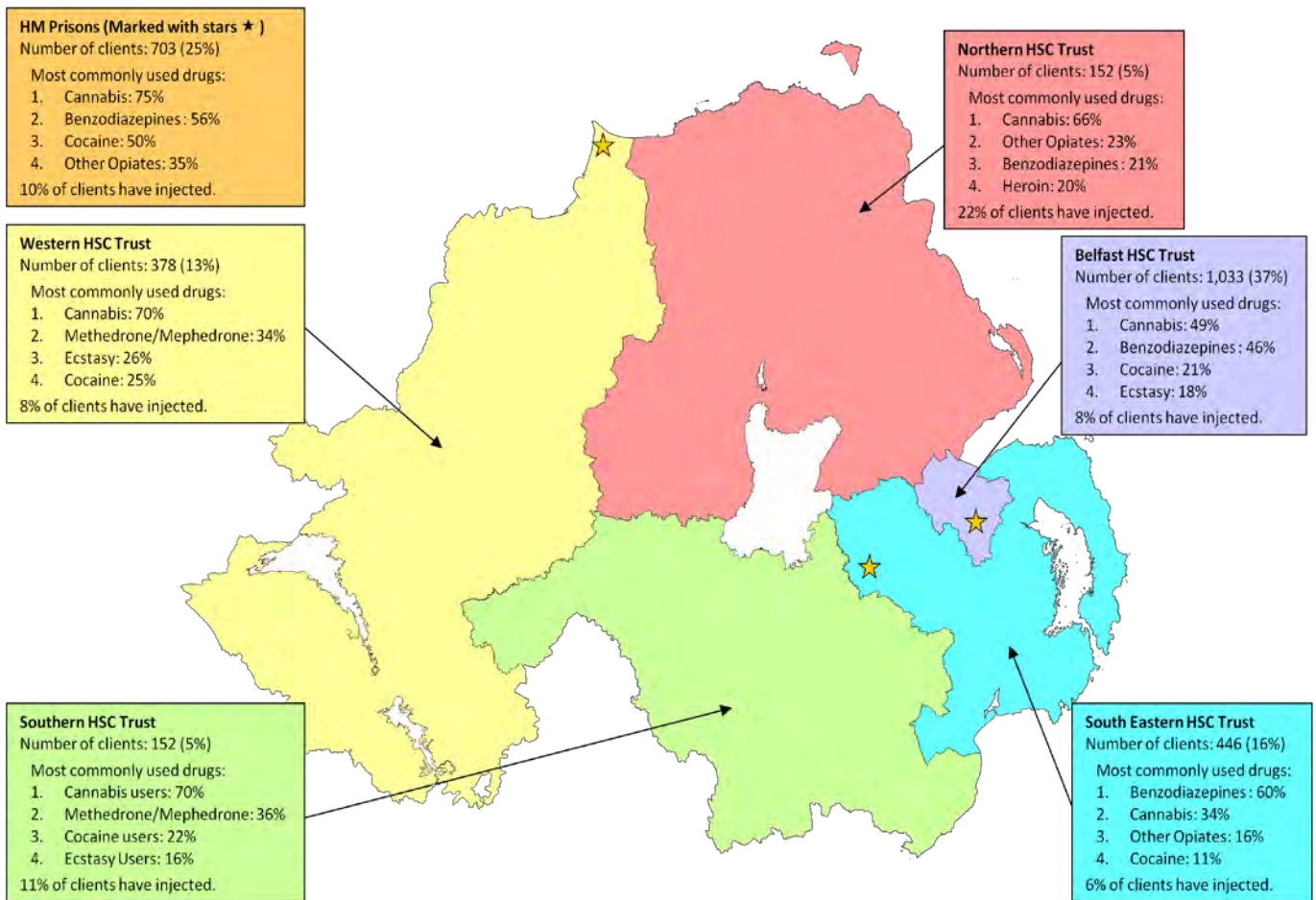
Solvents

Solvents were used by just 2% of clients overall in the region and was highest among clients in prison (5%) and in the Belfast Trust (3%). Two-thirds of users (67%) first used them under the age of sixteen. They were most likely to be used among clients as a fourth or fifth drug rather than as a main drug. A tenth of those who used solvents had used them in the last four weeks.

Other drugs

The other drugs category includes hallucinogens, steroids and other drugs rarely reported by clients. Other drugs were used by 7% of clients. The Trust with the highest use of other drugs was the Western Trust with 11% of its clients. As with solvents, other drugs were most likely to be used as a fourth or fifth drug rather than as a main drug. Half of those who used these drugs had done so in the last four weeks.

Summary Statistics Map by Trust



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Notes to Tables

1. A dashed line (-) represents a cell count of less than five. This is in order to avoid issues involving personal disclosure, where it may be possible to identify an individual from the data provided. All percentages are rounded to the nearest percentage point.
2. A DMD form is completed for every client who presents at an Agency with a drug related problem for treatment. Clients must give their consent for data on the form to be used on the DMD (Consent was withheld for a total of 139 DMD forms in 2012/13). Only those problem drug users attending for the very first time or those who have not attended for treatment within the previous six months are recorded on the DMD. This means that a small number of clients may be recorded twice on the DMD within one year (66 clients in 2012/13).
3. Services available across Trusts vary and this may be reflected in the drugs misused. For example, where special Benzodiazepines Projects exist, there will be greater proportions of clients presenting for treatment for problem Benzodiazepines use (i.e. in the Belfast and South Eastern Trust areas).
4. Hypnotic drugs include Cannabis, Benzodiazepines and other Hypnotics. Stimulant drugs include Cocaine, Ecstasy, Methedrone / Mephedrone and other Stimulants. Opioid Analgesics include Heroin, Codeine & Paracetamol and other Opiates.

Table 1: Drug User Profile by Trust

Trust Area	Belfast	Northern	South Eastern	Southern	Western	Prison	Total
Number of users within Trust							
Number of users in Trust (Headcount)	1,033	152	446	112	378	703	2,824
% of all users on DMD	36.6	5.4	15.8	4.0	13.4	24.9	100.0
Gender of users %							
Males (Headcount)	731	126	276	97	275	679	2,184
Females (Headcount)	302	26	170	15	103	24	640
% Male within Trust	70.8	82.9	61.9	86.6	72.8	96.6	77.3
% Female within Trust	29.2	17.1	38.1	13.4	27.2	3.4	22.7
Age of male users %							
Under 18 years	6.7	27.8	9.8	34.0	10.5	0.0	7.9
18-25 years	31.3	24.6	22.5	23.7	37.5	53.6	37.2
26-39 years	36.8	40.5	35.9	30.9	37.5	36.5	36.6
40 years and over	25.2	7.1	31.9	11.3	14.5	9.9	18.3
Age of female users %							
Under 18 years	1.3	26.9	2.4	20.0	6.8	0.0	3.9
18-25 years	12.3	11.5	11.2	53.3	35.0	41.7	17.7
26-39 years	26.8	42.3	17.1	13.3	37.9	54.2	27.3
40 years and over	59.6	19.2	69.4	13.3	20.4	4.2	51.1
Drug type for male users %							
Hypnotic drugs	84.8	79.4	87.0	78.4	81.8	87.6	85.0
Stimulants	40.4	27.8	27.9	45.4	53.5	63.8	47.2
Opioid Analgesics	16.7	42.1	22.8	20.6	18.9	45.5	28.3
Solvents / Other Drugs	10.1	4.8	8.3	-	11.6	10.2	9.4
Drug type for female users %							
Hypnotic drugs	87.1	53.8	90.0	53.3	59.2	83.3	81.1
Stimulants	12.3	38.5	8.8	60.0	50.5	79.2	22.2
Opioid Analgesics	12.3	46.2	21.2	26.7	31.1	91.7	22.3
Solvents / Other Drugs	6.0	7.7	4.7	0.0	14.6	0.0	6.7
Drugs used %							
Cannabis	48.8	66.4	34.1	69.6	70.1	75.2	57.7
Benzodiazepines	46.4	21.1	60.3	8.9	16.9	56.0	44.2
Other Hypnotics	7.6	-	8.7	-	1.6	0.9	4.7
Cocaine	20.6	13.2	11.0	22.3	25.4	49.6	26.6
Ecstasy	18.5	13.2	7.6	16.1	25.9	30.6	20.4
Methedrone/Mephedrone	8.4	15.8	9.9	35.7	34.1	16.4	15.5
Other Stimulants	5.0	11.2	4.0	-	14.3	18.3	9.7
Heroin	6.5	20.4	2.9	13.4	6.1	14.1	8.8
Codeine & Paracetamol	3.1	3.9	6.7	-	5.8	6.3	4.8
Other Opiates	9.0	23.0	16.1	9.8	14.3	35.0	18.1
Solvents	2.9	-	-	0.0	1.6	4.6	2.5
Other Drugs	6.5	4.6	6.7	-	10.8	6.1	6.7

Table 1: Drug User Profile by Trust (Continued)

Trust Area	Belfast	Northern	South Eastern	Southern	Western	Prison	Total
Number of drugs used %							
One drug	48.0	44.1	49.1	50.9	39.2	17.8	39.4
Two drugs	27.6	27.6	30.5	23.2	18.8	19.1	24.6
Three drugs	12.3	16.4	10.5	17.0	17.2	18.1	14.5
Four drugs	7.0	6.6	5.4	6.3	14.6	18.5	10.6
Five drugs	5.1	5.3	4.5	-	10.3	26.6	11.0
Frequency of use %							
Daily	77.1	69.1	85.2	68.8	71.2	84.8	78.7
Weekly	10.8	23.7	10.3	23.2	17.5	6.8	11.8
Monthly	0.7	-	1.3	-	-	0.9	1.0
Occasionally	11.3	5.3	3.1	6.3	10.3	7.5	8.4
At least one drug used in last four weeks	82.8	80.3	89.9	85.7	85.2	39.7	73.5
Prescribed drugs %							
At least one drug prescribed	34.5	4.6	50.4	-	7.7	17.9	26.5
Required / Persuaded / Own choice to attend (%)							
Required by others	47.9	10.5	48.2	8.9	10.3	88.6	49.5
Wholly own choice	37.5	61.8	22.6	61.6	45.8	10.2	31.7
Persuaded by others	14.6	27.6	29.1	29.5	43.9	1.1	18.8
Reason for attendance (%)							
Legal	23.4	19.2	9.8	13.9	20.4	99.4	39.5
Psychological	39.2	66.4	68.1	49.1	48.8	0.0	37.0
Family/Relationships	32.8	54.8	52.4	63.9	65.7	0.0	34.4
Medical e.g. detoxification	38.3	20.5	15.3	50.0	15.5	-	21.6
Any other reason given	16.8	23.0	24.2	15.2	25.9	-	15.4
Referral By (%)							
GP	43.1	35.5	72.2	51.8	51.6	-	38.1
Prison / Young Offenders Centre / Probation / Drug Arrest Referral Scheme / Legal requirement	21.4	23.0	3.4	6.3	6.3	99.1	35.4
Self	17.0	7.2	6.3	4.5	10.3	-	9.3
Psychiatric / Mental Health Service	2.0	10.5	9.2	6.3	8.7	0.0	4.2
Social Services	2.0	8.6	2.9	13.4	7.4	0.0	3.2
Family / Friend	3.5	3.9	2.9	6.3	6.6	0.0	3.1
Other	10.9	11.2	3.1	11.6	9.0	0.0	6.8
Legal Status (%)							
No Legal Status	70.9	60.5	86.8	75.9	73.5	0.0	55.7
In Prison	0.6	-	-	0.0	0.0	100.0	25.2
Community Supervision	10.5	13.8	3.1	9.8	4.0	0.0	6.0
Trial Pending	4.6	8.6	3.8	9.8	10.3	0.0	4.5
Other	13.7	19.1	6.5	5.4	14.0	0.0	9.2

Table 1: Drug User Profile by Trust (Continued)

Trust Area	Belfast	Northern	South Eastern	Southern	Western	Prison	Total
Proposed Action (%)							
Counselling	74.0	59.9	33.9	66.1	80.4	89.5	71.3
Education/Information	49.3	65.8	76.0	42.0	56.3	1.1	43.1
Detoxification	20.3	5.9	8.3	0.0	14.0	5.0	12.2
Assessment	7.0	21.7	10.5	-	5.0	7.0	7.9
Mentoring	6.3	11.2	13.7	51.8	7.9	0.0	8.2
Prescribing Contract	11.0	5.3	2.2	-	5.3	1.1	5.7
Substitute Prescribing	3.7	17.1	3.6	10.7	4.2	1.6	4.2
Family Support	3.5	9.2	3.8	-	11.6	0.0	4.1
Advised screening for HIV/HEP B/C	1.8	3.3	2.5	-	1.9	9.1	3.9
Rehabilitation	-	-	-	0.0	3.2	-	0.8
No intervention	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.0	-	0.4
Other	3.6	-	-	0.0	-	2.8	2.3
Living With (%)							
Prison / YOC	0.6	-	-	0.0	0.0	100.0	25.2
Alone	32.7	17.1	28.9	37.5	29.4	0.0	22.9
Parents / Parents & siblings	25.4	44.7	24.4	43.8	32.3	0.0	21.6
Spouse / partner only	10.3	9.9	16.8	8.9	7.9	0.0	8.4
Spouse / partner & dependent children	9.1	13.8	14.6	6.3	11.1	0.0	8.1
Dependent children only	5.6	-	4.3	0.0	7.1	0.0	3.8
Other	16.4	12.5	10.3	-	12.2	0.0	10.1
Employment History (%)							
Worked in last 12 months	19.7	22.4	24.9	17.9	23.8	27.5	23.1
Employment Status (%)							
Unemployed	69.9	46.7	42.2	54.5	69.8	0.0	46.2
In prison / Young Offender Centre	0.6	-	-	0.0	0.0	100.0	25.2
In Employment	14.1	11.8	17.5	14.3	13.8	0.0	11.0
Receiving Other Benefits	5.5	16.4	22.2	-	4.8	0.0	7.1
Student	4.9	17.8	6.1	25.9	7.9	0.0	5.8
Retired/Receiving pension	3.9	-	9.6	0.0	-	0.0	3.0
On Govt training scheme	1.0	5.3	1.3	-	2.6	0.0	1.3
Other	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.3
Problem Alcohol Use %							
Problem alcohol use reported	23.8	15.1	38.6	33.9	45.8	12.4	26.2
Alcohol main problem	14.5	4.6	15.7	25.0	30.2	8.3	15.1

Table 2: Treatment History by Trust

Trust Area	Belfast	Northern	South Eastern	Southern	Western	Prison	Total
Drug Treatment History							
Ever Treated before (Headcount)	258	56	125	34	146	166	785
Ever Treated before (%)	25.0	36.8	28.0	30.4	38.6	23.6	27.8
Of those who have previously been treated - Previous Treatment (%)							
Counselling	71.7	55.4	64.0	61.8	79.5	68.1	69.6
Detoxification	20.9	17.9	19.2	20.6	11.6	10.2	16.4
Substitute Prescribing	10.9	33.9	13.6	23.5	6.8	10.2	12.6
Rehabilitation	15.5	8.9	12.8	0.0	11.6	7.8	11.6
Prescribing Contact	4.7	10.7	8.0	0.0	4.1	4.8	5.4
Of those who have previously been treated - Age first treated (%)							
Under 18 years	12.4	12.5	-	-	11.6	21.7	12.7
18-21 years	22.5	19.6	19.2	35.3	22.6	24.1	22.7
22-25 years	17.8	26.8	17.6	-	16.4	9.0	16.1
26 years and over	42.2	37.5	55.2	29.4	41.1	9.6	36.3
Unknown	5.0	-	4.8	-	8.2	35.5	12.2

Table 3: Injecting History by Trust

Trust Area	Belfast	Northern	South Eastern	Southern	Western	Prison	Total
Injecting history:							
Ever Injected (Headcount)	81	33	26	12	32	69	253
Ever Injected (%)	7.8	21.7	5.8	10.7	8.5	9.8	9.0
Of those who have injected - Sharing History (%)							
Ever Shared	33.3	45.5	19.2	50.0	50.0	20.3	32.8
Of those who have injected - Use in last 4 weeks (%)							
Injected in the last 4 weeks	42.0	39.4	26.9	50.0	31.3	15.9	32.0
Always used new equipment in last 4 weeks	30.9	33.3	23.1	50.0	21.9	8.7	24.1
Rotated in the last 4 weeks	27.2	36.4	26.9	50.0	21.9	7.2	23.3
Used Needle & Syringe Exchange in last 4 weeks	35.8	-	19.2	50.0	31.3	-	22.5
Filtered in last 4 weeks	32.1	30.3	26.9	41.7	-	7.2	21.3
Bleached in the last 4 weeks	21.0	-	-	41.7	-	-	12.6
Shared equipment in the last 4 weeks	-	-	0.0	41.7	-	-	6.7
Of those who have injected - Age first injected (%)							
Under 18 years	9.9	15.2	-	-	-	7.2	8.7
18-21 years	34.6	45.5	34.6	41.7	40.6	23.2	34.0
22-25 years	25.9	18.2	30.8	-	25.0	23.2	24.1
26 years and over	23.5	18.2	19.2	-	25.0	20.3	20.9
Unknown	6.2	-	-	-	-	26.1	12.3
Of those who have injected - Testing for HIV / Hepatitis (%)							
HIV Tested	63.0	75.8	61.5	66.7	62.5	36.2	57.3
Hepatitis C Tested	58.0	75.8	61.5	66.7	62.5	36.2	55.7
Hepatitis B Tested	58.0	75.8	61.5	66.7	62.5	34.8	55.3
Hepatitis B Fully Vaccinated	21.0	39.4	30.8	-	18.8	20.3	24.1
Hepatitis B Part Vaccinated	-	-	-	0.0	18.8	10.1	7.9

Table 4: First / Second / Third / Fourth / Fifth Drugs and their use

Drug	First Drug	Second Drug	Third Drug	Fourth Drug	Fifth Drug
Number of users					
Number of users on DMD	2,824	1,712	1018	608	310
% of users on DMD	100.0	60.6	36.0	21.5	11.0
Gender of users					
Males (Headcount)	2,184	1,402	900	547	287
Females (Headcount)	640	310	118	61	23
% Male	77.3	81.9	88.4	90.0	92.6
% Female	22.7	18.1	11.6	10.0	7.4
% of all males registered	100.0	64.2	41.2	25.0	13.1
% of all females registered	100.0	48.4	18.4	9.5	3.6
Age of users at first face to face %					
Under 18 years	7.0	4.7	4.6	3.1	-
18-25 years	32.8	38.6	45.2	49.5	55.2
26-39 years	34.5	37.1	39.5	39.5	35.5
40 years and over	25.7	19.6	10.7	7.9	8.1
Age of first use %					
Under 16 years	31.6	26.2	27.3	30.9	25.5
16-17 years	14.9	18.5	25.0	21.7	26.5
18-25 years	25.9	32.2	34.8	35.9	37.1
26-39 years	16.5	14.3	9.0	8.7	8.1
40 years & over	9.9	7.2	2.1	1.0	-
Not known	1.2	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.9
Drug Type for Male users %					
Hypnotic drugs	63.0	41.6	31.6	33.1	27.5
Stimulants	15.4	42.4	52.6	49.4	47.0
Opioid Analgesics	20.1	12.2	10.7	7.7	10.5
Solvents / Other Drugs	1.5	3.9	5.2	9.9	15.0
Drug Type for Female users %					
Hypnotic drugs	69.2	51.9	33.9	29.5	17.4
Stimulants	11.3	29.0	41.5	41.0	52.2
Opioid Analgesics	16.4	15.5	16.1	16.4	21.7
Solvents / Other Drugs	3.1	3.5	8.5	13.1	8.7
Drug %					
Cannabis	37.7	14.1	17.7	17.8	13.5
Benzodiazepines	24.5	25.8	13.5	14.0	13.2
Other Hypnotics	2.1	3.6	0.7	1.0	0.0
Cocaine	6.9	14.5	19.6	13.5	10.0
Ecstasy	1.9	11.9	15.6	16.9	18.4
Methedrone/Mephedrone	4.2	8.3	9.0	9.5	10.0
Other Stimulants	1.5	5.2	7.0	8.6	9.0
Heroin	6.8	1.3	1.9	2.1	-
Codeine & Paracetamol	2.8	2.7	1.2	-	-
Other Opiates	9.7	8.8	8.3	6.1	9.4
Solvents	0.4	0.7	1.3	2.8	5.2
Other Drugs	1.5	3.1	4.3	7.4	9.4
Frequency of use %					
Daily	70.8	46.9	33.6	30.4	31.3
Weekly	14.4	25.4	28.3	27.6	25.8
Monthly	1.2	3.9	4.9	4.3	3.9
Occasionally	13.5	23.5	33.0	37.2	38.7
Used in last four weeks	69.0	50.9	31.4	26.3	23.2

Table 4: First / Second / Third / Fourth / Fifth Drugs and their use (Continued)

Drug Number	First Drug	Second Drug	Third Drug	Fourth Drug	Fifth Drug
Prescribed drugs %					
Only prescribed	22.6	17.0	5.3	3.9	4.8
Prescribed & others	3.9	3.4	1.8	1.0	-
Route of use %					
Oral	49.3	62.6	52.3	53.3	59.0
Smoke	35.0	14.7	19.4	19.1	14.8
Sniff	10.9	20.4	26.8	25.5	21.9
Inject	4.6	1.7	1.0	1.5	3.2
Other	-	0.3	-	0.0	-
Treated before %					
Treated before	27.8	31.1	35.2	39.0	43.2

Table 5: Drug Combinations

Number of Drugs Taken	One	Two	Three	Four	Five
Number of users					
Number of users on DMD	1,112	694	410	298	310
% of users on DMD	39.4	24.6	14.5	10.6	11.0
Gender of users					
Males (Headcount)	782	502	353	260	287
Females (Headcount)	330	192	57	38	23
% Male	70.3	72.3	86.1	87.2	92.6
% Female	29.7	27.7	13.9	12.8	7.4
% of all males registered	35.8	23.0	16.2	11.9	13.1
% of all females registered	51.6	30.0	8.9	5.9	3.6
Age of users at first face to face %					
Under 18 years	10.5	4.9	6.8	5.0	-
18-25 years	23.8	28.8	38.8	43.6	55.2
26-39 years	30.5	33.7	39.5	43.6	35.5
40 years and over	35.2	32.6	14.9	7.7	8.1
Age of first use %					
Under 16 years	31.0	34.0	49.5	64.1	71.6
16-17 years	13.8	13.5	22.4	16.1	13.9
18-25 years	21.0	20.9	20.2	16.8	12.6
26-39 years	17.9	17.6	6.3	-	-
40 years & over	15.5	12.5	-	-	0.0
Not known	0.8	1.4	-	-	-
Drug Combinations					
Hypnotics only	76.8	38.6	2.7	0.0	0.0
Stimulants only	7.6	6.9	6.1	1.7	-
Opioids only	13.6	4.5	2.0	-	-
Solvents / Other Drugs only	2.1	-	-	0.0	0.0
Hypnotics & Stimulants		28.1	44.9	46.3	25.5
Hypnotics & Opioids		15.0	24.6	9.1	1.6
Other 2 drug type combination		6.6	6.1	3.0	1.6
Hypnotics, Stimulants & Opioids			8.3	22.8	40.0
Hypnotics, Stimulants & Solvents/Other Drugs			2.9	11.1	14.2
Other 3 drug type combination			2.2	2.7	4.5
4 / 5 drug type combination				2.7	11.9
Treated before %					
Treated before	22.7	25.2	29.5	34.6	43.2

Table 6: Drug Profile 2012/13

Drug Type	Hypnotics			Stimulants				Opioid Analgesics			Solvents	Other Drugs
Drug	Cannabis	Benzos	Other Hypnotics	Cocaine	Ecstasy	Methedrone/ Mephedrone	Other Stimulants	Heroin	Codeine & Paracetamol	Other Opiates		
Number of Users												
Number of users on DMD	1,629	1,248	134	752	576	439	274	248	136	511	70	190
% of total registered on DMD	57.7	44.2	4.7	26.6	20.4	15.5	9.7	8.8	4.8	18.1	2.5	6.7
Gender Profile of Users - % of all registered on DMD of each gender using												
Males (Headcount)	1,468	882	58	682	507	369	237	209	88	426	62	155
Females (Headcount)	161	366	76	70	69	70	37	39	48	85	8	35
% of all males using...	67.2	40.4	2.7	31.2	23.2	16.9	10.9	9.6	4.0	19.5	2.8	7.1
% of all females using...	25.2	57.2	11.9	10.9	10.8	10.9	5.8	6.1	7.5	13.3	1.3	5.5
Age of users at first face to face %												
Under 18 years	11.5	1.3	-	2.1	5.4	8.9	9.5	0.0	-	2.5	10.0	2.6
18-25 years	44.9	31.3	6.7	43.5	48.3	58.8	39.4	19.4	24.3	37.8	34.3	36.3
26-39 years	33.2	29.1	22.4	45.1	38.9	26.7	39.4	60.9	44.1	42.9	44.3	47.9
40 years and over	10.4	38.4	70.1	9.3	7.5	5.7	11.7	19.8	30.1	16.8	11.4	13.2
Age at first use %												
Under 16 years	63.7	15.2	3.7	16.8	37.0	13.9	23.7	5.6	9.6	12.1	67.1	17.9
16-17 years	17.7	14.0	-	26.5	29.3	26.0	24.8	12.5	11.0	15.5	20.0	14.7
18-25 years	14.5	29.6	17.2	44.3	28.5	38.7	36.9	56.0	33.8	43.8	7.1	40.0
26-39 years	2.3	21.0	31.3	10.9	3.3	17.5	9.5	21.4	32.4	22.3	0.0	22.1
40 years & over	0.6	18.5	44.8	-	-	3.2	2.6	2.4	7.4	5.3	0.0	4.7
Not known	1.2	1.6	0.0	1.1	1.7	-	2.6	2.0	5.9	1.0	-	-
Frequency of use %												
Daily	74.0	71.4	84.3	18.5	8.7	23.7	23.0	56.5	83.1	66.9	21.4	41.1
Weekly	12.0	10.9	-	36.0	48.6	47.6	28.5	12.9	4.4	13.3	28.6	24.7
Monthly	1.0	1.4	0.0	7.2	5.7	4.3	6.2	3.2	-	1.8	-	2.6
Occasionally	12.8	16.3	14.2	38.2	36.3	23.9	42.3	27.0	11.0	18.0	42.9	31.1
Used in last four weeks	59.1	70.1	94.0	25.4	21.9	45.1	22.3	44.0	72.1	62.8	10.0	50.0
Route of Use %												
Oral	11.8	99.6	99.3	8.4	97.9	30.1	60.2	3.6	99.3	91.8	8.6	81.1
Smoke	86.9	-	0.0	4.1	0.0	3.9	5.1	39.1	0.0	1.4	-	2.6
Sniff	0.7	0.0	0.0	86.2	1.7	63.6	32.5	-	0.0	4.9	88.6	7.9
Inject	0.0	-	0.0	1.1	0.0	2.1	2.2	55.6	-	1.8	0.0	6.8
Other	0.4	-	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	0.0

Table 7: Comparison 2011/12 and 2012/13

	2011/12							2012/13						
Trust Area	Belfast	Northern	South Eastern	Southern	Western	Prison	Total	Belfast	Northern	South Eastern	Southern	Western	Prison	Total
Number of users within Trust														
Number of users in Trust (Headcount)	1,239	129	430	243	318	640	2,999	1,033	152	446	112	378	703	2,824
% of all users on DMD	41.3	4.3	14.3	8.1	10.6	21.3	100.0	36.6	5.4	15.8	4.0	13.4	24.9	100.0
Gender of users %														
Males (Headcount)	832	99	250	209	235	627	2,252	731	126	276	97	275	679	2,184
Females (Headcount)	407	30	180	34	83	13	747	302	26	170	15	103	24	640
% Male within Trust	67.2	76.7	58.1	86.0	73.9	98.0	75.1	70.8	82.9	61.9	86.6	72.8	96.6	77.3
% Female within Trust	32.8	23.3	41.9	14.0	26.1	2.0	24.9	29.2	17.1	38.1	13.4	27.2	3.4	22.7
Age of male users %														
Under 18 years	6.4	26.3	10.8	18.7	12.3	1.1	8.0	6.7	27.8	9.8	34.0	10.5	0.0	7.9
18-25 years	33.5	25.3	24.8	26.3	40.4	48.6	36.5	31.3	24.6	22.5	23.7	37.5	53.6	37.2
26-39 years	37.9	39.4	37.6	38.8	31.1	42.4	38.5	36.8	40.5	35.9	30.9	37.5	36.5	36.6
40 years and over	22.2	9.1	26.8	16.3	16.2	7.8	17.0	25.2	7.1	31.9	11.3	14.5	9.9	18.3
Age of female users %														
Under 18 years	1.2	30.0	2.8	20.6	12.0	0.0	4.8	1.3	26.9	2.4	20.0	6.8	0.0	3.9
18-25 years	14.0	30.0	13.3	23.5	30.1	61.5	17.5	12.3	11.5	11.2	53.3	35.0	41.7	17.7
26-39 years	25.1	23.3	18.3	29.4	44.6	30.8	25.8	26.8	42.3	17.1	13.3	37.9	54.2	27.3
40 years and over	59.7	16.7	65.6	26.5	13.3	7.7	51.8	59.6	19.2	69.4	13.3	20.4	4.2	51.1
Drug type for male users %														
Hypnotic drugs	85.2	75.8	88.0	77.0	87.7	83.6	84.1	84.8	79.4	87.0	78.4	81.8	87.6	85.0
Stimulants	35.9	31.3	28.4	59.8	57.0	54.7	44.5	40.4	27.8	27.9	45.4	53.5	63.8	47.2
Opioid Analgesics	15.4	38.4	28.8	15.3	12.3	27.3	20.9	16.7	42.1	22.8	20.6	18.9	45.5	28.3
Solvents / Other Drugs	8.9	5.1	6.8	4.3	11.9	18.2	11.0	10.1	4.8	8.3	-	11.6	10.2	9.4
Drug type for female users %														
Hypnotic drugs	84.5	53.3	88.9	47.1	67.5	84.6	80.7	87.1	53.8	90.0	53.3	59.2	83.3	81.1
Stimulants	15.2	46.7	9.4	35.3	54.2	53.8	21.0	12.3	38.5	8.8	60.0	50.5	79.2	22.2
Opioid Analgesics	15.7	43.3	36.7	41.2	36.1	53.8	26.0	12.3	46.2	21.2	26.7	31.1	91.7	22.3
Solvents / Other Drugs	4.2	6.7	4.4	5.9	12.0	23.1	5.6	6.0	7.7	4.7	0.0	14.6	0.0	6.7

Table 7: Comparison 2011/12-2012/13 (Continued)

	2011/12							2012/13						
Trust Area	Belfast	Northern	South Eastern	Southern	Western	Prison	Total	Belfast	Northern	South Eastern	Southern	Western	Prison	Total
Drugs used %														
Cannabis	46.4	58.9	40.2	67.1	78.9	76.6	57.6	48.8	66.4	34.1	69.6	70.1	75.2	57.7
Benzodiazepines	45.1	31.8	57.7	12.3	13.5	26.3	36.3	46.4	21.1	60.3	8.9	16.9	56.0	44.2
Other Hypnotics	9.2	0.0	11.2	-	0.0	8.8	7.4	7.6	-	8.7	-	1.6	0.9	4.7
Cocaine	18.6	14.0	12.3	30.0	30.8	38.4	23.9	20.6	13.2	11.0	22.3	25.4	49.6	26.6
Ecstasy	12.7	10.9	6.0	22.2	28.3	13.0	14.1	18.5	13.2	7.6	16.1	25.9	30.6	20.4
Methedrone/Mephedrone	11.4	20.2	10.5	35.8	36.2	6.3	15.1	8.4	15.8	9.9	35.7	34.1	16.4	15.5
Other Stimulants	4.4	7.8	6.0	9.9	13.8	18.1	9.1	5.0	11.2	4.0	-	14.3	18.3	9.7
Heroin	6.2	24.0	3.5	7.8	3.8	11.3	7.5	6.5	20.4	2.9	13.4	6.1	14.1	8.8
Codeine & Paracetamol	3.3	-	17.4	3.3	8.5	2.3	5.6	3.1	3.9	6.7	-	5.8	6.3	4.8
Other Opiates	8.6	22.5	17.7	10.3	12.6	18.3	13.1	9.0	23.0	16.1	9.8	14.3	35.0	18.1
Solvents	2.9	-	1.6	-	2.2	7.2	3.4	2.9	-	-	0.0	1.6	4.6	2.5
Other Drugs	4.9	3.9	4.4	2.9	10.1	13.6	7.0	6.5	4.6	6.7	-	10.8	6.1	6.7
Number of drugs used %														
One drug	51.6	44.2	39.1	43.2	37.4	30.0	42.7	48.0	44.1	49.1	50.9	39.2	17.8	39.4
Two drugs	27.4	29.5	33.7	23.5	20.4	28.0	27.5	27.6	27.6	30.5	23.2	18.8	19.1	24.6
Three drugs	10.0	10.1	14.7	21.0	14.5	20.9	14.4	12.3	16.4	10.5	17.0	17.2	18.1	14.5
Four drugs	6.3	10.1	7.7	7.8	14.5	10.2	8.5	7.0	6.6	5.4	6.3	14.6	18.5	10.6
Five drugs	4.7	6.2	4.9	4.5	13.2	10.9	7.0	5.1	5.3	4.5	-	10.3	26.6	11.0
Frequency of use %														
Daily	77.2	80.6	84.7	65.8	69.5	66.4	74.4	77.1	69.1	85.2	68.8	71.2	84.8	78.7
Weekly	9.3	13.2	9.5	25.5	19.2	9.5	11.9	10.8	23.7	10.3	23.2	17.5	6.8	11.8
Monthly	1.0	-	-	2.9	2.2	0.8	1.2	0.7	-	1.3	-	-	0.9	1.0
Occasionally	12.3	4.7	5.1	5.8	8.8	22.0	12.1	11.3	5.3	3.1	6.3	10.3	7.5	8.4
At least one drug used in last four weeks	83.4	90.7	89.8	84.0	85.8	41.6	76.0	82.8	80.3	89.9	85.7	85.2	39.7	73.5
Injecting history %														
Ever Injected	6.0	24.0	4.9	5.8	8.8	7.8	7.3	7.8	21.7	5.8	10.7	8.5	9.8	9.0