

MHT Reports

Problematic Drug User (PDU)

A PDU is defined as a client presenting with opiates and / or crack cocaine as their main, second or third drug recorded at any episode during their latest treatment journey. **[Please note that episodes where alcohol is cited as the primary substance are excluded from all drug reporting so will not be included in PDU figures irrespective of having opiates and / or crack cocaine as second/third drug].**

Treatment journey

A treatment journey maps a client's movement through the treatment system and in many cases will consist of more than one episode (for example, where a client is transferred between agencies). Two episodes are deemed to form part of the same treatment journey if any of the following criteria are met:-

- The later episode has a modality start date no more than 21 days later than the discharge date of the earlier episode
- The earliest episode is still open

All analysis is conducted using a client's latest treatment journey reported against the client's partnership of residence. A **new treatment journey** is identified as having started if the earliest triage date associated with a client's latest treatment journey is within the reporting period.

Retained

A client is defined as retained for 12 weeks or more if the new treatment journey continues (without a break of more than 21 days) for at least 12 weeks

Completed

Two discharge codes exist in relation to completion of a treatment episode. These are either 'treatment completed – drug free' implying no drug use and 'treatment completed – occasional user', implying no further use of opiates or crack but potential non dependent use of other drugs.

Treatment exits

A client is counted as exiting the treatment system if their latest treatment journey finishes during the reporting period, i.e. all episodes of treatment having ended. A planned exit is denoted by use of the discharge codes; 'Treatment completed' and 'Treatment completed drug free'.

Note that for agency level reports, exit status is taken from the latest episode, and 'referred on' is included as a planned exit.

Frozen data

NDTMS data is updated and supplied every month. Once a year, normally in July, a cut of the data is frozen and this specific data set is then used for all reporting functions relating to the previous financial year April-March.

Report data

Report data utilises the latest data available and refers to the most recent 12 month period. This can then be compared to the 12 month period of the latest frozen data.