At the end of 2008, only 9% (1,057) of those who received methadone in that year had been continuously on it for over 5 years; only 5% (597) had been continuously on it for over 7 years and just 1.3% (151) had been continuously on it for over 10 years.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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