

 **Drug Misuse Research Division**
The Health Research Board

NATIONAL DRUG TREATMENT REPORTING SYSTEM

STATISTICAL BULLETIN

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Southern Health Board

1997 and 1998

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| 7 | 5 | 38 | 17 |
| 8 | 5 | 39 | 17 |
| 9 | 5 | 40 | 17 |
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| | | | |
| 10 | 6 | 41 | 18 |
| 11 | 6 | 42 | 18 |
| 12 | 7 | 43 | 19 |
| 13 | 7 | 44 | 19 |
| 14 | 7 | 45 | 19 |
| 15 | 8 | 46 | 20 |
| 16 | 8 | 47 | 20 |
| 17 | 9 | 48 | 21 |
| 18 | 9 | 49 | 21 |
| 19 | 9 | 50 | 21 |
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| 20 | 10 | 51 | 22 |
| 21 | 10 | 52 | 22 |
| 22 | 10 | 53 | 22 |
| 23 | 11 | 54 | 23 |
| 24 | 11 | 55 | 23 |
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| | | | |
| 25 | 12 | 56 | 24 |
| 26 | 12 | 57 | 24 |
| 27 | 12 | 58 | 24 |
| 28 | 13 | 59 | 25 |
| 29 | 13 | 60 | 25 |
| 30 | 13 | 61 | 25 |
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National Drug Treatment Reporting System

Contacts Resident in the Southern Health Board

**All Contacts who Presented for
Treatment for Problem Drug Use
during 1997-1998**

Numbers and Valid Percentages

SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

| 1997 | 1998 |
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TABLE 1
Gender. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|--------------|------------|---------|--------------|------------|---------|
| Male | 170 | 66.1 | Male | 217 | 73.3 |
| Female | 87 | 33.9 | Female | 79 | 26.7 |
| Total | 257 | 100.0 | Total | 296 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 3 | | Not Known | 7 | |
| Total | 260 | | Total | 303 | |

TABLE 2
Age Category. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|-----------------|------------|---------|-----------------|-----|---------|
| Under 15 Years | 4 | 1.5 | Under 15 Years | 7 | 2.3 |
| 15 to 19 Years | 97 | 37.5 | 15 to 19 Years | 110 | 36.3 |
| 20 to 24 Years | 72 | 27.8 | 20 to 24 Years | 81 | 26.7 |
| 25 to 29 Years | 31 | 12.0 | 25 to 29 Years | 40 | 13.2 |
| 30 to 34 Years | 19 | 7.3 | 30 to 34 Years | 21 | 6.9 |
| 35 to 39 Years | 19 | 7.3 | 35 to 39 Years | 24 | 7.9 |
| 40 Years & Over | 17 | 6.6 | 40 Years & Over | 20 | 6.6 |
| Total | 259 | 100.0 | Total | 303 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 1 | | | | |
| Total | 260 | | | | |

SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

| 1997 | 1998 |
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TABLE 3
Education – Highest Level Reached. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|--------------------|------------|---------|--------------------|------------|---------|
| Primary Level | 27 | 11.6 | Primary Level | 14 | 5.2 |
| Secondary Level | 140 | 60.3 | Secondary Level | 194 | 72.7 |
| Third Level | 34 | 14.7 | Third Level | 23 | 8.6 |
| Still in Education | 31 | 13.4 | Still in Education | 36 | 13.5 |
| Total | 232 | 100.0 | Total | 267 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 28 | | Not Known | 36 | |
| Total | 260 | | Total | 303 | |

TABLE 4
Age Left School. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|-----------------|------------|---------|-----------------|------------|---------|
| Under 15 Years | 23 | 14.3 | Under 15 Years | 29 | 12.7 |
| 15 Years | 19 | 11.8 | 15 Years | 45 | 19.7 |
| 16 Years | 35 | 21.7 | 16 Years | 45 | 19.7 |
| 17 Years | 28 | 17.4 | 17 Years | 44 | 19.3 |
| 18 Years & Over | 26 | 16.1 | 18 Years & Over | 45 | 19.7 |
| Still at School | 30 | 18.6 | Still at School | 20 | 8.8 |
| Total | 161 | 100.0 | Total | 228 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 99 | | Not Known | 75 | |
| Total | 260 | | Total | 303 | |

TABLE 5
Employment Status. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|----------------------------|------------|---------|----------------------------|------------|---------|
| Regular/Gainful Employment | 52 | 20.9 | Regular/Gainful Employment | 89 | 29.8 |
| Unemployed | 136 | 54.6 | Unemployed | 153 | 51.2 |
| FAS/Training Course | 3 | 1.2 | FAS/ Training Course | 12 | 4.0 |
| Student | 45 | 18.1 | Student | 35 | 11.7 |
| Housewife/Househusb and | 3 | 1.2 | Housewife/Househusb and | 7 | 2.3 |
| Retired/Unable to Work | 2 | .8 | Retired/ Unable to Work | 2 | .7 |
| Other | 8 | 3.2 | Other | 1 | .3 |
| Total | 249 | 100.0 | Total | 299 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 11 | | Not known | 4 | |
| Total | 260 | | Total | 303 | |

| 1997 | 1998 |
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TABLE 6
Living Status. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|--------------------|-----|---------|---------------------|-----|---------|
| Alone | 28 | 10.8 | Alone | 44 | 14.9 |
| Parents/Family | 144 | 55.6 | Parents/Family | 184 | 62.2 |
| Friends | 28 | 10.8 | Friends | 11 | 3.7 |
| Partner | 30 | 11.6 | Partner | 36 | 12.2 |
| Institution | 3 | 1.2 | Institution | 5 | 1.7 |
| Temporary/Homeless | 16 | 6.2 | Temporary/Homeless | 9 | 3.0 |
| Other | 10 | 3.9 | Alone with Children | 3 | 1.0 |
| Total | 259 | 100.0 | Other | 4 | 1.4 |
| Not Known | 1 | | Total | 296 | 100.0 |
| Total | 260 | | Not Known | 7 | |
| | | | Total | 303 | |

TABLE 7
Living with Drug Misuser(s). Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|-----------|-----|---------|-----------|-----|---------|
| Yes | 45 | 19.1 | Yes | 32 | 11.3 |
| No | 190 | 80.9 | No | 250 | 88.7 |
| Total | 235 | 100.0 | Total | 282 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 25 | | Not Known | 21 | |
| Total | 260 | | Total | 303 | |

TABLE 8
Nationality. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|---------------|-----|---------|---------------|-----|---------|
| Ireland | 250 | 97.3 | Ireland | 286 | 95.7 |
| Great Britain | 6 | 2.3 | Great Britain | 8 | 2.7 |
| Non EU | 1 | .4 | EU | 2 | .7 |
| Total | 257 | 100.0 | Non EU | 3 | .9 |
| Not Known | 3 | | Total | 299 | 100.0 |
| Total | 260 | | Not Known | 4 | |
| | | | Total | 303 | |

TABLE 9
Area of Residence. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|-------|-----|---------|--------------------------|-----|---------|
| Cork | 245 | 94.2 | Cork | 248 | 81.8 |
| Kerry | 15 | 5.8 | Kerry | 9 | 3.0 |
| Total | 260 | 100.0 | SHB (area not specified) | 46 | 15.2 |
| | | | Total | 303 | 100.0 |

All Contacts

PROBLEM DRUG USE

| 1997 | 1998 |
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TABLE 10
Main Drug of Misuse. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|--------------------------------|-----|---------|--------------------------------|-----|---------|
| Heroin | 18 | 6.9 | Heroin | 14 | 4.6 |
| Morphine Sulphate Tablets | 2 | .8 | Morphine Sulphate Tablets | 3 | 1.0 |
| Methadone - Nonmedical | 2 | .8 | Methadone - Nonmedical | 6 | 2.0 |
| Methadone - Medical | 2 | .8 | Other Opiates | 12 | 4.0 |
| Other Opiates | 14 | 5.4 | Cocaine | 12 | 4.0 |
| Cocaine | 3 | 1.2 | Ecstasy | 89 | 29.4 |
| Ecstasy | 96 | 36.9 | Amphetamines | 3 | 1.0 |
| Amphetamines | 5 | 1.9 | Benzodiazepines | 19 | 6.3 |
| Other Stimulants | 1 | .4 | Other Hypnotics & Sedatives | 11 | 3.6 |
| Benzodiazepines | 14 | 5.4 | LSD | 4 | 1.3 |
| Other Hypnotics & Sedatives | 8 | 3.1 | Other Hallucinogens | 1 | .3 |
| LSD | 5 | 1.9 | Volatile Inhalants | 7 | 2.3 |
| Volatile Inhalants | 6 | 2.3 | Cannabis | 120 | 39.6 |
| Cannabis | 84 | 32.3 | Other Drugs | 2 | .7 |
| Total | 260 | 100.0 | Total | 303 | 100.0 |

TABLE 11
Main Drug – Route of Administration. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|-----------|-----|---------|-----------|-----|---------|
| Inject | 16 | 6.2 | Inject | 13 | 4.3 |
| Smoke | 86 | 33.2 | Smoke | 119 | 39.5 |
| Eat/Drink | 143 | 55.2 | Eat/Drink | 148 | 49.2 |
| Sniff | 14 | 5.4 | Sniff | 21 | 7.0 |
| Total | 259 | 100.0 | Total | 301 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 1 | | Not known | 2 | |
| Total | 260 | | Total | 303 | |

All Contacts

PROBLEM DRUG USE

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| 1997 | 1998 |
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TABLE 12
Main Drug – Frequency of Use Past Month. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|-------------------|------------|---------|---------------------|------------|---------|
| Once a Week | 17 | 6.7 | Once a Week or Less | 18 | 6.5 |
| 2-6 Days a Week | 104 | 40.8 | 2-6 Days a Week | 107 | 38.5 |
| Daily | 99 | 38.8 | Daily | 114 | 41.0 |
| No Use Past Month | 35 | 13.7 | No Use Past Month | 39 | 14.0 |
| Total | 255 | 100.0 | Total | 278 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 5 | | Not Known | 25 | |
| Total | 260 | | Total | 303 | |

TABLE 13
Age First Used Main Drug. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|-----------------|------------|---------|-----------------|------------|---------|
| Under 15 years | 52 | 20.7 | Under 15 years | 80 | 28.6 |
| 15 to 19 Years | 145 | 57.8 | 15 to 19 Years | 136 | 48.6 |
| 20 to 24 Years | 25 | 10.0 | 20 to 24 Years | 31 | 11.1 |
| 25 Years & Over | 29 | 11.6 | 25 Years & Over | 33 | 11.8 |
| Total | 251 | 100.0 | Total | 280 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 9 | | Not Known | 23 | |
| Total | 260 | | Total | 303 | |

TABLE 14
Main Drug – Duration of Regular Use. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|-----------------|------------|---------|-----------------|------------|---------|
| One Year & Less | 57 | 23.3 | One Year & Less | 48 | 18.1 |
| 2 to 3 Years | 86 | 35.1 | 2 to 3 Years | 87 | 32.8 |
| 4 to 5 Years | 34 | 13.9 | 4 to 5 Years | 47 | 17.7 |
| 6 to 9 Years | 28 | 11.4 | 6 to 9 Years | 34 | 12.8 |
| 10 Years & Over | 40 | 16.3 | 10 Years & Over | 49 | 18.5 |
| Total | 245 | 100.0 | Total | 265 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 15 | | Not Known | 38 | |
| Total | 260 | | Total | 303 | |

All Contacts

PROBLEM DRUG USE

| 1997 | 1998 |
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TABLE 15
Second Drug of Misuse. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|--------------------------------|-----|---------|--------------------------------|-----|---------|
| No Second Drug | 22 | 8.5 | No Second Drug | 27 | 8.9 |
| Heroin | 2 | .8 | Morphine Sulphate Tablets | 1 | .3 |
| Morphine Sulphate Tablets | 2 | .8 | Methadone - Medical | 1 | .3 |
| Methadone - Nonmedical | 1 | .4 | Other Opiates | 2 | .7 |
| Methadone - Medical | 1 | .4 | Cocaine | 7 | 2.3 |
| Other Opiates | 7 | 2.7 | Ecstasy | 59 | 19.5 |
| Cocaine | 7 | 2.7 | Amphetamines | 15 | 5.0 |
| Ecstasy | 49 | 18.9 | Other Stimulants | 2 | .7 |
| Amphetamines | 8 | 3.1 | Benzodiazepines | 11 | 3.6 |
| Benzodiazepines | 17 | 6.6 | Other Hypnotics & Sedatives | 4 | 1.3 |
| Other Hypnotics & Sedatives | 6 | 2.3 | LSD | 13 | 4.3 |
| LSD | 8 | 3.1 | Other Hallucinogens | 7 | 2.3 |
| Other Hallucinogens | 4 | 1.5 | Volatile Inhalants | 1 | .3 |
| Cannabis | 65 | 25.1 | Cannabis | 75 | 24.8 |
| Other Drugs | 2 | .8 | Other Drugs | 1 | .3 |
| Alcohol | 58 | 22.4 | Alcohol | 77 | 25.4 |
| Total | 259 | 100.0 | Total | 303 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 1 | | | | |
| Total | 260 | | | | |

TABLE 16
Second Drug – Route of Administration. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|----------------|-----|---------|----------------|-----|---------|
| No Second Drug | 22 | 8.6 | No Second Drug | 27 | 9.2 |
| Inject | 5 | 2.0 | Smoke | 74 | 25.3 |
| Smoke | 68 | 26.6 | Eat/Drink | 180 | 61.4 |
| Eat/Drink | 153 | 59.8 | Sniff | 12 | 4.1 |
| Sniff | 8 | 3.1 | Total | 293 | 100.0 |
| Total | 256 | 100.0 | Not Known | 10 | |
| Not Known | 4 | | Total | 303 | |
| Total | 260 | | | | |

All Contacts

PROBLEM DRUG USE

| 1997 | 1998 |
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TABLE 17
Third Drug of Misuse. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|-----------------------------|------------|---------|-----------------------------|------------|--------------|
| No Third Drug | 116 | 44.8 | No Third Drug | 85 | 28.1 |
| Methadone - Nonmedical | 1 | .4 | Heroin | 4 | 1.3 |
| Other Opiates | 4 | 1.5 | Other Opiates | 2 | .7 |
| Cocaine | 7 | 2.7 | Cocaine | 5 | 1.7 |
| Ecstasy | 18 | 6.9 | Ecstasy | 36 | 11.9 |
| Amphetamines | 22 | 8.5 | Amphetamines | 22 | 7.3 |
| Benzodiazepines | 7 | 2.7 | Other Stimulants | 2 | .7 |
| Other Hypnotics & Sedatives | 5 | 1.9 | Benzodiazepines | 14 | 4.6 |
| LSD | 3 | 1.2 | Other Hypnotics & Sedatives | 10 | 3.3 |
| Other Hallucinogens | 2 | .8 | LSD | 7 | 2.3 |
| Cannabis | 27 | 10.4 | Other Hallucinogens | 6 | 2.0 |
| Alcohol | 47 | 18.1 | Volatile Inhalants | 3 | 1.0 |
| Total | 259 | 100.0 | Cannabis | 41 | 13.5 |
| Not Known | 1 | | Alcohol | 66 | 21.8 |
| Total | 260 | | Total | 303 | 100.0 |

TABLE 18
Third Drug - Route of Administration. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|---------------|------------|---------|---------------|------------|---------|
| No Third Drug | 116 | 45.8 | No Third Drug | 85 | 29.2 |
| Smoke | 27 | 10.7 | Inject | 2 | .7 |
| Eat/Drink | 91 | 36.0 | Smoke | 43 | 14.8 |
| Sniff | 19 | 7.5 | Eat/Drink | 139 | 47.8 |
| Total | 253 | 100.0 | Sniff | 22 | 7.6 |
| Not Known | 7 | | Total | 291 | 100.0 |
| Total | 260 | | Not Known | 12 | |
| | | | Total | 303 | |

TABLE 19
Age First Used Any Drug (excl Alcohol). Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|--------------------|------------|---------|--------------------|------------|---------|
| Less than 15 Years | 116 | 46.2 | Less than 15 Years | 121 | 42.8 |
| 15 to 19 Years | 110 | 43.8 | 15 to 19 Years | 135 | 47.7 |
| 20 to 24 Years | 7 | 2.8 | 20 to 24 Years | 12 | 4.2 |
| 25 to 29 Years | 9 | 3.6 | 25 to 29 Years | 7 | 2.5 |
| 30 to 34 Years | 3 | 1.2 | 30 to 34 Years | 3 | 1.1 |
| 35 Years & Over | 6 | 2.4 | 35 Years & Over | 5 | 1.8 |
| Total | 251 | 100.0 | Total | 283 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 9 | | Not Known | 20 | |
| Total | 260 | | Total | 303 | |

All Contacts

RISK BEHAVIOURS

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| 1997 | 1998 |
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TABLE 20
Currently Injecting (in Past Month). Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|--------------|------------|---------|--------------|------------|---------|
| Yes | 9 | 3.5 | Yes | 8 | 2.8 |
| No | 249 | 96.5 | No | 281 | 97.2 |
| Total | 258 | 100.0 | Total | 289 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 2 | | Not Known | 14 | |
| Total | 260 | | Total | 303 | |

TABLE 21
Currently Sharing Injecting Equipment (in Past Month). Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|---------------|------------|---------|---------------|------------|---------|
| Yes | 1 | .4 | Yes | 1 | .3 |
| No | 3 | 1.2 | No | 4 | 1.4 |
| Not Injecting | 249 | 98.4 | Not Injecting | 281 | 98.3 |
| Total | 253 | 100.0 | Total | 286 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 7 | | Not Known | 17 | |
| Total | 260 | | Total | 303 | |

TABLE 22
Ever Injected. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|--------------|------------|---------|--------------|------------|---------|
| Yes | 31 | 12.0 | Yes | 25 | 8.7 |
| No | 228 | 88.0 | No | 261 | 91.3 |
| Total | 259 | 100.0 | Total | 286 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 1 | | Not Known | 17 | |
| Total | 260 | | Total | 303 | |

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| 1997 | 1998 |
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TABLE 23
Age First Injected. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|----------------|------------|---------|--------------------|------------|---------|
| 15 to 19 Years | 14 | 5.6 | Less than 15 Years | 1 | .4 |
| 20 to 24 Years | 4 | 1.6 | 15 to 19 Years | 8 | 2.9 |
| 25 to 29 Years | 3 | 1.2 | 20 to 24 Years | 4 | 1.4 |
| 30 to 34 Years | 2 | .8 | 25 to 29 Years | 1 | .4 |
| Never Injected | 228 | 90.8 | 35 Years & Over | 2 | .7 |
| Total | 251 | 100.0 | Never Injected | 261 | 94.2 |
| Not Known | 9 | | Total | 277 | 100.0 |
| Total | 260 | | Not Known | 26 | |
| | | | Total | 303 | |

TABLE 24
Ever Shared Injecting Equipment. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|----------------|------------|---------|----------------|------------|---------|
| Yes | 10 | 4.1 | Yes | 7 | 2.6 |
| No | 3 | 1.2 | No | 3 | 1.1 |
| Never Injected | 228 | 94.6 | Never Injected | 261 | 96.3 |
| Total | 241 | 100.0 | Total | 271 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 19 | | Not Known | 32 | |
| Total | 260 | | Total | 303 | |

All Contacts

TREATMENT CONTACT DETAILS

| 1997 | 1998 |
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TABLE 25
Health Board Area – Number of Contacts Treated and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|-----------------|-----|---------|-----------------|-----|---------|
| Treated in EHB | 6 | 2.3 | Treated in EHB | 5 | 1.7 |
| Treated in SHB | 218 | 83.8 | Treated in SHB | 252 | 83.2 |
| Treated in MWHB | 30 | 11.5 | Treated in MWHB | 45 | 14.9 |
| Treated in SEHB | 6 | 2.3 | Treated in SEHB | 1 | .3 |
| Total | 260 | 100.0 | Total | 303 | 100.0 |

TABLE 26
Health Board Area – Number of Contacts Resident and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|-----------------|-----|---------|-----------------|-----|---------|
| Resident in SHB | 260 | 100.0 | Resident in SHB | 303 | 100.0 |

TABLE 27
Number of Contacts in Different Types of Centre and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|-----------------------------|-----|---------|-----------------------------|-----|---------|
| Specialised Residential | 72 | 27.7 | Specialised Residential | 97 | 32.0 |
| Specialised Non-residential | 180 | 69.2 | Specialised Non-residential | 191 | 63.0 |
| General Services | 8 | 3.1 | General Services | 15 | 5.0 |
| Total | 260 | 100.0 | Total | 303 | 100.0 |

All Contacts

TREATMENT CONTACT DETAILS

| 1997 | 1998 |
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TABLE 28
Type of Contact with Centre – New/Old Contacts. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|------------|-----|---------|--------------|------------|---------|
| New Client | 186 | 71.5 | New Client | 215 | 71.4 |
| Old Client | 74 | 28.5 | Old Client | 86 | 28.6 |
| Total | 260 | 100.0 | Total | 301 | 100.0 |
| | | | Not Known | 2 | |
| | | | Total | 303 | |

TABLE 29
Ever Previously Treated for Drug Misuse – Contacts Never/Previously Treated. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|--------------------|------------|---------|--------------------|------------|---------|
| Never Treated | 133 | 53.0 | Never Treated | 184 | 63.4 |
| Previously Treated | 118 | 47.0 | Previously Treated | 106 | 36.6 |
| Total | 251 | 100.0 | Total | 290 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 9 | | Not Known | 13 | |
| Total | 260 | | Total | 303 | |

TABLE 30
Currently in Treatment Elsewhere. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|--------------|------------|---------|--------------|------------|---------|
| Yes | 6 | 2.4 | Yes | 8 | 2.7 |
| No | 246 | 97.6 | No | 292 | 97.3 |
| Total | 252 | 100.0 | Total | 300 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 8 | | Not Known | 3 | |
| Total | 260 | | Total | 303 | |

TABLE 31
Source of Referral. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|-------------------------------|-----|---------|-------------------------------|------------|---------|
| Self | 61 | 23.5 | Self | 63 | 20.9 |
| Family/Friends | 77 | 29.6 | Family/Friends | 68 | 22.5 |
| Other Drug Treatment Centre | 9 | 3.5 | Other Drug Treatment Centre | 7 | 2.3 |
| General Practitioner | 39 | 15.0 | General Practitioner | 50 | 16.6 |
| Hospital/Other Medical Agency | 19 | 7.3 | Hospital/Other Medical Agency | 27 | 8.9 |
| Social Services | 6 | 2.3 | Social Services | 12 | 4.0 |
| Court/Probation/Police | 36 | 13.8 | Court/ Probation/Police | 59 | 19.5 |
| Other | 13 | 5.0 | Other | 16 | 5.3 |
| Total | 260 | 100.0 | Total | 302 | 100.0 |
| | | | Not Known | 1 | |
| | | | Total | 303 | |

National Drug Treatment Reporting System

Contacts Resident in the Southern Health Board

**Contacts who Presented for the First
Time for Treatment for Problem Drug
Use during 1997-1998**

Numbers and Valid Percentages

SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

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| 1997 | 1998 |
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TABLE 32
Gender. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|--------------|------------|---------|--------------|------------|---------|
| Male | 84 | 64.1 | Male | 137 | 75.3 |
| Female | 47 | 35.9 | Female | 45 | 24.7 |
| Total | 131 | 100.0 | Total | 182 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 2 | | Not Known | 2 | |
| Total | 133 | | Total | 184 | |

TABLE 33
Age Category. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|-----------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|
| Under 15 Years | 3 | 2.3 | Under 15 Years | 7 | 3.8 |
| 15 to 19 Years | 55 | 41.4 | 15 to 19 Years | 70 | 38.0 |
| 20 to 24 Years | 37 | 27.8 | 20 to 24 Years | 49 | 26.6 |
| 25 to 29 Years | 13 | 9.8 | 25 to 29 Years | 22 | 12.0 |
| 30 to 34 Years | 4 | 3.0 | 30 to 34 Years | 15 | 8.2 |
| 35 to 39 Years | 12 | 9.0 | 35 to 39 Years | 10 | 5.4 |
| 40 Years & Over | 9 | 6.8 | 40 Years & Over | 11 | 6.0 |
| Total | 133 | 100.0 | Total | 184 | 100.0 |

SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

| 1997 | 1998 |
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|------|------|

TABLE 34
Education – Highest Level Reached. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|--------------------|------------|---------|--------------------|------------|---------|
| Primary Level | 8 | 6.6 | Primary Level | 8 | 4.7 |
| Secondary Level | 70 | 57.9 | Secondary Level | 127 | 73.8 |
| Third Level | 21 | 17.4 | Third Level | 11 | 6.4 |
| Still in Education | 22 | 18.2 | Still in Education | 26 | 15.1 |
| Total | 121 | 100.0 | Total | 172 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 12 | | Not Known | 12 | |
| Total | 133 | | Total | 184 | |

TABLE 35
Age Left School. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|-----------------|------------|---------|-----------------|------------|---------|
| Under 15 Years | 6 | 7.5 | Under 15 Years | 17 | 11.3 |
| 15 Years | 13 | 16.3 | 15 Years | 33 | 22.0 |
| 16 Years | 13 | 16.3 | 16 Years | 33 | 22.0 |
| 17 Years | 14 | 17.5 | 17 Years | 25 | 16.7 |
| 18 Years & Over | 13 | 16.3 | 18 Years & Over | 26 | 17.3 |
| Still at School | 21 | 26.3 | Still at School | 16 | 10.7 |
| Total | 80 | 100.0 | Total | 150 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 53 | | Not Known | 34 | |
| Total | 133 | | Total | 184 | |

TABLE 36
Employment Status. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|----------------------------|------------|---------|----------------------------|------------|---------|
| Regular/Gainful Employment | 29 | 22.5 | Regular/Gainful Employment | 60 | 33.1 |
| Unemployed | 59 | 45.7 | Unemployed | 86 | 47.5 |
| Student | 33 | 25.6 | FAS/ Training Course | 9 | 5.0 |
| Housewife/Househusband | 2 | 1.6 | Student | 25 | 13.8 |
| Other | 6 | 4.7 | Housewife/Househusband | 1 | .6 |
| Total | 129 | 100.0 | Total | 181 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 4 | | Not known | 3 | |
| Total | 133 | | Total | 184 | |

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TABLE 37
Living Status. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|--------------------|-----|---------|---------------------|-----|---------|
| Alone | 11 | 8.3 | Alone | 29 | 15.9 |
| Parents/Family | 79 | 59.4 | Parents/Family | 120 | 65.9 |
| Friends | 19 | 14.3 | Friends | 6 | 3.3 |
| Partner | 15 | 11.3 | Partner | 16 | 8.8 |
| Institution | 1 | .8 | Institution | 4 | 2.2 |
| Temporary/Homeless | 5 | 3.8 | Temporary/Homeless | 4 | 2.2 |
| Other | 3 | 2.3 | Alone with Children | 1 | .5 |
| Total | 133 | 100.0 | Other | 2 | 1.1 |
| | | | Total | 182 | 100.0 |
| | | | Not Known | 2 | |
| | | | Total | 184 | |

TABLE 38
Living with Drug Misuser(s). Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|-----------|-----|---------|-----------|-----|---------|
| Yes | 22 | 18.8 | Yes | 14 | 8.0 |
| No | 95 | 81.2 | No | 160 | 92.0 |
| Total | 117 | 100.0 | Total | 174 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 16 | | Not Known | 10 | |
| Total | 133 | | Total | 184 | |

TABLE 39
Nationality. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|---------------|-----|---------|---------------|-----|---------|
| Ireland | 129 | 97.0 | Ireland | 173 | 95.1 |
| Great Britain | 4 | 3.0 | Great Britain | 6 | 3.3 |
| Total | 133 | 100.0 | EU | 2 | 1.1 |
| | | | Non EU | 1 | .5 |
| | | | Total | 182 | 100.0 |
| | | | Not Known | 2 | |
| | | | Total | 184 | |

TABLE 40
Area of Residence. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|-------|-----|---------|--------------------------|-----|---------|
| Cork | 128 | 96.2 | Cork | 162 | 88.0 |
| Kerry | 5 | 3.8 | Kerry | 5 | 2.7 |
| Total | 133 | 100.0 | SHB (area not specified) | 17 | 9.2 |
| | | | Total | 184 | 100.0 |

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TABLE 41
Main Drug of Misuse. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|--------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Heroin | 5 | 3.8 | Heroin | 8 | 4.3 |
| Morphine Sulphate Tablets | 1 | .8 | Morphine Sulphate Tablets | 2 | 1.1 |
| Methadone - Nonmedical | 1 | .8 | Methadone - Nonmedical | 1 | .5 |
| Other Opiates | 4 | 3.0 | Other Opiates | 6 | 3.3 |
| Cocaine | 2 | 1.5 | Cocaine | 3 | 1.6 |
| Ecstasy | 58 | 43.6 | Ecstasy | 55 | 29.9 |
| Amphetamines | 2 | 1.5 | Amphetamines | 2 | 1.1 |
| Other Stimulants | 1 | .8 | Benzodiazepines | 9 | 4.9 |
| Benzodiazepines | 4 | 3.0 | Other Hypnotics & Sedatives | 5 | 2.7 |
| Other Hypnotics & Sedatives | 3 | 2.3 | Volatile Inhalants | 5 | 2.7 |
| LSD | 1 | .8 | Cannabis | 86 | 46.7 |
| Volatile Inhalants | 2 | 1.5 | Other Drugs | 2 | 1.1 |
| Cannabis | 49 | 36.8 | Total | 184 | 100.0 |
| Total | 133 | 100.0 | | | |

TABLE 42
Main Drug – Route of Administration. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|--------------|------------|---------|--------------|------------|---------|
| Inject | 6 | 4.5 | Inject | 7 | 3.8 |
| Smoke | 50 | 37.9 | Smoke | 86 | 47.3 |
| Eat/Drink | 72 | 54.5 | Eat/Drink | 79 | 43.4 |
| Sniff | 4 | 3.0 | Sniff | 10 | 5.5 |
| Total | 132 | 100.0 | Total | 182 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 1 | | Not known | 2 | |
| Total | 133 | | Total | 184 | |

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TABLE 43
Main Drug – Frequency of Use Past Month. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|-------------------|------------|---------|---------------------|------------|---------|
| Once a Week | 10 | 7.7 | Once a Week or Less | 12 | 7.1 |
| 2-6 Days a Week | 69 | 53.1 | 2-6 Days a Week | 68 | 40.2 |
| Daily | 44 | 33.8 | Daily | 64 | 37.9 |
| No Use Past Month | 7 | 5.4 | No Use Past Month | 25 | 14.8 |
| Total | 130 | 100.0 | Total | 169 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 3 | | Not Known | 15 | |
| Total | 133 | | Total | 184 | |

TABLE 44
Age First Used Main Drug. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|-----------------|------------|---------|-----------------|------------|---------|
| Under 15 years | 23 | 17.7 | Under 15 years | 47 | 27.2 |
| 15 to 19 Years | 80 | 61.5 | 15 to 19 Years | 91 | 52.6 |
| 20 to 24 Years | 11 | 8.5 | 20 to 24 Years | 17 | 9.8 |
| 25 Years & Over | 16 | 12.3 | 25 Years & Over | 18 | 10.4 |
| Total | 130 | 100.0 | Total | 173 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 3 | | Not Known | 11 | |
| Total | 133 | | Total | 184 | |

TABLE 45
Main Drug – Duration of Regular Use. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|-----------------|------------|---------|-----------------|------------|---------|
| One Year & Less | 35 | 27.3 | One Year & Less | 35 | 21.5 |
| 2 to 3 Years | 48 | 37.5 | 2 to 3 Years | 57 | 35.0 |
| 4 to 5 Years | 21 | 16.4 | 4 to 5 Years | 28 | 17.2 |
| 6 to 9 Years | 11 | 8.6 | 6 to 9 Years | 17 | 10.4 |
| 10 Years & Over | 13 | 10.2 | 10 Years & Over | 26 | 16.0 |
| Total | 128 | 100.0 | Total | 163 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 5 | | Not Known | 21 | |
| Total | 133 | | Total | 184 | |

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TABLE 46
Second Drug of Misuse. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|-----------------------------|------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----|---------|
| No Second Drug | 12 | 9.1 | No Second Drug | 20 | 10.9 |
| Methadone - Nonmedical | 1 | .8 | Methadone - Medical | 1 | .5 |
| Other Opiates | 2 | 1.5 | Other Opiates | 1 | .5 |
| Cocaine | 3 | 2.3 | Cocaine | 5 | 2.7 |
| Ecstasy | 26 | 19.7 | Ecstasy | 32 | 17.4 |
| Amphetamines | 1 | .8 | Amphetamines | 10 | 5.4 |
| Benzodiazepines | 4 | 3.0 | Other Stimulants | 1 | .5 |
| Other Hypnotics & Sedatives | 2 | 1.5 | Benzodiazepines | 3 | 1.6 |
| LSD | 5 | 3.8 | Other Hypnotics & Sedatives | 2 | 1.1 |
| Other Hallucinogens | 2 | 1.5 | LSD | 5 | 2.7 |
| Cannabis | 38 | 28.8 | Other Hallucinogens | 5 | 2.7 |
| Other Drugs | 1 | .8 | Volatile Inhalants | 1 | .5 |
| Alcohol | 35 | 26.5 | Cannabis | 42 | 22.8 |
| Total | 132 | 100.0 | Alcohol | 56 | 30.4 |
| Not Known | 1 | | Total | 184 | 100.0 |
| Total | 133 | | | | |

TABLE 47
Second Drug – Route of Administration. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|----------------|------------|---------|----------------|------------|---------|
| No Second Drug | 12 | 9.2 | No Second Drug | 20 | 11.0 |
| Smoke | 39 | 29.8 | Smoke | 41 | 22.5 |
| Eat/Drink | 79 | 60.3 | Eat/Drink | 112 | 61.5 |
| Sniff | 1 | .8 | Sniff | 9 | 4.9 |
| Total | 131 | 100.0 | Total | 182 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 2 | | Not Known | 2 | |
| Total | 133 | | Total | 184 | |

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TABLE 48
Third Drug of Misuse. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|-----------------------------|------------|---------|-----------------------------|------------|--------------|
| No Third Drug | 59 | 44.7 | No Third Drug | 58 | 31.5 |
| Methadone - Nonmedical | 1 | .8 | Heroin | 2 | 1.1 |
| Other Opiates | 2 | 1.5 | Other Opiates | 1 | .5 |
| Cocaine | 2 | 1.5 | Cocaine | 3 | 1.6 |
| Ecstasy | 7 | 5.3 | Ecstasy | 27 | 14.7 |
| Amphetamines | 14 | 10.6 | Amphetamines | 10 | 5.4 |
| Benzodiazepines | 2 | 1.5 | Other Stimulants | 1 | .5 |
| Other Hypnotics & Sedatives | 4 | 3.0 | Benzodiazepines | 7 | 3.8 |
| LSD | 2 | 1.5 | Other Hypnotics & Sedatives | 6 | 3.3 |
| Other Hallucinogens | 2 | 1.5 | LSD | 6 | 3.3 |
| Cannabis | 11 | 8.3 | Other Hallucinogens | 4 | 2.2 |
| Alcohol | 26 | 19.7 | Volatile Inhalants | 1 | .5 |
| Total | 132 | 100.0 | Cannabis | 20 | 10.9 |
| Not Known | 1 | | Alcohol | 38 | 20.7 |
| Total | 133 | | Total | 184 | 100.0 |

TABLE 49
Third Drug - Route of Administration. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|---------------|------------|---------|---------------|------------|---------|
| No Third Drug | 59 | 45.7 | No Third Drug | 58 | 32.2 |
| Smoke | 13 | 10.1 | Inject | 1 | .6 |
| Eat/Drink | 44 | 34.1 | Smoke | 21 | 11.7 |
| Sniff | 13 | 10.1 | Eat/Drink | 88 | 48.9 |
| Total | 129 | 100.0 | Sniff | 12 | 6.7 |
| Not Known | 4 | | Total | 180 | 100.0 |
| Total | 133 | | Not Known | 4 | |
| | | | Total | 184 | |

TABLE 50
Age First Used Any Drug (excl Alcohol). Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|--------------------|------------|---------|--------------------|------------|---------|
| Less than 15 Years | 58 | 44.6 | Less than 15 Years | 71 | 40.8 |
| 15 to 19 Years | 59 | 45.4 | 15 to 19 Years | 87 | 50.0 |
| 20 to 24 Years | 3 | 2.3 | 20 to 24 Years | 6 | 3.4 |
| 25 to 29 Years | 5 | 3.8 | 25 to 29 Years | 5 | 2.9 |
| 30 to 34 Years | 1 | .8 | 30 to 34 Years | 2 | 1.1 |
| 35 Years & Over | 4 | 3.1 | 35 Years & Over | 3 | 1.7 |
| Total | 130 | 100.0 | Total | 174 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 3 | | Not Known | 10 | |
| Total | 133 | | Total | 184 | |

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TABLE 51
Currently Injecting (in Past Month). Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|--------------|------------|---------|--------------|------------|---------|
| Yes | 1 | .8 | Yes | 3 | 1.7 |
| No | 130 | 99.2 | No | 174 | 98.3 |
| Total | 131 | 100.0 | Total | 177 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 2 | | Not Known | 7 | |
| Total | 133 | | Total | 184 | |

TABLE 52
Currently Sharing Injecting Equipment (in Past Month). Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|---------------|------------|---------|---------------|------------|---------|
| No | 1 | .8 | No | 2 | 1.1 |
| Not Injecting | 130 | 99.2 | Not Injecting | 174 | 98.9 |
| Total | 131 | 100.0 | Total | 176 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 2 | | Not Known | 8 | |
| Total | 133 | | Total | 184 | |

TABLE 53
Ever Injected. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|--------------|------------|---------|--------------|------------|---------|
| Yes | 8 | 6.1 | Yes | 13 | 7.3 |
| No | 124 | 93.9 | No | 165 | 92.7 |
| Total | 132 | 100.0 | Total | 178 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 1 | | Not Known | 6 | |
| Total | 133 | | Total | 184 | |

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TABLE 54
Age First Injected. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|----------------|------------|---------|--------------------|------------|---------|
| 15 to 19 Years | 2 | 1.5 | Less than 15 Years | 1 | .6 |
| 20 to 24 Years | 1 | .8 | 15 to 19 Years | 6 | 3.4 |
| 25 to 29 Years | 2 | 1.5 | 25 to 29 Years | 1 | .6 |
| 30 to 34 Years | 2 | 1.5 | 35 Years & Over | 1 | .6 |
| Never Injected | 124 | 94.7 | Never Injected | 165 | 94.8 |
| Total | 131 | 100.0 | Total | 174 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 2 | | Not Known | 10 | |
| Total | 133 | | Total | 184 | |

TABLE 55
Ever Shared Injecting Equipment. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|----------------|------------|---------|----------------|------------|---------|
| Yes | 3 | 2.3 | Yes | 3 | 1.8 |
| No | 2 | 1.6 | No | 2 | 1.2 |
| Never Injected | 124 | 96.1 | Never Injected | 165 | 97.1 |
| Total | 129 | 100.0 | Total | 170 | 100.0 |
| Not Known | 4 | | Not Known | 14 | |
| Total | 133 | | Total | 184 | |

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TREATMENT CONTACT DETAILS

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TABLE 56
Health Board Area – Number of Contacts Treated and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|-----------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|
| Treated in SHB | 122 | 91.7 | Treated in EHB | 1 | .5 |
| Treated in MWHB | 5 | 3.8 | Treated in SHB | 165 | 89.7 |
| Treated in SEHB | 6 | 4.5 | Treated in MWHB | 17 | 9.2 |
| Total | 133 | 100.0 | Treated in SEHB | 1 | .5 |
| | | | Total | 184 | 100.0 |

TABLE 57
Health Board Area – Number of Contacts Resident and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|-----------------|-----|---------|-----------------|-----|---------|
| Resident in SHB | 133 | 100.0 | Resident in SHB | 184 | 100.0 |

TABLE 58
Number of Contacts in Different Types of Centre and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|-----------------------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Specialised Residential | 28 | 21.1 | Specialised Residential | 54 | 29.3 |
| Specialised Non-residential | 101 | 75.9 | Specialised Non-residential | 124 | 67.4 |
| General Services | 4 | 3.0 | General Services | 6 | 3.3 |
| Total | 133 | 100.0 | Total | 184 | 100.0 |

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TABLE 59
Type of Contact with Centre – New/Old Contacts. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|------------|-----|---------|------------|-----|---------|
| New Client | 133 | 100.0 | New Client | 184 | 100.0 |

TABLE 60
Ever Previously Treated for Drug Misuse – Contacts Never/Previously Treated. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|---------------|-----|---------|---------------|-----|---------|
| Never Treated | 133 | 100.0 | Never Treated | 184 | 100.0 |

TABLE 61
Currently in Treatment Elsewhere. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|----|-----|---------|----|-----|---------|
| No | 133 | 100.0 | No | 184 | 100.0 |

TABLE 62
Source of Referral. Number and Valid %

| | n | Valid % | | n | Valid % |
|-------------------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Self | 27 | 20.3 | Self | 37 | 20.1 |
| Family/Friends | 50 | 37.6 | Family/Friends | 45 | 24.5 |
| Other Drug Treatment Centre | 2 | 1.5 | General Practitioner | 32 | 17.4 |
| General Practitioner | 17 | 12.8 | Hospital/Other Medical Agency | 15 | 8.2 |
| Hospital/Other Medical Agency | 9 | 6.8 | Social Services | 5 | 2.7 |
| Social Services | 2 | 1.5 | Court/ Probation/Police | 40 | 21.7 |
| Court/Probation/Police | 16 | 12.0 | Other | 10 | 5.4 |
| Other | 10 | 7.5 | Total | 184 | 100.0 |
| Total | 133 | 100.0 | | | |

READER'S NOTES

