



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

**NATIONAL DRUG TREATMENT REPORTING SYSTEM**

**STATISTICAL BULLETIN**

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**National Drug Treatment Reporting System**

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

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**TABLE 1**  
**Gender. Number and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Male	3322	69.3	Male	4165	70.2
Female	1470	30.7	Female	1772	29.8
Total	4792	100.0	Total	5937	100.0
Not Known	118		Not Known	106	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4910</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>6043</b>	

**TABLE 2**  
**Age Category. Number and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Under 15 Years	36	.7	Under 15 Years	39	.6
15 to 19 Years	1269	26.0	15 to 19 Years	1327	22.0
20 to 24 Years	1650	33.8	20 to 24 Years	2138	35.5
25 to 29 Years	943	19.3	25 to 29 Years	1277	21.2
30 to 34 Years	584	12.0	30 to 34 Years	699	11.6
35 to 39 Years	264	5.4	35 to 39 Years	341	5.7
40 Years & Over	140	2.9	40 Years & Over	201	3.3
Total	4886	100.0	Total	6022	100.0
Not Known	24		Not Known	21	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4910</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>6043</b>	

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TABLE 3  
**Education – Highest Level Reached. Number and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Primary Level	502	11.3	Primary Level	527	10.1
Secondary Level	3637	81.7	Secondary Level	4392	83.8
Third Level	105	2.4	Third Level	133	2.5
No Education	7	.2	No Education	3	.1
Still in Education	202	4.5	Still in Education	185	3.5
Total	4453	100.0	Total	5240	100.0
Not Known	457		Not Known	803	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4910</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>6043</b>	

TABLE 4  
**Age Left School. Number and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Never Went to School	7	.2	Never Went to School	3	.1
Under 15 Years	1131	26.9	Under 15 Years	1336	26.8
15 Years	1149	27.3	15 Years	1428	28.6
16 Years	944	22.4	16 Years	1152	23.1
17 Years	505	12.0	17 Years	571	11.4
18 Years & Over	283	6.7	18 Years & Over	353	7.1
Still at School	192	4.6	Still at School	150	3.0
Total	4211	100.0	Total	4993	100.0
Not Known	699		Not Known	1050	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4910</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>6043</b>	

TABLE 5  
**Employment Status. Number and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Regular/Gainful Employment	691	14.5	Regular/Gainful Employment	1139	19.7
Unemployed	3703	77.8	Unemployed	4129	71.5
FAS/Training Course	60	1.3	FAS/ Training Course	173	3.0
Student	218	4.6	Student	193	3.3
Housewife/Househusb and	22	.5	Housewife/Househusb and	78	1.4
Retired/Unable to Wor	6	.1	Retired/ Unable to Wor	19	.3
Other	59	1.2	Other	46	.8
Total	4759	100.0	Total	5777	100.0
Not Known	151		Not known	266	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4910</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>6043</b>	

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TABLE 6  
**Living Status. Number and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Alone	255	5.5	Alone	341	5.9
Parents/Family	3052	65.4	Parents/Family	3817	65.7
Friends	131	2.8	Friends	157	2.7
Partner	866	18.6	Partner	962	16.6
Institution	44	.9	Institution	69	1.2
Temporary/Homeless	139	3.0	Temporary/Homeless	236	4.1
Lone Parent	51	1.1	Alone with Children	164	2.8
Other	126	2.7	Other	66	1.1
Total	4664	100.0	Total	5812	100.0
Not Known	246		Not Known	231	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4910</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>6043</b>	

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

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Yes	1156	26.8	Yes	1441	26.3
No	3163	73.2	No	4045	73.7
Total	4319	100.0	Total	5486	100.0
Not Known	591		Not Known	557	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4910</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>6043</b>	

TABLE 8  
**Nationality. Number and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Australia	1	.0	Australia	3	.1
Switzerland	1	.0	Belgium	1	.0
France	3	.1	Bahrain	1	.0
Great Britain	36	.7	Canada	1	.0
Italy	2	.0	Cyprus	1	.0
Ireland	4827	99.0	Germany	1	.0
Netherlands	1	.0	Spain	1	.0
Sweden	1	.0	France	1	.0
Somalia	1	.0	Great Britain	74	1.3
United States of America	2	.0	Italy	2	.0
Total	4875	100.0	Ireland	5814	98.4
Not Known	35		Netherlands	1	.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4910</b>		Former USSR	3	.1
			United Arab Emirates	1	.0
			United States of Americ.	5	.1
			South Africa	1	.0
			Total	5911	100.0
			Not Known	132	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>6043</b>	

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TABLE 9  
Area of Residence (Electoral Areas). Number and Valid %

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Artane Borough Electoral Area	142	3.1	Artane Borough Electoral Area	200	3.5
Ballyfermot Borough Electoral Area	389	8.5	Ballyfermot Borough Electoral Area	352	6.2
Cabra Borough Electoral Area	100	2.2	Cabra Borough Electoral Area	106	1.9
Clontarf Borough Electoral Area	52	1.1	Clontarf Borough Electoral Area	74	1.3
Crumlin Borough Electoral Area	142	3.1	Crumlin Borough Electoral Area	192	3.4
Donaghmede Borough Electoral Area	83	1.8	Donaghmede Borough Electoral Area	130	2.3
Drumcondra Borough Electoral Area	251	5.5	Drumcondra Borough Electoral Area	450	8.0
Finglas Borough Electoral Area	137	3.0	Finglas Borough Electoral Area	175	3.1
North Inner City Borough Electoral Area	683	14.9	North Inner City Borough Electoral Area	687	12.1
Pembroke Borough Electoral Area	47	1.0	Pembroke Borough Electoral Area	81	1.4
Rathmines Borough Electoral Area	110	2.4	Rathmines Borough Electoral Area	135	2.4
South Inner City Borough Electoral Area	504	11.0	South Inner City Borough Electoral Area	600	10.6
Clondalkin County Electoral Area	257	5.6	Clondalkin County Electoral Area	326	5.8
Greenhills County Electoral Area	88	1.9	Greenhills County Electoral Area	155	2.7
Lucan County Electoral Area	72	1.6	Lucan County Electoral Area	76	1.3
Rathfarnham County Electoral Area	21	.5	Rathfarnham County Electoral Area	22	.4
Tallaght-Oldbawn County Electoral Area	103	2.3	Tallaght-Oldbawn County Electoral Area	152	2.7
Tallaght-Rathcoole County Electoral Area	103	2.3	Tallaght-Rathcoole County Electoral Area	158	2.8
Terenure County Electoral Area	20	.4	Terenure County Electoral Area	31	.5
Ballybrack County Electoral Area	54	1.2	Ballybrack County Electoral Area	41	.7
Blackrock County Electoral Area	24	.5	Blackrock County Electoral Area	23	.4
Clonskeagh County Electoral Area	16	.4	Clonskeagh County Electoral Area	21	.4
Dundrum County Electoral Area	24	.5	Dundrum County Electoral Area	27	.5
Dun Laoghaire County Electoral Area	83	1.8	Dun Laoghaire County Electoral Area	49	.9
Glencullen County Electoral Area	21	.5	Glencullen County Electoral Area	21	.4
Stillorgan County Electoral Area	21	.5	Stillorgan County Electoral Area	9	.2
Balbriggan County Electoral Area	20	.4	Balbriggan County Electoral Area	26	.5
Castleknock County Electoral Area	63	1.4	Castleknock County Electoral Area	94	1.7
Howth County Electoral Area	28	.6	Howth County Electoral Area	41	.7
Malahide County Electoral Area	11	.2	Malahide County Electoral Area	15	.3
Mulhuddart County Electoral Area	38	.8	Mulhuddart County Electoral Area	79	1.4
Swords County Electoral Area	31	.7	Swords County Electoral Area	24	.4
Kildare	35	.8	Kildare	56	1.0
Wicklow	62	1.4	Wicklow	65	1.1
Southern HB	260	5.7	Southern HB	303	5.4
North Western HB	21	.5	North Western HB	48	.8
Midland HB	66	1.4	Midland HB	96	1.7
Western HB	2	.0	Western HB	14	.2
Mid Western HB	102	2.2	Mid Western HB	96	1.7
North Eastern HB	94	2.1	North Eastern HB	128	2.3
South Eastern HB	155	3.4	South Eastern HB	201	3.6
outside Ireland	6	.1	Outside Ireland	10	.2
No Fixed Abode	29	.6	No Fixed Abode	66	1.2
Total	4570	100.0	Total	5655	100.0
Not Known	340		Not Known	388	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4910</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>6043</b>	



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**TABLE 10**  
**Main Drug of Misuse. Number and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Heroin	3422	69.9	Heroin	4297	71.3
Morphine Sulphate Tablets	125	2.6	Morphine Sulphate Tablets	85	1.4
Methadone - Nonmedical	262	5.4	Methadone - Nonmedical	331	5.5
Methadone - Medical	35	.7	Methadone - Medical	62	1.0
Other Opiates	61	1.2	Other Opiates	82	1.4
Cocaine	42	.9	Cocaine	88	1.5
Ecstasy	246	5.0	Ecstasy	196	3.3
Amphetamines	51	1.0	Amphetamines	74	1.2
Other Stimulants	2	.0	Other Stimulants	1	.0
Benzodiazepines	60	1.2	Benzodiazepines	96	1.6
Other Hypnotics & Sedatives	15	.3	Other Hypnotics & Sedatives	16	.3
LSD	26	.5	LSD	14	.2
Volatile Inhalants	27	.6	Other Hallucinogens	2	.0
Cannabis	518	10.6	Volatile Inhalants	35	.6
Other Drugs	2	.0	Cannabis	642	10.6
Total	4894	100.0	Other Drugs	9	.1
Not Known	16		Total	6030	100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4910</b>		Not Known	13	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>6043</b>	

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

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Inject	2376	49.2	Inject	2970	51.0
Smoke	1659	34.4	Smoke	1987	34.1
Eat/Drink	704	14.6	Eat/Drink	757	13.0
Sniff	87	1.8	Sniff	114	2.0
Total	4826	100.0	Total	5828	100.0
Not Known	84		Not known	215	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4910</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>6043</b>	

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**TABLE 12**  
**Main Drug – Frequency of Use Past Month. Number and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Once a Week	260	5.8	Once a Week or Less	368	6.9
2-6 Days a Week	614	13.7	2-6 Days a Week	664	12.4
Daily	2995	66.7	Daily	3368	63.0
No Use Past Month	619	13.8	No Use Past Month	945	17.7
Total	4488	100.0	Total	5345	100.0
Not Known	422		Not Known	698	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4910</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>6043</b>	

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

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Under 15 years	537	11.9	Under 15 years	715	13.3
15 to 19 Years	2634	58.5	15 to 19 Years	3165	58.9
20 to 24 Years	927	20.6	20 to 24 Years	1041	19.4
25 Years & Over	404	9.0	25 Years & Over	457	8.5
Total	4502	100.0	Total	5378	100.0
Not Known	408		Not Known	665	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4910</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>6043</b>	

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

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
One Year & Less	809	18.5	One Year & Less	780	15.6
2 to 3 Years	1484	33.9	2 to 3 Years	1567	31.4
4 to 5 Years	888	20.3	4 to 5 Years	1141	22.8
6 to 9 Years	665	15.2	6 to 9 Years	825	16.5
10 Years & Over	532	12.2	10 Years & Over	684	13.7
Total	4378	100.0	Total	4997	100.0
Not Known	532		Not Known	1046	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4910</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>6043</b>	

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**TABLE 15**  
**Second Drug of Misuse. Number and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
No Second Drug	1156	24.0	No Second Drug	1777	29.4
Heroin	238	4.9	Heroin	254	4.2
Morphine Sulphate Tablets	150	3.1	Morphine Sulphate Tablets	114	1.9
Methadone - Nonmedical	594	12.3	Methadone - Nonmedical	654	10.8
Methadone - Medical	60	1.2	Methadone - Medical	26	.4
Other Opiates	45	.9	Other Opiates	42	.7
Cocaine	195	4.0	Cocaine	291	4.8
Ecstasy	340	7.0	Ecstasy	373	6.2
Amphetamines	113	2.3	Amphetamines	174	2.9
Other Stimulants	3	.1	Other Stimulants	5	.1
Benzodiazepines	947	19.6	Benzodiazepines	1036	17.1
Other Hypnotics & Sedatives	50	1.0	Other Hypnotics & Sedatives	34	.6
LSD	77	1.6	LSD	70	1.2
Other Hallucinogens	9	.2	Other Hallucinogens	8	.1
Volatile Inhalants	12	.2	Volatile Inhalants	6	.1
Cannabis	644	13.3	Cannabis	923	15.3
Other Drugs	21	.4	Other Drugs	35	.6
Alcohol	172	3.6	Alcohol	221	3.7
Total	4826	100.0	Total	6043	100.0
Not Known	84				
<b>Total</b>	<b>4910</b>				

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

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
No Second Drug	1156	25.0	No Second Drug	1777	31.5
Inject	433	9.4	Inject	400	7.1
Smoke	713	15.4	Smoke	1014	18.0
Eat/Drink	2195	47.5	Eat/Drink	2318	41.0
Sniff	126	2.7	Sniff	139	2.5
Total	4623	100.0	Total	5648	100.0
Not Known	287		Not Known	395	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4910</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>6043</b>	

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TABLE 17  
**Third Drug of Misuse. Number and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
No Third Drug	2862	60.1	No Third Drug	3769	62.4
Heroin	34	.7	Heroin	57	.9
Morphine Sulphate Tablets	36	.8	Morphine Sulphate Tablets	26	.4
Methadone - Nonmedical	171	3.6	Methadone - Nonmedical	208	3.4
Methadone - Medical	12	.3	Methadone - Medical	7	.1
Other Opiates	28	.6	Other Opiates	30	.5
Cocaine	99	2.1	Cocaine	151	2.5
Ecstasy	167	3.5	Ecstasy	255	4.2
Amphetamines	114	2.4	Amphetamines	145	2.4
Other Stimulants	2	.0	Other Stimulants	4	.1
Benzodiazepines	526	11.0	Benzodiazepines	556	9.2
Other Hypnotics & Sedatives	31	.7	Other Hypnotics & Sedatives	29	.5
LSD	69	1.4	LSD	69	1.1
Other Hallucinogens	5	.1	Other Hallucinogens	7	.1
Volatile Inhalants	5	.1	Volatile Inhalants	10	.2
Cannabis	437	9.2	Cannabis	503	8.3
Other Drugs	25	.5	Other Drugs	26	.4
Alcohol	142	3.0	Alcohol	191	3.2
Total	4765	100.0	Total	6043	100.0
Not Known	145				
<b>Total</b>	<b>4910</b>				

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

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
No Third Drug	2862	62.1	No Third Drug	3769	65.3
Inject	91	2.0	Inject	99	1.7
Smoke	443	9.6	Smoke	498	8.6
Eat/Drink	1131	24.5	Eat/Drink	1278	22.1
Sniff	81	1.8	Sniff	131	2.3
Total	4608	100.0	Total	5775	100.0
Not Known	302		Not Known	268	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4910</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>6043</b>	

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

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Less than 15 Years	1662	39.4	Less than 15 Years	2160	42.2
15 to 19 Years	2097	49.7	15 to 19 Years	2476	48.4
20 to 24 Years	323	7.7	20 to 24 Years	343	6.7
25 to 29 Years	93	2.2	25 to 29 Years	96	1.9
30 to 34 Years	21	.5	30 to 34 Years	32	.6
35 Years & Over	20	.5	35 Years & Over	12	.2
Total	4216	100.0	Total	5119	100.0
Not Known	694		Not Known	924	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4910</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>6043</b>	

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TABLE 20  
**Currently Injecting (in Past Month). Number and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Yes	1693	37.2	Yes	1976	36.2
No	2853	62.8	No	3482	63.8
Total	4546	100.0	Total	5458	100.0
Not Known	364		Not Known	585	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4910</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>6043</b>	

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

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Yes	471	11.3	Yes	521	10.3
No	857	20.5	No	1052	20.8
Not Injecting	2853	68.2	Not Injecting	3482	68.9
Total	4181	100.0	Total	5055	100.0
Not Known	729		Not Known	988	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4910</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>6043</b>	

TABLE 22  
**Ever Injected. Number and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Yes	2977	62.5	Yes	3737	65.8
No	1788	37.5	No	1944	34.2
Total	4765	100.0	Total	5681	100.0
Not Known	145		Not Known	362	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4910</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>6043</b>	

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TABLE 23  
**Age First Injected. Number and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Less than 15 Years	103	2.4	Less than 15 Years	138	2.7
15 to 19 Years	1427	32.6	15 to 19 Years	1771	34.3
20 to 24 Years	746	17.0	20 to 24 Years	934	18.1
25 to 29 Years	238	5.4	25 to 29 Years	286	5.5
30 to 34 Years	56	1.3	30 to 34 Years	58	1.1
35 Years & Over	18	.4	35 Years & Over	30	.6
Never Injected	1788	40.9	Never Injected	1944	37.7
Total	4376	100.0	Total	5161	100.0
Not Known	534		Not Known	882	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4910</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>6043</b>	

TABLE 24  
**Ever Shared Injecting Equipment. Number and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Yes	1795	41.6	Yes	2206	43.3
No	732	17.0	No	941	18.5
Never Injected	1788	41.4	Never Injected	1944	38.2
Total	4315	100.0	Total	5091	100.0
Not Known	595		Not Known	952	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4910</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>6043</b>	

**TREATMENT CONTACT DETAILS**

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TABLE 25  
**Health Board Area – Number of Contacts Treated and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Treated in EHB	4243	86.4	Treated in EHB	5155	85.3
Treated in SHB	230	4.7	Treated in SHB	263	4.4
Treated in NWHB	17	.3	Treated in NWHB	45	.7
Treated in MHB	61	1.2	Treated in MHB	85	1.4
Treated in MWHB	210	4.3	Treated in WHB	8	.1
Treated in SEHB	149	3.0	Treated in MWHB	200	3.3
Total	4910	100.0	Treated in NEHB	71	1.2
			Treated in SEHB	216	3.6
			Total	6043	100.0

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

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Resident in EHB	4156	85.5	Resident in EHB	5076	85.0
Resident in SHB	260	5.3	Resident in SHB	303	5.1
Resident in NWHB	21	.4	Resident in NWHB	48	.8
Resident in MHB	66	1.4	Resident in MHB	96	1.6
Resident in WHB	2	.0	Resident in WHB	14	.2
Resident in MWHB	102	2.1	Resident in MWHB	96	1.6
Resident in NEHB	94	1.9	Resident in NEHB	128	2.1
Resident in SEHB	155	3.2	Resident in SEHB	201	3.4
Non-National	6	.1	Non-National	10	.2
Total	4862	100.0	Total	5972	100.0
Not Known	48		Not known	71	
Total	4910		Total	6043	

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

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Specialised Residential	1084	22.1	Specialised Residential	1245	20.6
Specialised Non-residential	3728	75.9	Specialised Non-residential	4617	76.4
General Services	98	2.0	General Services	152	2.5
Total	4910	100.0	General Practice	25	.4
			Prison	4	.1
			Total	6043	100.0

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

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
New Client	2948	60.5	New Client	3617	60.2
Old Client	1922	39.5	Old Client	2393	39.8
Total	4870	100.0	Total	6010	100.0
Not Known	40		Not Known	33	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4910</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>6043</b>	

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

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Never Treated	1528	32.4	Never Treated	1625	28.0
Previously Treated	3192	67.6	Previously Treated	4170	72.0
Total	4720	100.0	Total	5795	100.0
Not Known	190		Not Known	248	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4910</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>6043</b>	

**TABLE 30**  
**Currently in Treatment Elsewhere. Number and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Yes	610	13.0	Yes	843	14.7
No	4073	87.0	No	4889	85.3
Total	4683	100.0	Total	5732	100.0
Not Known	227		Not Known	311	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4910</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>6043</b>	

**TABLE 31**  
**Source of Referral. Number and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Self	1716	35.8	Self	1997	34.1
Family/Friends	797	16.6	Family/Friends	906	15.5
Other Drug Treatment Centre	625	13.0	Other Drug Treatment Centre	731	12.5
General Practitioner	495	10.3	General Practitioner	818	14.0
Hospital/Other Medical Agency	201	4.2	Hospital/Other Medical Agency	263	4.5
Social Services	204	4.3	Social Services	153	2.6
Court/Probation/Police	558	11.6	Court/ Probation/Police	518	8.8
Other	199	4.2	Other	472	8.1
Total	4795	100.0	Total	5858	100.0
Not Known	115		Not Known	185	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4910</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>6043</b>	



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**Numbers and Valid Percentages**

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**TABLE 32**  
**Gender. Number and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Male	1073	71.3	Male	1196	74.5
Female	431	28.7	Female	409	25.5
Total	1504	100.0	Total	1605	100.0
Not Known	24		Not Known	20	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1528</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>1625</b>	

**TABLE 33**  
**Age Category. Number and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Under 15 Years	24	1.6	Under 15 Years	26	1.6
15 to 19 Years	583	38.3	15 to 19 Years	590	36.4
20 to 24 Years	555	36.4	20 to 24 Years	587	36.2
25 to 29 Years	215	14.1	25 to 29 Years	257	15.9
30 to 34 Years	81	5.3	30 to 34 Years	89	5.5
35 to 39 Years	41	2.7	35 to 39 Years	42	2.6
40 Years & Over	24	1.6	40 Years & Over	30	1.9
Total	1523	100.0	Total	1621	100.0
Not Known	5		Not Known	4	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1528</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>1625</b>	

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

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Primary Level	117	8.2	Primary Level	122	8.5
Secondary Level	1120	78.9	Secondary Level	1125	78.5
Third Level	53	3.7	Third Level	59	4.1
No Education	4	.3	Still in Education	127	8.9
Still in Education	126	8.9	Total	1433	100.0
Total	1420	100.0	Not Known	192	
Not Known	108		<b>Total</b>	<b>1625</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1528</b>				

**TABLE 35**  
**Age Left School. Number and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Never Went to School	2	.2	Under 15 Years	284	21.3
Under 15 Years	253	19.4	15 Years	321	24.1
15 Years	354	27.1	16 Years	319	23.9
16 Years	288	22.1	17 Years	182	13.6
17 Years	181	13.9	18 Years & Over	123	9.2
18 Years & Over	106	8.1	Still at School	105	7.9
Still at School	121	9.3	Total	1334	100.0
Total	1305	100.0	Not Known	291	
Not Known	223		<b>Total</b>	<b>1625</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1528</b>				

**TABLE 36**  
**Employment Status. Number and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Regular/Gainful Employment	289	19.3	Regular/Gainful Employment	390	24.9
Unemployed	1018	67.9	Unemployed	946	60.4
FAS/Training Course	20	1.3	FAS/ Training Course	72	4.6
Student	139	9.3	Student	128	8.2
Housewife/Househusband	7	.5	Housewife/Househusband	19	1.2
Other	27	1.8	Retired/ Unable to Work	4	.3
Total	1500	100.0	Other	8	.5
Not Known	28		Total	1567	100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1528</b>		Not known	58	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>1625</b>	

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TABLE 37  
**Living Status. Number and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Alone	74	5.0	Alone	97	6.0
Parents/Family	1055	71.4	Parents/Family	1143	71.1
Friends	65	4.4	Friends	55	3.4
Partner	199	13.5	Partner	197	12.3
Institution	10	.7	Institution	21	1.3
Temporary/Homeless	39	2.6	Temporary/Homeless	54	3.4
Lone Parent	9	.6	Alone with Children	25	1.6
Other	27	1.8	Other	15	.9
Total	1478	100.0	Total	1607	100.0
Not Known	50		Not Known	18	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1528</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>1625</b>	

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

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Yes	285	20.6	Yes	255	16.6
No	1100	79.4	No	1278	83.4
Total	1385	100.0	Total	1533	100.0
Not Known	143		Not Known	92	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1528</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>1625</b>	

TABLE 39  
**Nationality. Number and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Great Britain	10	.7	Australia	1	.1
Ireland	1511	99.2	Belgium	1	.1
Sweden	1	.1	Great Britain	28	1.7
Somalia	1	.1	Ireland	1576	97.9
Total	1523	100.0	Netherlands	1	.1
Not Known	5		Former USSR	1	.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1528</b>		United Arab Emirate:	1	.1
			South Africa	1	.1
			Total	1610	100.0
			Not Known	15	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>1625</b>	

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TABLE 40  
**Area of Residence (Electoral Areas). Number and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Artane Borough Electoral Area	40	2.8	Artane Borough Electoral Area	48	3.2
Ballyfermot Borough Electoral Area	97	6.8	Ballyfermot Borough Electoral Area	88	5.9
Cabra Borough Electoral Area	24	1.7	Cabra Borough Electoral Area	18	1.2
Clontarf Borough Electoral Area	18	1.3	Clontarf Borough Electoral Area	28	1.9
Crumlin Borough Electoral Area	32	2.2	Crumlin Borough Electoral Area	40	2.7
Donaghmede Borough Electoral Area	27	1.9	Donaghmede Borough Electoral Area	27	1.8
Drumcondra Borough Electoral Area	74	5.2	Drumcondra Borough Electoral Area	100	6.7
Finglas Borough Electoral Area	35	2.4	Finglas Borough Electoral Area	33	2.2
North Inner City Borough Electoral Area	147	10.3	North Inner City Borough Electoral Area	111	7.4
Pembroke Borough Electoral Area	17	1.2	Pembroke Borough Electoral Area	14	.9
Rathmines Borough Electoral Area	27	1.9	Rathmines Borough Electoral Area	18	1.2
South Inner City Borough Electoral Area	112	7.8	South Inner City Borough Electoral Area	82	5.5
Clondalkin County Electoral Area	82	5.7	Clondalkin County Electoral Area	96	6.4
Greenhills County Electoral Area	24	1.7	Greenhills County Electoral Area	40	2.7
Lucan County Electoral Area	26	1.8	Lucan County Electoral Area	19	1.3
Rathfarnham County Electoral Area	5	.3	Rathfarnham County Electoral Area	6	.4
Tallaght-Oldbawn County Electoral Area	12	.8	Tallaght-Oldbawn County Electoral Area	25	1.7
Tallaght-Rathcoole County Electoral Area	25	1.7	Tallaght-Rathcoole County Electoral Area	34	2.3
Terenure County Electoral Area	12	.8	Terenure County Electoral Area	8	.5
Ballybrack County Electoral Area	10	.7	Ballybrack County Electoral Area	5	.3
Blackrock County Electoral Area	7	.5	Blackrock County Electoral Area	2	.1
Clonskeagh County Electoral Area	3	.2	Clonskeagh County Electoral Area	8	.5
Dundrum County Electoral Area	15	1.0	Dundrum County Electoral Area	7	.5
Dun Laoghaire County Electoral Area	23	1.6	Dun Laoghaire County Electoral Area	4	.3
Glencullen County Electoral Area	12	.8	Glencullen County Electoral Area	8	.5
Stillorgan County Electoral Area	5	.3	Stillorgan County Electoral Area	1	.1
Balbriggan County Electoral Area	5	.3	Balbriggan County Electoral Area	10	.7
Castleknock County Electoral Area	20	1.4	Castleknock County Electoral Area	32	2.1
Howth County Electoral Area	9	.6	Howth County Electoral Area	12	.8
Malahide County Electoral Area	5	.3	Malahide County Electoral Area	7	.5
Mulhuddart County Electoral Area	15	1.0	Mulhuddart County Electoral Area	16	1.1
Swords County Electoral Area	6	.4	Swords County Electoral Area	7	.5
Kildare	28	2.0	Kildare	29	1.9
Wicklow	28	2.0	Wicklow	24	1.6
Southern HB	133	9.3	Southern HB	184	12.3
North Western HB	17	1.2	North Western HB	29	1.9
Midland HB	36	2.5	Midland HB	46	3.1
Western HB	1	.1	Western HB	3	.2
Mid Western HB	57	4.0	Mid Western HB	57	3.8
North Eastern HB	53	3.7	North Eastern HB	28	1.9
South Eastern HB	100	7.0	South Eastern HB	121	8.1
No Fixed Abode	8	.6	Outside Ireland	4	.3
Total	1432	100.0	No Fixed Abode	16	1.1
Not Known	96		Total	1495	100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1528</b>		Not Known	130	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>1625</b>	

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TABLE 41  
**Main Drug of Misuse. Number and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Heroin	899	59.0	Heroin	904	55.7
Morphine Sulphate Tablets	3	.2	Morphine Sulphate Tablets	5	.3
Methadone - Nonmedical	24	1.6	Methadone - Nonmedical	40	2.5
Methadone - Medical	2	.1	Methadone - Medical	4	.2
Other Opiates	12	.8	Other Opiates	14	.9
Cocaine	22	1.4	Cocaine	32	2.0
Ecstasy	159	10.4	Ecstasy	120	7.4
Amphetamines	34	2.2	Amphetamines	37	2.3
Other Stimulants	1	.1	Other Stimulants	1	.1
Benzodiazepines	19	1.2	Benzodiazepines	23	1.4
Other Hypnotics & Sedatives	7	.5	Other Hypnotics & Sedatives	7	.4
LSD	11	.7	LSD	6	.4
Volatile Inhalants	12	.8	Volatile Inhalants	22	1.4
Cannabis	318	20.9	Cannabis	402	24.8
Total	1523	100.0	Other Drugs	5	.3
Not Known	5		Total	1622	100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1528</b>		Not Known	3	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>1625</b>	

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

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Inject	441	29.4	Inject	458	28.8
Smoke	762	50.8	Smoke	851	53.5
Eat/Drink	253	16.9	Eat/Drink	231	14.5
Sniff	44	2.9	Sniff	50	3.1
Total	1500	100.0	Total	1590	100.0
Not Known	28		Not known	35	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1528</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>1625</b>	

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

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Once a Week	102	7.1	Once a Week or Less	117	7.9
2-6 Days a Week	289	20.0	2-6 Days a Week	253	17.1
Daily	913	63.2	Daily	858	58.0
No Use Past Month	141	9.8	No Use Past Month	251	17.0
Total	1445	100.0	Total	1479	100.0
Not Known	83		Not Known	146	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1528</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>1625</b>	

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

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Under 15 years	192	13.5	Under 15 years	262	17.8
15 to 19 Years	841	59.2	15 to 19 Years	886	60.2
20 to 24 Years	259	18.2	20 to 24 Years	221	15.0
25 Years & Over	128	9.0	25 Years & Over	103	7.0
Total	1420	100.0	Total	1472	100.0
Not Known	108		Not Known	153	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1528</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>1625</b>	

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

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
One Year & Less	411	29.4	One Year & Less	373	26.8
2 to 3 Years	575	41.2	2 to 3 Years	505	36.3
4 to 5 Years	238	17.0	4 to 5 Years	292	21.0
6 to 9 Years	114	8.2	6 to 9 Years	146	10.5
10 Years & Over	58	4.2	10 Years & Over	77	5.5
Total	1396	100.0	Total	1393	100.0
Not Known	132		Not Known	232	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1528</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>1625</b>	

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**TABLE 46**  
**Second Drug of Misuse. Number and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
No Second Drug	445	29.5	No Second Drug	521	32.1
Heroin	22	1.5	Heroin	27	1.7
Morphine Sulphate Tablets	8	.5	Morphine Sulphate Tablets	7	.4
Methadone - Nonmedical	129	8.6	Methadone - Nonmedical	100	6.2
Methadone - Medical	8	.5	Methadone - Medical	4	.2
Other Opiates	5	.3	Other Opiates	4	.2
Cocaine	48	3.2	Cocaine	60	3.7
Ecstasy	164	10.9	Ecstasy	173	10.6
Amphetamines	72	4.8	Amphetamines	100	6.2
Other Stimulants	3	.2	Other Stimulants	4	.2
Benzodiazepines	196	13.0	Benzodiazepines	142	8.7
Other Hypnotics & Sedatives	15	1.0	Other Hypnotics & Sedatives	10	.6
LSD	42	2.8	LSD	28	1.7
Other Hallucinogens	4	.3	Other Hallucinogens	6	.4
Volatile Inhalants	4	.3	Volatile Inhalants	4	.2
Cannabis	263	17.4	Cannabis	328	20.2
Other Drugs	4	.3	Other Drugs	4	.2
Alcohol	76	5.0	Alcohol	103	6.3
Total	1508	100.0	Total	1625	100.0
Not Known	20				
<b>Total</b>	<b>1528</b>				

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

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
No Second Drug	445	30.4	No Second Drug	521	33.6
Inject	41	2.8	Inject	26	1.7
Smoke	283	19.4	Smoke	345	22.3
Eat/Drink	651	44.5	Eat/Drink	592	38.2
Sniff	42	2.9	Sniff	65	4.2
Total	1462	100.0	Total	1549	100.0
Not Known	66		Not Known	76	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1528</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>1625</b>	

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TABLE 48  
**Third Drug of Misuse. Number and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
No Third Drug	947	63.3	No Third Drug	1039	63.9
Heroin	4	.3	Heroin	17	1.0
Morphine Sulphate Tablets	5	.3	Morphine Sulphate Tablets	3	.2
Methadone - Nonmedical	41	2.7	Methadone - Nonmedical	26	1.6
Methadone - Medical	1	.1	Other Opiates	1	.1
Other Opiates	6	.4	Cocaine	33	2.0
Cocaine	24	1.6	Ecstasy	103	6.3
Ecstasy	64	4.3	Amphetamines	69	4.2
Amphetamines	74	4.9	Other Stimulants	1	.1
Benzodiazepines	81	5.4	Benzodiazepines	70	4.3
Other Hypnotics & Sedatives	12	.8	Other Hypnotics & Sedatives	13	.8
LSD	28	1.9	LSD	36	2.2
Other Hallucinogens	4	.3	Other Hallucinogens	5	.3
Volatile Inhalants	2	.1	Volatile Inhalants	4	.2
Cannabis	133	8.9	Cannabis	118	7.3
Other Drugs	5	.3	Other Drugs	6	.4
Alcohol	66	4.4	Alcohol	81	5.0
Total	1497	100.0	Total	1625	100.0
Not Known	31				
Total	1528				

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

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
No Third Drug	947	65.3	No Third Drug	1039	66.3
Inject	3	.2	Inject	17	1.1
Smoke	135	9.3	Smoke	128	8.2
Eat/Drink	328	22.6	Eat/Drink	333	21.3
Sniff	38	2.6	Sniff	49	3.1
Total	1451	100.0	Total	1566	100.0
Not Known	77		Not Known	59	
Total	1528		Total	1625	

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

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Less than 15 Years	479	36.8	Less than 15 Years	615	42.6
15 to 19 Years	670	51.5	15 to 19 Years	707	48.9
20 to 24 Years	101	7.8	20 to 24 Years	81	5.6
25 to 29 Years	31	2.4	25 to 29 Years	25	1.7
30 to 34 Years	7	.5	30 to 34 Years	11	.8
35 Years & Over	12	.9	35 Years & Over	6	.4
Total	1300	100.0	Total	1445	100.0
Not Known	228		Not Known	180	
Total	1528		Total	1625	



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

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Yes	368	25.1	Yes	352	22.8
No	1101	74.9	No	1191	77.2
Total	1469	100.0	Total	1543	100.0
Not Known	59		Not Known	82	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1528</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>1625</b>	

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

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Yes	118	8.4	Yes	94	6.4
No	193	13.7	No	194	13.1
Not Injecting	1101	78.0	Not Injecting	1191	80.5
Total	1412	100.0	Total	1479	100.0
Not Known	116		Not Known	146	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1528</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>1625</b>	

TABLE 53  
**Ever Injected. Number and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Yes	548	37.1	Yes	575	37.2
No	929	62.9	No	972	62.8
Total	1477	100.0	Total	1547	100.0
Not Known	51		Not Known	78	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1528</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>1625</b>	

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TABLE 54  
**Age First Injected. Number and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Less than 15 Years	9	.6	Less than 15 Years	17	1.2
15 to 19 Years	245	17.5	15 to 19 Years	277	18.9
20 to 24 Years	147	10.5	20 to 24 Years	147	10.0
25 to 29 Years	48	3.4	25 to 29 Years	32	2.2
30 to 34 Years	14	1.0	30 to 34 Years	13	.9
35 Years & Over	8	.6	35 Years & Over	6	.4
Never Injected	929	66.4	Never Injected	972	66.4
Total	1400	100.0	Total	1464	100.0
Not Known	128		Not Known	161	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1528</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>1625</b>	

TABLE 55  
**Ever Shared Injecting Equipment. Number and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Yes	250	18.1	Yes	255	17.7
No	199	14.4	No	214	14.9
Never Injected	929	67.4	Never Injected	972	67.5
Total	1378	100.0	Total	1441	100.0
Not Known	150		Not Known	184	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1528</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>1625</b>	

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

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Treated in EHB	1169	76.5	Treated in EHB	1151	70.8
Treated in SHB	129	8.4	Treated in SHB	169	10.4
Treated in NWHB	14	.9	Treated in NWHB	29	1.8
Treated in MHB	34	2.2	Treated in MHB	39	2.4
Treated in MWHB	84	5.5	Treated in WHB	2	.1
Treated in SEHB	98	6.4	Treated in MWHB	110	6.8
Total	1528	100.0	Treated in SEHB	125	7.7
			Total	1625	100.0

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

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Resident in EHB	1119	73.8	Resident in EHB	1137	70.7
Resident in SHB	133	8.8	Resident in SHB	184	11.4
Resident in NWHB	17	1.1	Resident in NWHB	29	1.8
Resident in MHB	36	2.4	Resident in MHB	46	2.9
Resident in WHB	1	.1	Resident in WHB	3	.2
Resident in MWHB	57	3.8	Resident in MWHB	57	3.5
Resident in NEHB	53	3.5	Resident in NEHB	28	1.7
Resident in SEHB	100	6.6	Resident in SEHB	121	7.5
Total	1516	100.0	Non-National	4	.2
Not Known	12		Total	1609	100.0
Total	1528		Not known	16	
			Total	1625	

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

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Specialised Residential	259	17.0	Specialised Residential	456	28.1
Specialised Non-residential	1214	79.4	Specialised Non-residential	1121	69.0
General Services	55	3.6	General Services	47	2.9
Total	1528	100.0	General Practice	1	.1
			Total	1625	100.0

## First Treatment Contacts

**TREATMENT CONTACT DETAILS**

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

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
New Client	1528	100.0	New Client	1625	100.0

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

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Never Treated	1528	100.0	Never Treated	1625	100.0

TABLE 61  
**Currently in Treatment Elsewhere. Number and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
No	1528	100.0	No	1625	100.0

TABLE 62  
**Source of Referral. Number and Valid %**

	n	Valid %		n	Valid %
Self	459	30.5	Self	448	28.0
Family/Friends	307	20.4	Family/Friends	376	23.5
Other Drug Treatment Centre	105	7.0	Other Drug Treatment Centre	93	5.8
General Practitioner	157	10.4	General Practitioner	225	14.0
Hospital/Other Medical Agency	74	4.9	Hospital/Other Medical Agency	87	5.4
Social Services	67	4.4	Social Services	59	3.7
Court/Probation/Police	255	16.9	Court/ Probation/Police	210	13.1
Other	83	5.5	Other	104	6.5
Total	1507	100.0	Total	1602	100.0
Not Known	21		Not Known	23	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1528</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>1625</b>	

**READER'S NOTES**

