**FOIA 7704 Attachment**

*How many under 18’s within the authority's area have been referred to drink and/or drug addiction treatment services?*

*Please give the figures available for each of the most recent 10 years broken down by age, for example 2009: 1x 11-year-old, 5 x 14-year-old etc.*

The table below is based on records showing the numbers of young people in treatment. It provides a breakdown by age of the numbers of young people for the 10 years from 2005/06 to 2014/15. The main source of information has been the National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS) which provides an overall number for the partnership. NDTMS is the most reliable source of data as it reduces the risk of duplicate reporting where a young person may have been in contact with more than one agency over a whole year. However there are some caveats regarding the use of NDTMS data over such a long period. The NDTMS system has evolved over this ten year period, not all treatment agencies were using the system at the start, where it was being used occasionally young people would not give their consent for their data to be uploaded and for some years NDTMS information is missing or does not provide a full breakdown of age. For much of 2014/15 the NDTMS system has not been operating and we are currently unable to access it for up to date records. Where possible we have therefore used reports sent directly by agencies in the year in question to the Local Authority to help provide a breakdown.

|  | 2005/06[[1]](#footnote-1) | 2006/07 | 2007/08 | 2008/09 | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 (YTD April-Dec 2014-15)5 |
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| Age of Young Person | Archived early NDTMS report no longer available on NDTMS | Archived early NDTMS report no longer available on NDTMS | Agency Records[[2]](#footnote-2) | NDTMS | NDTMS | Archived NDTMS record no longer available on NDTMS[[3]](#footnote-3) | NDTMS | NDTMS | NDTMS | Provider local report (due to NDTMS downtime) |
| 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 12 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 13 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 7 x 13/14 year olds[[4]](#footnote-4) | 5 |
| 14 | 4 | 15 | 14 | 8 | 7 | 10 | 24 | 12 | 16 |
| 15 | 8 | 25 | 23 | 12 | 16 | 13 | 22 | 37 | 33 | 29 |
| 16 | 6 | 29 | 50 | 28 | 20 | 16 | 29 | 22 | 44 | 42 |
| 17 | 17 | 47 | 83 | 30 | 38 | 34 | 29 | 27 | 39 | 49 |

1. Not all agencies providing treatment were uploading data to the national treatment drug database(NDTMS) over 2005-06 so not all users in treatment counted here. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. NDTMS data for 2007-08 could not be located, however it is known that not all agencies providing treatment were using NDTMS at this time. Based on agency reports made directly to the Local Authority, with possible small overlap of clients taken into consideration. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. This record was supplemented by examining agency records as NDTMS record did not provide breakdown of under 12’s. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. The 2013-14 NDTMS report did not differentiate clients between the ages of 13-14. Hence, a combined figure has been included for this age group.

5 Due to unprecedented national downtime of the NDTMS system,2014-15 data is currently only available based on local data directly from the provider. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)