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Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

- 1. The number of individuals identified as drinking at increasing or higher risk levels (e.g. via AUDIT/AUDIT-C screening), or as using illicit drugs or misusing prescription medication at a problematic level, whether they went on to access structured treatment.**

We not hold data regarding identified addiction need, only referrals received to Addiction services.

- 2. Of those individuals identified in point 1, the number referred into commissioned drug and alcohol treatment services, broken down by referral source.**

There were 1246 referrals to Belfast Trust Addiction Services between 1st April 26 – 31st Aug. Please see breakdown below via referral source:

GP Referrals: 934
Prison Referrals: 95
Emergency Departments: 58
Acute Mental Health Inpatients: 13
Community Mental Health Teams: 67
Community Addiction Services from other Trusts: 30
Substance Misuse liaison Services: 22
Other Medical Specialities e.g. general medicine, respiratory 29

- 3. Of those identified but not referred, or referred but not engaged, the number and reason recorded.**

During the period 1st April – 31st August there were 400 patient appointments that did not attend (DNA). We do not hold DNA data broken down by reason.

- 4. Average waiting time from referral to first treatment contact.**

Addiction services are offering first treatment appointments within the target wait times of nine weeks.

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- 5. Details of any digital health, cessation, or harm reduction app or self-management tool currently commissioned for addiction, substance use, gambling, or wellbeing support - including product/provider name, contract value, contract length, and cost per head or per user licence, where not commercially sensitive.**

Addiction Services do not use any of the above-mentioned digital tools or applications.