

National Drug Treatment Waiting Times Information Framework Report January – March 2007

The tables and charts present data on the number of clients seen by drug treatment services and the time they waited to be seen for various interventions. The reports only include those clients referred after the 1st of April 2004 and do not take account of the number of clients who were in, or waiting for, treatment before this date.

The tables are:

Table 1 The length of time clients have waited for interventions: clients are grouped into having waited less than 3 weeks or more than 3 weeks from referral to assessment; from care-plan to intervention, clients are classed as having waited less than 2 weeks or more than 2 weeks.

Table 2 Similar to Table 1, showing **trends over the previous 12 months** for which data has been collected.

Table 3 Details the number of **clients who were engaged with the service** for more than 12 weeks from referral to discharge.

Table 4 shows the number of clients **who were retained in treatment** (start of treatment to discharge) for more than 12 weeks.

Tables 3 and 4 provide an indication of client retention time within the system. Retention time from start of treatment to planned discharge is potentially a useful indicator of treatment outcome.

Interpreting the Data

These tables are primarily intended to help ADATs monitor and manage performance in their own areas over a period of time. It is important to be aware that there are some data quality issues that may impact on analysis - caution is therefore recommended when interpreting the tables. In February 2007, ISD provided ADAT's with a revised data collection system. The revised system now allows ADAT's to produce a wider range of reports and also provides them with the facility to monitor data quality.

The number of services submitting data varies significantly from area to area and within areas across time (i.e. over data collection quarters). To address this, ADAT's are asked to encourage services to submit data. The substance misuse team continue to monitor the number of services submitting data and to provide additional training where necessary.

Key points to note when interpreting the January – March 2007 data are:

- There are no submissions from Orkney due to technical difficulties or from Ayrshire & Arran due to data quality issues
- Missing submissions (i.e. Orkney and Ayrshire & Arran) are represented as blank fields in the tables. Where no clients have been seen, or there are no clients waiting for a specified intervention, zeros have been used.
- Of those ADAT's who did return data for the time period, not all included data from all services within their area. These areas were: Aberdeenshire, Argyll & Clyde, Borders, Dumfries & Galloway, Dundee City, East Lothian, Edinburgh City, Fife, Forth Valley, Highland, Lanarkshire, Midlothian, Moray, West Lothian and Western Isles.

There is a wide range of demand for substance misuse services across Scotland, and to meet this demand, an equally variable set of practices across the country. In some ADAT areas, the impact of a single specialized service – for example, a crisis management centre – may dramatically alter the distribution of waiting times. Consequently, to compare data across ADATs is risky and potentially inappropriate.

Additional Information

As ISD only receive aggregate data from each of the ADAT's, it is not possible for us to validate the data. Detailed questions regarding local data should be addressed to the relevant ADAT.

Table 1:Waiting Times Summary: Time Waited for Interventions
Jan - Mar 2007

	Ready for treatment to...																								
	Referral to assessment ¹			Structured Preparatory & Motivational Intervention ²			Prescribed Drug Treatment ²			Community Support / Rehabilitation ²			Residential Detox / Rehabilitation ²												
	≤21 days ³		Longest Wait	≤14 days ⁵		>14 days ⁶	≤14 days ⁵		>14 days ⁶	≤14 days ⁵		>14 days ⁶	≤14 days ⁵		>14 days ⁶	Longest Wait									
	n	%	n	%			n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%											
<i>Drug Action Team</i>																									
Aberdeen City	28	3	816	93	52+ wks	4	15	23	85	52+ wks	30	50	29	48	52+ wks	17	89	2	11	27-52 wks	0	0	0	0	
Aberdeenshire	56	23	161	67	52+ wks	11	44	12	48	52+ wks	34	72	7	15	52+ wks	7	47	8	53	52+ wks	5	18	22	79	52+ wks
Angus	48	91	4	8	13-26 wks	39	83	6	13	22-28 days	4	100	0	0	<7 days	0	0	34	92	27-52 wks	0	0	0	0	
Argyll and Clyde	678	68	225	23	52+ wks	175	76	49	21	52+ wks	71	55	53	41	52+ wks	150	59	88	34	52+ wks	4	67	2	33	27-52 wks
Ayrshire and Arran																									
Borders	37	26	89	62	52+ wks	25	86	3	10	15-21 days	5	100	0	0	15-21 days	5	100	0	0	<7 days	19	42	26	58	52+ wks
Dumfries and Galloway	205	77	35	13	13-26 wks	29	60	18	38	9-12 wks	14	33	23	55	13-26 wks	68	83	8	10	9-12 wks	0	0	0	0	
Dundee City	97	51	73	39	52+ wks	31	84	4	11	52+ wks	2	100	0	0	<7 days	21	64	12	36	13-26 wks	0	0	0	0	
East Lothian	88	61	41	28	52+ wks	43	90	3	6	52+ wks	0	0	0	0		0	0	84	97	52+ wks	1	100	0	0	<7 days
Edinburgh City	93	33	151	54	52+ wks	14	64	8	36	9-12 wks	3	13	21	88	52+ wks	30	46	27	42	52+ wks	0	0	0	0	
Fife	429	39	540	49	52+ wks	32	84	6	16	9-12 wks	12	29	29	71	13-26 wks	187	78	48	20	13-26 wks	0	0	0	0	
Forth Valley	477	88	51	9	13-26 wks	344	99	4	1	27-52 wks	39	19	163	80	52+ wks	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	
Glasgow	1161	88	72	5	52+ wks	405	74	135	25	52+ wks	147	54	117	43	52+ wks	211	49	194	45	52+ wks	125	76	30	18	52+ wks
Highland	88	78	22	19	27-52 wks	53	82	9	14	9-12 wks	19	37	30	59	13-26 wks	2	100	0	0	<7 days	0	0	0	0	
Lanarkshire	241	49	215	44	52+ wks	84	82	18	18	52+ wks	19	42	23	51	52+ wks	102	69	40	27	52+ wks	0	0	1	100	27-52 wks
Midlothian	33	54	13	21	52+ wks	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0		2	5	40	93	27-52 wks	0	0	0	0	
Moray	33	62	18	34	52+ wks	18	100	0	0	<7 days	10	100	0	0	8-14 days	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	
Orkney																									
Perth and Kinross	16	11	109	78	52+ wks	2	50	2	50	52+ wks	0	0	3	100	13-26 wks	5	56	4	44	52+ wks	0	0	0	0	
Shetland	7	88	1	13	22-28 days	5	45	6	55	5-8 wks	3	20	8	53	27-52 wks	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	
West Lothian	147	44	161	48	52+ wks	13	87	2	13	5-8 wks	15	25	37	62	52+ wks	26	16	132	80	52+ wks	0	0	0	0	
Western Isles	10	59	7	41	9-12 wks	0	0	1	100	27-52 wks	0	0	0	0		0	0	4	100	13-26 wks	0	0	0	0	
Scotland	3972	54	2804	38		1327	80	309	19		427	42	543	54		833	51	725	44		154	63	81	33	

1 - Time between date referral received / first contact and the first appointment date offered for assessment for those assessed during the reporting period OR the time between date referral received / first contact and the end of the reporting period for those still waiting for assessment
2 - Time between date care plan is agreed / decision on treatment is made / date client ready for treatment and the first appointment date offered for an intervention for those receiving this intervention during the reporting period OR the time between date care plan is agreed / decision on treatment is made / date client ready for treatment and the end of the reporting period for those still waiting for an intervention.
3 - Includes the number of clients who received an assessment appointment within 21 days of referral
4 - Includes the number of clients who received an assessment appointment more than 21 days after referral AND the number of clients who are still waiting for an assessment appointment and have already waited more than 21 days
5 - Includes the number of clients who received a treatment appointment within 14 days of date care plan agreed / date decision on treatment made / date client ready for treatment
6 - Includes the number of clients who received a treatment appointment more than 14 days after treatment decision AND the number of clients who are still waiting for a treatment appointment and have already waited more than 14 days
Note: Clients who are still waiting for an appointment and have waited less than 21 days for an assessment appointment or less than 14 days for a treatment appointment are not included in these figures.

**Table 3: Waiting Times Summary - Referral to Discharge
Jan - Mar 2007**

	Referral to Discharge for...																							
	Planned Discharges								Unplanned Discharges								Disciplinary Discharges							
	Apr-Jun06		Jul-Sep06		Oct-Dec06		Jan-Mar07		Apr-Jun06		Jul-Sep06		Oct-Dec06		Jan-Mar07		Apr-Jun06		Jul-Sep06		Oct-Dec06		Jan-Mar07	
	Δ 12 wks	%	Δ 12 wks	%	Δ 12 wks	%	Δ 12 wks	%	Δ 12 wks	%	Δ 12 wks	%	Δ 12 wks	%	Δ 12 wks	%	Δ 12 wks	%	Δ 12 wks	%	Δ 12 wks	%	Δ 12 wks	%
<i>Drug Action Team</i>	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Aberdeen City	37	97	25	83	49	79	18	69	33	97	21	75	36	88	30	73	2	100	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aberdeenshire	14	64	29	76	9	82	28	90	48	63	40	59	24	47	25	68	0	0	0	0	1	100	1	20
Angus	0	0	1	5	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Argyll and Clyde	102	55	88	48	108	50	108	51	96	36	60	25	113	38	240	60	4	50	8	89	11	61	6	43
Ayrshire and Arran	56	29	99	40					85	40	108	46					1	5	7	29				
Borders	17	63	23	64	33	61	27	79	26	62	41	53	28	48	27	84	1	100	0	0	1	17	4	80
Dumfries and Galloway	30	43	24	39	43	34	50	36	34	19	19	29	30	37	32	39	0	0	1	50	1	17	1	50
Dundee City	20	41	21	43	21	50	16	46	17	43	25	49	15	33	8	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100
East Lothian	39	54	18	38	23	31	15	29	11	35	7	19	1	3	12	25	2	100	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edinburgh City	22	69	34	62	44	65	16	59	29	39	66	42	86	44	60	48	0	0	1	50	1	50	0	0
Fife	157	63	178	56	259	63	270	57	135	41	63	26	180	57	157	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	100
Forth Valley	11	28	9	14	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Glasgow	200	67	109	51	127	41	171	45	250	46	170	36	143	33	253	54	12	44	8	44	13	42	3	30
Highland	11	44			17	57	22	76	18	44			19	41	8	33	0	0			3	75	3	100
Lanarkshire	106	59	41	49	66	44	96	55	52	36	39	33	77	37	104	60	1	33	1	50	3	60	4	80
Midlothian			0	0	2	40	2	67			0	0	2	3	6	20			0	0	0	0	0	0
Moray	37	69	12	71	6	40	4	27	19	45	13	46	5	42	15	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orkney	2	50	8	89	2	25			2	50	1	33	1	20			0	0	0	0	0	0		
Perth and Kinross							23	70							6	50							0	0
Shetland	0	0	4	67	3	100	3	100	0	0	1	100	0	0	4	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Lothian	49	72	43	69	45	68	34	68	26	13	20	14	31	13	28	18	17	100	16	94	12	92	10	77
Western Isles	0	0	2	50	1	14	1	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scotland	910	56	768	50	858	50	905	50	882	39	694	35	791	37	1015	46	40	48	42	56	46	53	36	58

1 Number of clients who were discharged more than 12 weeks after their referral date and as a percentage of total discharges from referral to discharge.

Note: The number of services submitting data varies significantly from area to area and within areas across data collection periods. Caution is recommended when interpreting trend data.

Waiting Times Summary: Start of Treatment to Discharge

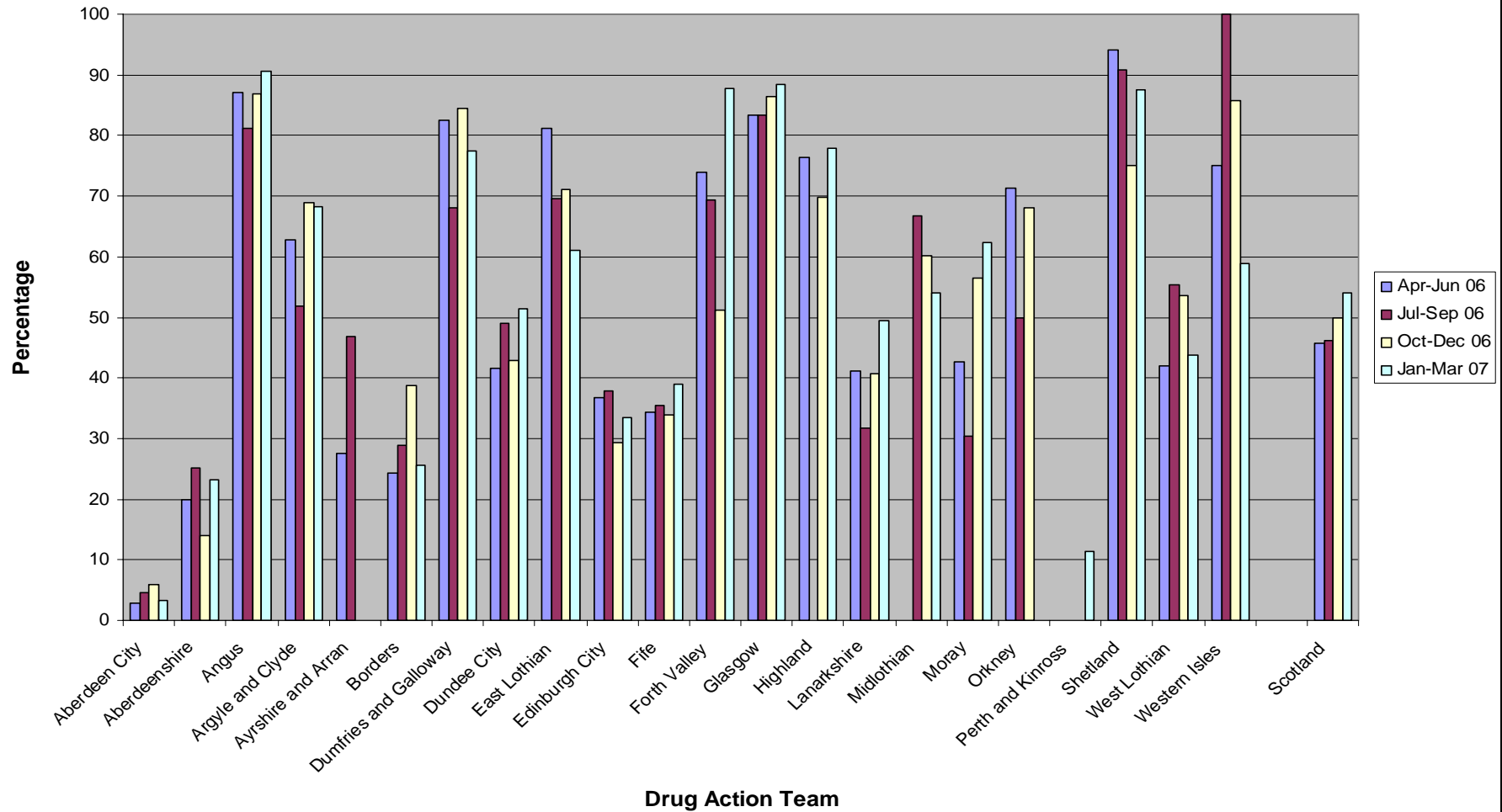
	Start of Treatment to Discharge for...																													
	Planned Discharges										Unplanned Discharges					Disciplinary Discharges														
	Oct-Dec05		Jan-Mar06		Apr-Jun06		Jul-Sep06		Oct-Dec 06 ¹		Oct-Dec05		Jan-Mar06		Apr-Jun06		Jul-Sep06		Oct-Dec 06 ¹		Oct-Dec05		Jan-Mar06		Apr-Jun06		Jul-Sep06		Oct-Dec 06 ¹	
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<i>Drug Action Team</i>	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%		
Aberdeen City			0	0	32	94	16	73			0	0	14	88	13	87			0	0	1	50	0	0						
Aberdeenshire	4	40	7	47	9	60	17	57	19	73	12	48	14	54	14	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Angus	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Argyll and Clyde	26	52	32	71	77	80	50	57	144	74	7	13	46	47	23	32	4	100	1	100	4	67	4	67						
Ayrshire and Arran	14	42	12	38	8	24	38	46	60	65	7	30	37	54	40	52	2	22	0	0	0	0	6	50						
Borders	17	71	32	58	12	57	16	53	43	67	11	31	8	42	13	43	0	0	2	50	1	100	0	0						
Dumfries and Galloway	16	57	19	36	25	57	14	48	19	79	11	37	18	40	12	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Dundee City	0	0	21	50	16	55	10	53	0	0	12	67	6	55	4	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
East Lothian	0	0	18	62	31	60	16	67	0	0	8	50	7	78	4	44	0	0	1	100	2	100	0	0						
Edinburgh City	19	54	17	74	16	53	26	70	103	72	10	63	7	13	33	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	50						
Fife	48	66	95	71	53	57	102	53	77	68	14	33	6	40	14	56	2	100	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Forth Valley	0	0			9	82	8	73	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0						
Glasgow	65	46	65	57	149	75	81	60	264	77	75	51	113	52	90	42	2	14	7	50	11	41	7	41						
Highland	13	54	26	76	4	27	35	58	31	56	10	34	0	0	1	50	0	0												
Lanarkshire	25	42	104	74	94	59	28	39	63	77	26	41	21	38	16	42	2	50	1	100	1	50	1	50						
Midlothian					0	0							0	0					0	0	0	0								
Moray	9	50	5	42	24	77	6	75	51	85	2	17	17	61	11	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Orkney	0	0	2	50	2	67	7	88	0	0	1	50	1	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Perth and Kinross																														
Shetland	1	50	2	67	0	0	4	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
West Lothian	23	51	51	69	32	62	28	54	56	70	27	41	8	18	6	18	5	100	5	83	12	80	13	76						
Western Isles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Scotland	280	51	508	63	593	63	468	54	934	73	254	42	333	45	294	43	17	27	18	53	32	53	32	56						

1. Data on Start of treatment to Discharge was no longer collected centrally from October 2006.

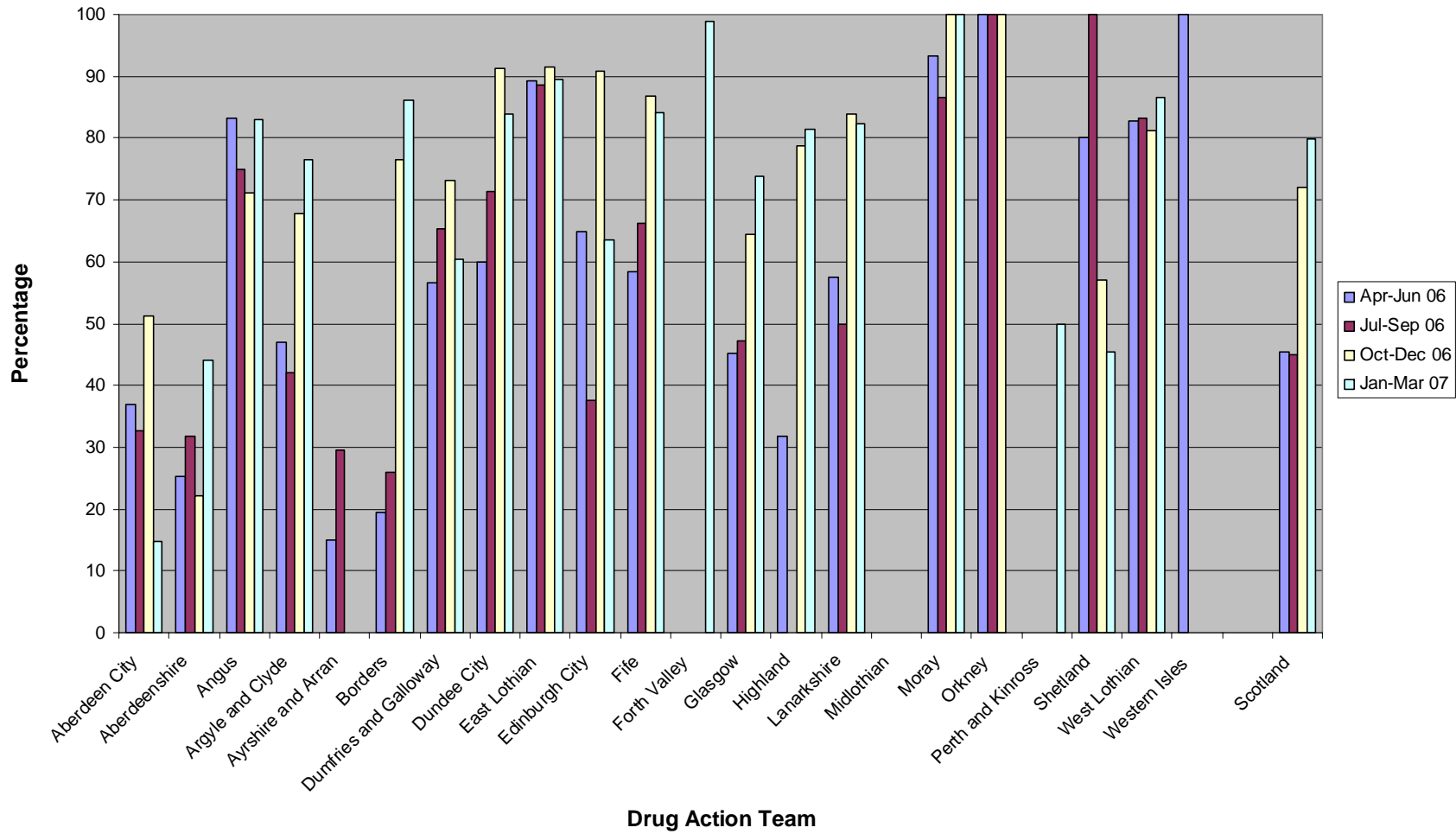
2. Number of clients who were discharged more than 12 weeks after their initial treatment date and as a percentage of total discharges from treatment to discharge.

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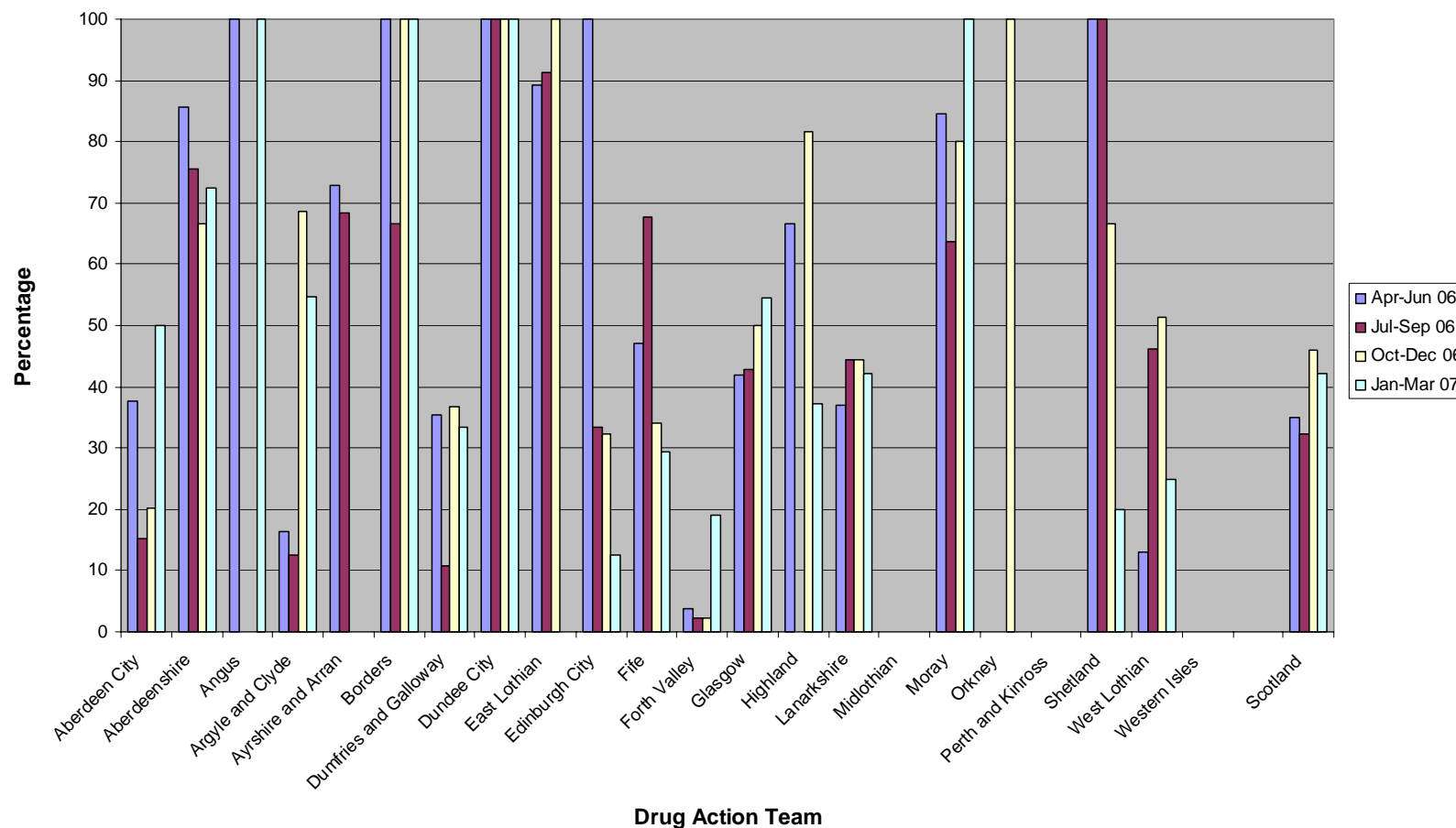
Waiting Times Summary: Percentage of clients receiving an assessment appointment within 21 days of referral



Waiting Times Summary: Percentage of clients who receive structured preparatory and motivational interventions within 14 days of treatment decision (care plan)



Waiting Times Summary: Percentage of clients who receive prescribed drug treatment within 14 days of treatment decision (care plan)



Waiting Times Summary: Percentage of clients who receive community support and/or rehabilitation within 14 days of treatment decision (care plan)

