



Department of Children and Youth Affairs

Inventory of Data Sources on Children's Lives

A28 National Drug Treatment Reporting System

Data owner	Health Research Board (www.hrb.ie)
Brief description	The National Drug Treatment Reporting System (NDTRS) is an epidemiological database on treated problem drug and alcohol use in Ireland. Data are collected on service provision, main and additional problem substances, initial treatment provision, risk behaviours and main socio-demographic characteristics of treated cases.
Primary function of data	The Health Research Board supplies service providers and policy-makers with relevant data from the NDTRS to inform local and national substance misuse policy and planning.
Key classificatory variables	ID Other; Sex; DOB; Age Yr; County; Geog Sub County; Geog Other; Labour Force Status; Nationality; Household Race/Ethnicity; Traveller
Themes/domains	Health; Social/Emotional/Behavioural
Unit of observation	Individual case
Start date of data collection	1990 (Dublin only); 1995 (rest of Ireland)
Frequency of data collection	Continuous
Data format	Separate record for each new visit for treatment.
Method of data collection	Both paper-based and electronic.
Access/further information	Health Research Board www.hrb.ie National Documentation Centre on Drug Use: http://www.drugsandalcohol.ie/tables/ Publications available at: http://www.hrb.ie/health-information-in-house-research/alcohol-drugs/ndtrs/ndtrs-publications/
Note	The Irish NDTRS complies with compulsory data requirements for the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (www.emcdda.europa.eu/).