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Please provide the following for your Authority for each of the last three financial years (2023/24–2025/26):

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 or not they went on to access structured treatment.

This is not directly measured in our system – screening is part of assessment and occurs only when people have attended a drug and alcohol service. However, we are able to identify the number of people who were referred to or presented to commissioned/ statutory services seeking help – all of these are for people with self-defined substance use problem:

Source of referral	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Grand Total
*Continuation of care transfer	34	65	126	210	206	46	687
Employer/Education	1	4	9	4	3	1	22
Health	812	864	789	507	479	137	3588
Justice	304	184	132	38	39	14	711
Local Authority/Third Sector	211	178	166	144	200	43	942
*Non-continuation of care transfer	303	434	376	231	217	41	1602
Other - Not Listed	202	90	69	50	35	5	451
*Other Substance Use Service	587	464	464	277	344	97	2233
Self	1791	1364	1498	1541	1448	383	8025
Social Work	105	64	53	45	37	10	314
Total	4350	3711	3682	3047	3008	777	18575
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Grand Total	8700	7422	7364	6094	6016	1554	37150

Note that these figures are for REFERRALS, not individuals and individuals may be referred or present multiple times in the period.

The rows marked with asterixis are referrals between drug and alcohol services and therefore will not represent new individuals. Other rows will include both new individuals and multiple referrals for the same individual.

Of those individuals identified in point 1, the number referred into commissioned drug and alcohol treatment services, broken down by referral source (e.g. self-referral, GP, A&E, criminal justice/probation, mental health services, other).

See above – all of these were people referred to or attending services.

Of those identified but not referred, or referred but not engaged, the number and reason recorded (e.g. declined, did not attend, below treatment threshold, no service offered).

This information is not available in full at ADP level.

As per above, people who are identified as potentially benefiting from a service, but who are never referred are not recorded. Many will be signposted to self-present and will only be recorded should they actually attend a service.

However, some of the reasons for people who were referred were subsequently discharged do indicate that they did not engage with the service before discharge. These are highlighted below.

Reason for discharge	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Grand Total
Change of Service User Type to 'alcohol and drugs'	2	8	4	10	0	2	26
Discharged to another service (Tier 1/2 interventions)	1116	1380	1408	982	1312	438	6636
Discharged to GP	1132	1546	1432	1694	1842	430	8076
Identified goals met	300	298	276	262	264	70	1470
Inappropriate referral	1296	1746	1994	2566	2976	692	11270
Service Decommissioned	12	4	12	0	2	2	32
Service User died	130	212	180	178	166	48	914
Service User disengaged	7928	10540	11782	11470	12310	3016	57046
Service User still receiving treatment at another Service	670	920	774	502	934	220	4020
Service User unable to engage	1774	2758	2598	3086	3166	952	14334
Substance Free	432	624	442	418	404	114	2434
Transferred between Prison/YOI services	104	150	188	70	88	18	618
Transferred to another service (Tier 3/4 interventions)	984	846	1296	1502	1638	374	6640
Transferred to Prison/YOI Service	178	216	210	184	164	28	980
Treatment commencement declined by Service User	1850	2310	2504	2154	2700	796	12314
Treatment withdrawn by Service Provider	554	390	618	374	250	52	2238
Grand Total	18462	23948	25718	25452	28216	7252	129048

Average waiting time from referral to first treatment contact.

Please see table below – this is the average, median wait each year for all referrals in all services (i.e. The mean of the median quarterly waits for each period)

Row Labels	Average of Median wait (days)
2021	9.5625
2022	11.09375
2023	10.78125
2024	9.59375
2025	10.78125
2026	11.875
Grand Total	10.43452381

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 the product/provider name, contract value, contract length, and cost per head or per user licence, where not commercially sensitive.

None – we support ARC-app [ARC2.0 Edinburgh](#) but this is primarily a service and support directory.