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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding information on drug abuse during pregnancy.

The Trust can provide the following information:

2012-13 figures:

<b>2012-13</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>
Heroin	2 + 2 Hx	5 + 6 Hx	2+3 Hx	6 + 2 Hx
Crack cocaine	7+ 1 Hx	5+ 4 Hx	1 + 3Hx	7+2 Hx
Amphetamine	0	0	0	0
Benzodiazepine	0	0	0	3
Cocaine	4+1 Hx	4+2 Hx	10+1Hx	3+3 Hx
Methadone	1+ 1Hx	6 + 2 Hx	3+2 Hx	6

<b>Age in years</b>	<b>Quarter 1</b>	<b>Quarter 2</b>	<b>Quarter 3</b>	<b>Quarter 4</b>
Under 19 years	2	2	0	3
19-24 years	9	5	13	3
25-34 years	16	21	26	25
35-45 years	2	5	7	7
Over 45 years	1	0	0	0
Not known	0	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>38</b>

Reported substance/alcohol use:

Alcohol	16 + 3 past heavy	16 +2 Hx + 1 declined assessment	13+3 Hx	13+1Hx
Ecstasy	1	2 + 1 Hx	4	4 HX
Nitrates/poppers	0	0	0	0
LSD	0	0	1	0
Cannabis	12+2 Hx	18 + 3 Hx	19+9 Hx	17+4 Hx
Magic mushrooms	0	0	0	0
Other	Mephedrone x 1	Codeine x 2	Ketamine X 3	Subutex X 1

(Hx = used to use but did not during pregnancy)

Of 70 babies recorded in these figures, 2 showed symptoms of NAS.

2013-14 Figures:

Age in years	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Under 19 years	2	3	2	0
19-24 years	6	3	2	4
25-34 years	15	10	6	8
35-45 years	4	4	4	7
Over 45 years	0	0	0	0
Not known	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>

Reported substance/alcohol use:

2013-14	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Heroin	4 (1 past hx)	1	3 (1 hx)	4 (2 hx)
Crack cocaine	3	1(hx)	4 (2 hx)	4 (1 hx)
Amphetamine	0	0	1	0
Benzodiazepine	0	0	3 (1 hx)	1 hx
Cocaine	1 (+7 hx)	3(1 hx)	4 (3 hx)	7
Methadone	5	0	2	3 (1 hx)
Alcohol	6 (+2 hx)	6	5 (3 stopped in pregnancy)	7
Ecstasy	0	1	3 (2 hx)	2
Nitrates/poppers	0	0	1	0
LSD	0	0	2 (1 hx)	0
Cannabis	15 (+4 hx)	14 (2 hx)	10	10

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Magic mushrooms	0	0	2 (1 hx)	0
Other	2 ketamine	0	1 ketamine, 1 opium	1 amitryptaline (unprescribed), 1 ephedrine

26 babies were born who were case-loaded or known to the SAAM team in 2013-14 (this figure does not include women who use cannabis, who are very rarely case-loaded by the SAAM team, who focus on the more complex clients).

Of these, 8 babies showed symptoms of NAS that needed care on the neonatal unit.

2014-15 Figures: these are not yet fully analysed.

212 women were referred to the SAAM team during 2014-15.

42 cases still to be inputted, so these figures are less than that number:

Reported use (main drug only):

Cannabis: 85

Alcohol: 6

Heroin: 17

Crack: 15

Methadone: 2

Cocaine: 28

Ecstasy: 14

Amphetamines: 1

Ayhacusa: 1

LSD: 1

Mephedrone: 1

14 babies were born to mothers case-loaded or known to the SAAM team in 2014-15. Of these, 3 showed symptoms of NAS.

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