

2024 | Drug Treatment Demand in Ireland

Drug treatment demand _____

Main problem drug _____

Total number of cases treated

13,295



36%
new cases



58%
previously treated cases



40%
cocaine



25%
opioids



17%
cannabis

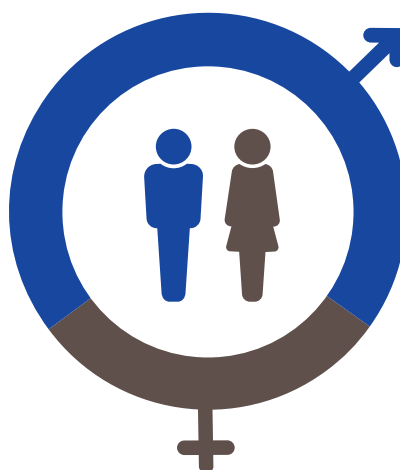


13%
benzodiazepines

Breakdown by gender _____

70%
Male

33 yrs
Median age



30%
Female

35 yrs
Median age

Main problem drug by age _____

age started treatment



cannabis
19 years or under



cocaine
20–44 years



opioids
45 years or over

Risk factors



19%
of all cases
ever injected



3%
of new cases
ever injected



29%
of previously treated
cases ever injected

Polydrug use



60%
of cases use
more than
one drug

Drugs most commonly used together



1st
cocaine plus
alcohol



2nd
cocaine plus
cannabis



3rd
opioids plus
cocaine

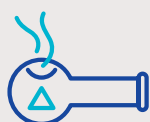
Cocaine



5,289
cocaine
cases



75%
powder

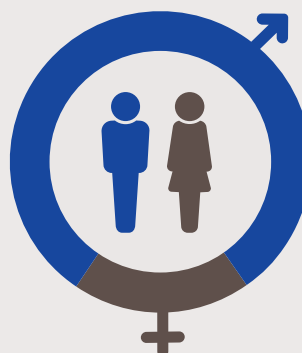


25%
crack

Powder cocaine

78%
Male

22%
Female



32 yrs
median age



39%
employed

Crack cocaine

54%
Male

46%
Female



40 yrs
median age



7%
employed

All percentages cited above are a proportion of the total number of cases

NEED ADVICE

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