

FINAL OUTCOME DEFINITIONS

| | Outcome domain 1 Free from drug(s) of dependence - Initial Outcomes | Eligibility Criteria | Data Source | Minimum Data Lag |
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| 1.1 | <p>Drug and/or alcohol use significantly improved (i.e. reduced their consumption by statistically significant levels) for all presenting substances at any two Treatment Outcomes Profile (TOP) review within the last 12 months.</p> <p>No more than 20% of the total value assigned to this outcome domain can be placed on this initial outcome.</p> <p>Where a client exits treatment before 12 months then the appropriate exit TOP will be used instead of a review TOP</p> | <p>Clients 18 or over who cited as a problematic substance any of opiates, crack cocaine, powder cocaine, alcohol, cannabis or amphetamines in their latest treatment journey.</p> <p>Where an individual presents with only substances not recorded on TOP (currently about 1%) then a change of one standard deviation will be used for the information recorded under 'other substance' Only one substance will be able to be measured this way.</p> | NDTMS | 4 weeks |
| 1.2 | <p>Abstinent from all presenting substances at any two TOP reviews where this was in the last 12 months.</p> <p>Where a client exits treatment before 12 months then the appropriate exit TOP will be used instead of a review TOP</p> | <p>Clients 18 or over who cited as a problematic substance any of opiates, crack cocaine, powder cocaine, alcohol, cannabis or amphetamines in their latest treatment journey – still in structured treatment at the end of the specified payment period.</p> <p>Where an individual presents with only substances not recorded on TOP (currently about 1%) information recorded under 'other substance' will be used – Only one substance will be able to be measured this way.</p> | NDTMS | 4 weeks |
| 1.3 | <p>Planned exit from the treatment component of the recovery journey, free from drug(s) – including alcohol – of dependence (including abstinence from heroin and crack cocaine)</p> | <p>Clients aged 18 or over, not in structured treatment in past 21 days. Assessed as having a dependency on drugs/alcohol that would benefit from structured treatment</p> | NDTMS | 4 weeks |
| | Outcome domain 1 Free from drug(s) of dependence - Final Outcome | Eligibility Criteria | Data Source | Minimum Data Lag |
| 1.4 | <p>Discharged from treatment successfully (free of drug(s) of dependence) and do not re-present in either the treatment system or in the criminal justice system (taken onto the DIP/prison caseload) in the following 12 months</p> | <p>An individual does not show up on NDTMS having started a new treatment journey, nor are they shown as being subsequently taken onto DIP/ prison caseload in the 12 months following their successful completion of structured treatment</p> | NDTMS DIRWEB | NDTMS: 4 weeks DIRWEB: 8 weeks |

Outcome Domain 2: Offending

The offending measure has been built to incentivise providers to work with clients to cease their offending behaviour. The measure includes **all** offending. The pilots will be able to choose whether to do this on a cohort or individual basis, but they are strongly recommended to use a cohort basis as this minimises the risk of paying for outcomes that may have occurred anyway. Areas with a small number of drug and/or alcohol misusing offenders will need to carefully balance the difficulties of using a cohort measure against the risks associated with using an individual one.

| | Measure | Eligibility Criteria | Data Source | Minimum Data Lag |
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| Individual measure: Interim | | | | |
| 2.1 | No proven offending in a 6 month period from the point of beginning a recovery intervention from a provider | All clients aged 18 or over at time of initial engagement with provider ¹ , regardless of previous offending history | DIRWEB NDTMS PNC | 16 months from individual being assessed by LASAR (including 10 month time lag to allow cases to be processed through criminal justice system) |
| Individual measure: Final | | | | |
| 2.2 | No proven offending in a 12 month period from the point of beginning a recovery intervention from a provider. It will be possible to 'reset the clock': i.e. if a proven offence is committed inside that 12 month period then the 12 month period restarts on release into the community from prison or from commencement of any type of CJS disposal. This reset would be allowed up to 12 months after discharge from structured treatment. | All clients aged 18 or over at time of initial engagement with provider regardless of previous offending history | DIRWEB NDTMS PNC | 22 months from individual being assessed by LASAR (including 10 month time lag to allow cases to be processed through criminal justice system) |
| Cohort measure: Early payment approach (interim and final combined) | | | | |
| 2.3 | Reduction in average offending of cohort compared against baseline, calculated and paid quarterly. Cohort to be made up of those individuals in and recently discharged from treatment (details to be determined with pilot areas). | All clients aged 18 or over at time of initial engagement with provider regardless of previous offending history | NDTMS PNC | 14 months from beginning of provider's PbR contract: then quarterly data updates |

¹ Defined as triage date reported via NDTMS or NATMS

Note:

The “Early payment approach” cohort measure has been designed to be consistent with the interim and final outcomes scheme used by the Ministry of Justice in its other PbR pilots and set out in earlier drafts of these definitions. This scheme is defined by:

- Interim: Reduction in average number of proven offences in a 6 month period from the point of beginning a recovery intervention
- Final: Reduction in average number of proven offences in a 12 month period from the point of beginning a recovery intervention

It allows payments earlier in the scheme, which are then recovered at a later point if performance does not meet expectations, in order to ease the cash-flow issues faced by providers. One change from an exact equivalent to a simple interim and final payment scheme has been introduced, to improve measurement of outcomes for clients who remain in treatment for periods longer than 12 months. This measure is especially suitable for smaller providers who can not bear the risk of delays in payments. If the provider is larger and more capable of taking this risk, then the Interim and Final payments scheme may be considered as an alternative as they are simpler to construct a robust contract around and do not require recovering money from a provider.

**Outcome Domain 3:
Health and Wellbeing – Initial Outcomes**

| | Outcome Domain | Measure | Eligibility Criteria | Data Source | Minimum Data Lag |
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| 3.1 | Injecting | <p>Of those injecting at the start of treatment, those who reported 0 days injecting on any two review TOPs within the last 12 months.</p> <p>Where a client exits treatment before 12 months then the appropriate exit TOP will be used instead of a review TOP</p> | <p>Clients 18 or over who indicated that they were currently injecting at the start of treatment (as either indicated at their start TOP, or had an injecting status of 'currently injecting', or a route of administration of 'injecting' in their latest treatment journey).</p> <p>Providers will also want to consider testing for other key blood borne viruses such as Hep C and HIV.</p> | NDTMS | 4 weeks |
| 3.2 | No Fixed Abode (NFA) / Housing problem | <p>Of those NFA or with a housing problem at the start of treatment, those who no longer had any housing problem on any two review TOP where this was in the last 12 months or at their exit TOP ('no' to both housing questions on TOP i.e. no longer NFA or with a housing problem)</p> <p>Where a client exits treatment before 12 months then the appropriate exit TOP will be used instead of a review TOP</p> | <p>Clients 18 or over who were recorded as having been NFA or having a housing problem at the start of treatment (as indicated at their start TOP, or had an accommodation status of NFA in their latest treatment journey)</p> | NDTMS | 4 weeks |
| 3.3 | Hep B Vac | <p>Of those eligible, those that had completed appropriately a course of Hepatitis B vaccinations within the previous 12 months.</p> | <p>Clients 18 or over at time of presentation who were assessed as requiring a hepatitis B vaccination (i.e. they had not already been vaccinated nor had acquired immunity)</p> | NDTMS | 4 weeks |
| 3.4 | Health and Wellbeing | <p>Client achieves a normative quality of life score in any two TOP reviews where this was in the last 12 months.</p> <p>Where a client exits treatment before 12 months then the appropriate exit TOP will be used instead of a review TOP</p> <p>The normative quality of life score will be that which clients that successfully complete treatment achieve on average at the point of leaving structured treatment</p> | <p>Clients aged 18 or over not in structured treatment in past 21 days. Assessed as having a dependency on drugs/alcohol that would benefit from structured treatment</p> | NDTMS | 4 weeks |

