



# Treatment for Drug Misuse

A selection of results from the National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS) in the West Midlands for 2004/5

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# NDTMS records

- Clients receiving treatment
  - A current client of a registered agency
- One part of the drug-misusing population
- So why is NDTMS data important?
  - Approx 20,000 clients/yr make it the most comprehensive dataset of drug misusers
  - Allows comparison of current & previous clients
  - Includes geographic information

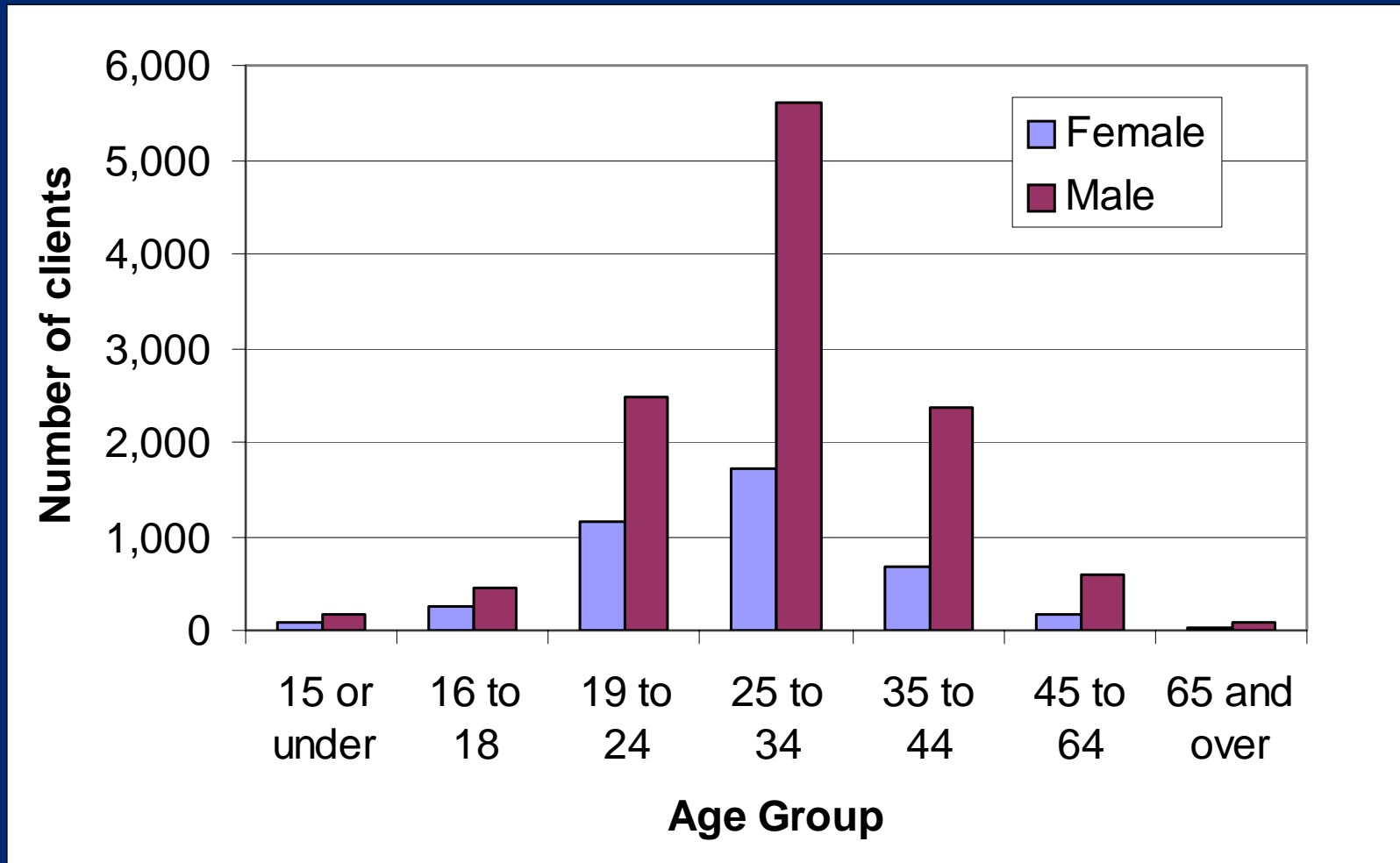
# This presentation:

- Who are the clients receiving treatment?
- How do they come into treatment, and where do they go to?
- Which substances are they using?

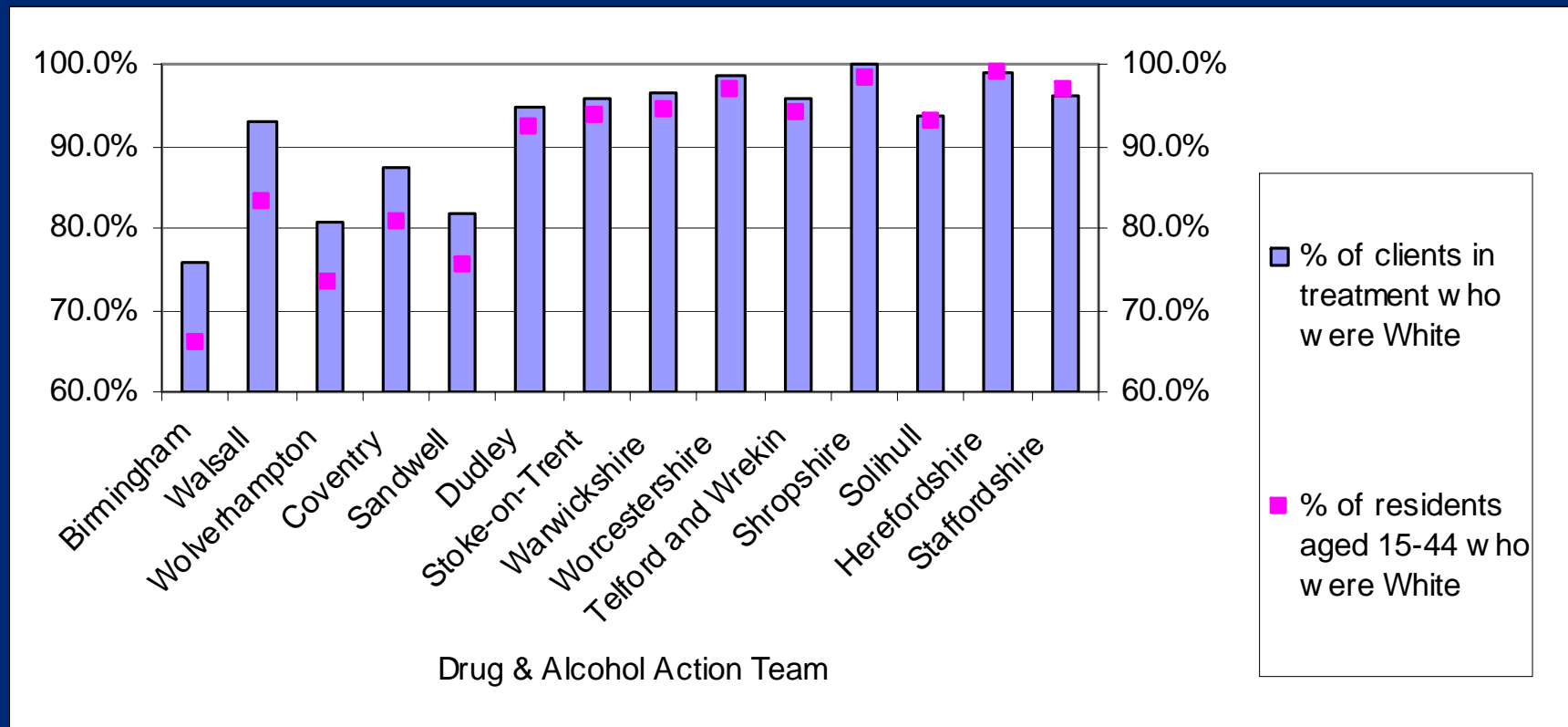
# Clients in treatment in the West Midlands

- 15,864 clients received treatment in the West Midlands in the year ended March 2005
- The number of clients continues to increase

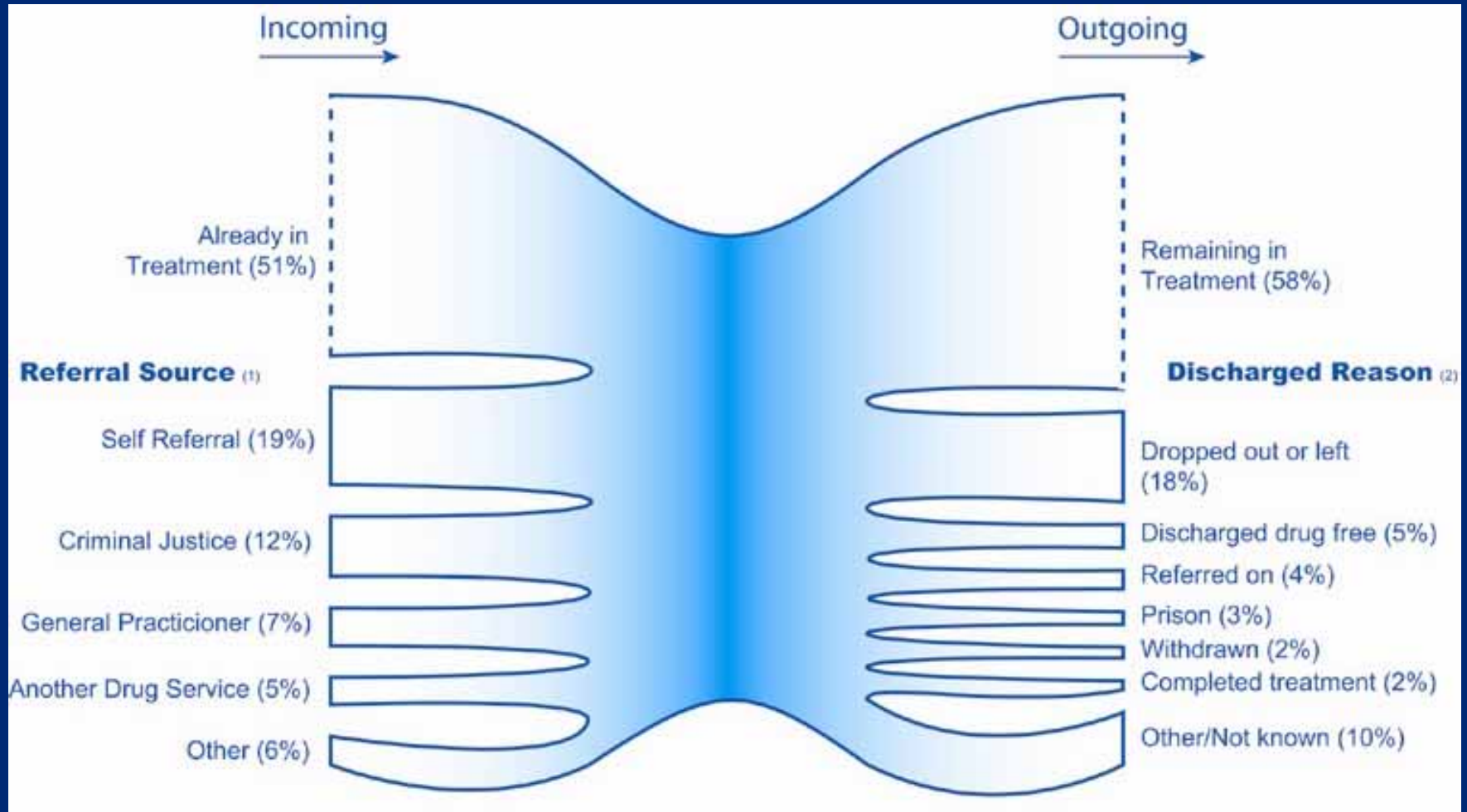
# Clients in treatment by age & sex



# Clients in treatment by ethnicity



# Movement in and out of treatment

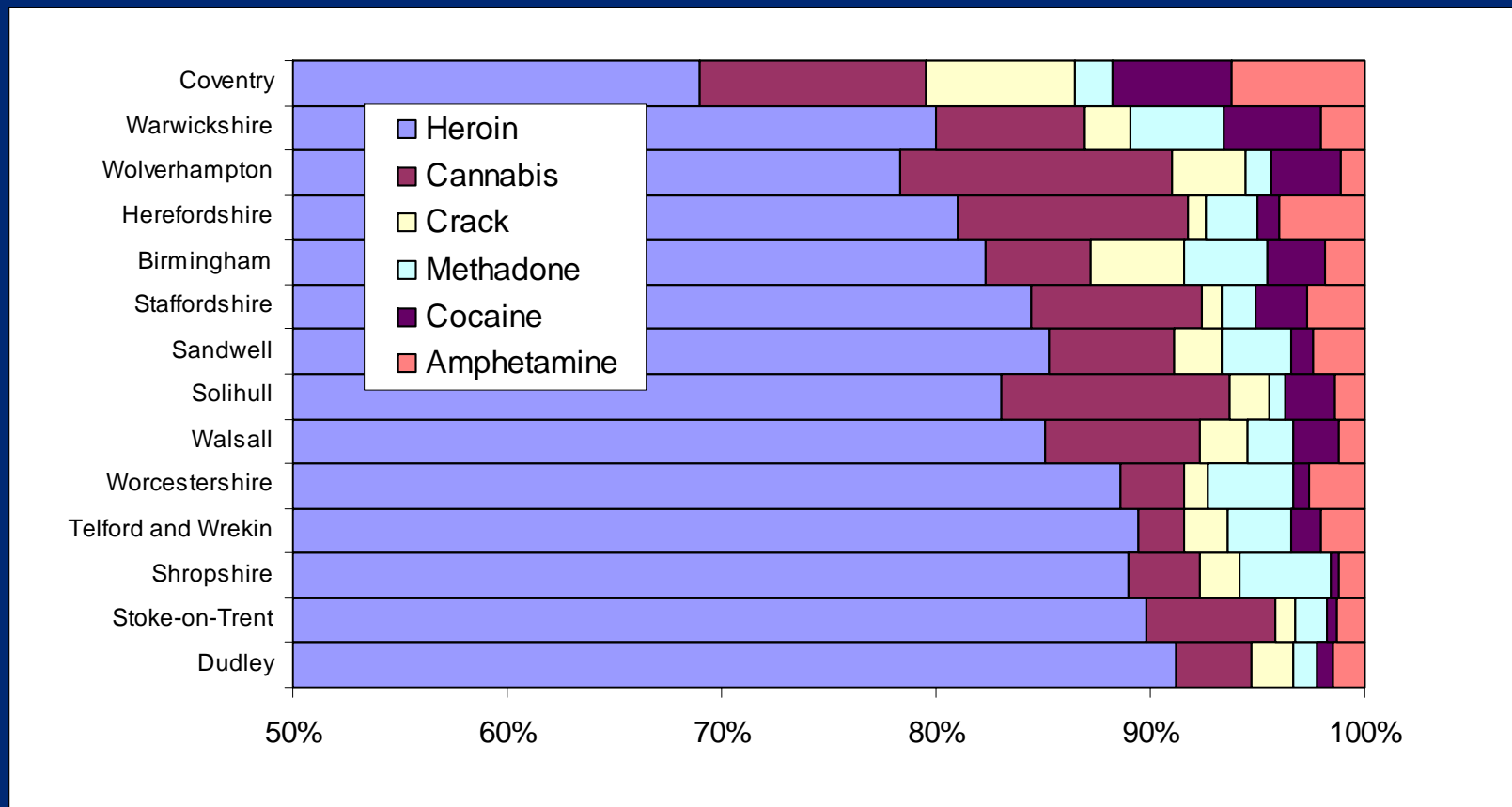


# Patterns of substance use

- Heroin dominates as the drug for which clients are receiving treatment, accounting for 81% of treatment episodes
- Poly use is common: 42% of treatment episodes were to clients recorded as using more than one substance



# Substances by Geography



Shows distribution of clients' primary problem substance recorded for treatment episodes across 14 drug action team areas in the region in 2004/5. This chart excludes records of substances other than those listed.

Source: NDTMS West Midlands

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