



## **The Thistle- Data up to end of September 2025.**

**Date 01/10/2025**

### **Data Definitions**

#### Service Users

This indicates the number of distinct / unique individuals who are registered to and have accessed the service on at least one occasion. Access is not limited to the use of the injecting area and includes wound care, use of the shower, clothing store or laundry facilities.

#### Service Users Male

Those registered to and using the service on at least one occasion who identify as male.

#### Service Users Female

Those registered to and using the service on at least one occasion who identify as female.

#### Times Service Accessed

This indicates the number of distinct / unique occasions when the service has been accessed by a service user registered with the service.

*Note: This does not include any visits to the service by any person not registered to receive services available at the facility.*

#### Injecting Episodes

This indicates the number of distinct / unique occasions when the injecting booths have been accessed to enable the service user to prepare and inject the substances they have purchased elsewhere and brought into the facility.

#### Medical Emergencies

This indicates the number of distinct / unique episodes where a service user has required some level of intervention from the staff following the self-administration of the substances they have purchased elsewhere and brought into the facility.

This includes interventions from enhanced observation of the service user to administration of oxygen, naloxone or resuscitation.

#### Bar Charts

##### Service Accessed

Displays the number of distinct / unique occasions when the service has been accessed by a service user registered with service on the month indicated.

##### Injecting Episodes

Displays the number of distinct / unique occasions when the injecting booths have been accessed by a registered service user to prepare and inject the substances they have purchased elsewhere and

brought into the facility. The number of injections that took place in the booths is likely to be more than count of injecting episodes.

#### Substances Used

Indicates the substances declared by the registered service user, as the substance they have purchased elsewhere and brought into the facility and intend to use during that injecting episode. The data is expressed as a percentage of the total to enable comparison on a month-by-month basis of the proportion of each drug being consumed within the facility.

*Note: this is the substance declared by the service user as the substance they believe they have purchased / intend to use, and may not reflect the actual substance used, either intentionally or unintentionally.*

#### Medical Emergencies

This indicates the number of distinct / unique medical emergency episodes, as defined above, not service users experiencing a medical emergency, occurring within the facility on a month-by-month basis.

#### Referrals

Recorded referrals made by Thistle staff on behalf of service users.

#### Interventions

Recorded support provided to Thistle users other than access to injecting booths and referrals.

### Thistle Data up to end of September 2025.

Service User Data	Number
Total Unique Service Users attending the service	461
Total Unique Male Service Users attending the service	367
Total Unique Female Service Users attending the service	94

Month Year	Service Accessed	Injecting Episodes	Medical Emergencies
Jan-25	336	268	0
Feb-25	684	523	5
Mar-25	864	609	12
Apr-25	847	610	13
May-25	737	451	5
June-25	893	547	4
July-25	938	546	9
Aug-25	848	514	8
Sep-25	1018	699	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>7165</b>	<b>4767</b>	<b>60</b>

### Substances used as percentage of Total

Month Year	Cocaine	Heroin	Heroin and cocaine (snowball)
Jan-25	84.1%	13.4%	2.6%
Feb-25	60.0%	21.4%	18.6%
Mar-25	57.0%	20.9%	22.0%
Apr-25	68.2%	23.7%	8.1%
May-25	62.6%	28.6%	8.5%
June-25	71.9%	20.0%	8.1%
July-25	73.8%	19.6%	5.8%
Aug-25	65.4%	28.5%	6.1%
Sep-25	73.4%	14.2%	11.9%

### Referrals

There have been a total of 380 referrals. The most common referrals are the following-  
Housing/Accommodation/Housing First- 181

Alcohol and Drug Recovery Services – 50

BBV Team- 36

Sexual and Reproductive Health- 17

Crisis Outreach Service- 9

### Interventions

There have been 5506 interventions recorded to date. The most common are-  
Injecting harms advice- 1495

Personal Care -905

Wound Care- 718

Physical Health Support- 448

Mental Health Support- 258

Total Clients <b>461</b>	Total Male <b>367</b>	Total Female <b>94</b>	Total Trans <b>--</b>	Total Accessed <b>7165</b>	Total Injecting Episodes <b>4,767</b>	Medical Emergencies <b>60</b>
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