

Summary National Results of Randomised Injectable Opiate Treatment Trial as reported by clinicians on 10 December 2009. Formal evaluation report has not yet been produced.

Total Number of clients in Trial nationally - 127 within three groups; optimal oral methadone (OOM), supervised injectable methadone (SIM) or supervised injectable heroin (SIH).

Demographics- 71% male 29% female, 100% white. Predominantly on benefits in rented accommodation, started using at an average age of 21yrs, injecting at 22yrs with an average injecting history of 11yrs.

The clients stable dose was reached at 8wks, mean doses were- injectable diamorphine 400mg, injectable methadone 450mg and oral methadone 100mg.

By month 4-6 - 28% OOM group had responded (responded meaning using 50% or less of illicit opiates), SIM was 33% response and the SIH group was 73% response.

The cost per service user per year-

OOM- £5K

SIM - £10K

SIH - £15K- (identified as labour intensive).

Retention in groups- OOM- 69%, SIM- 81% and SIH-88%

All clients had improvement in general health, mental health and social functioning.
All clients identified a reduction in self-reported crime

Serious adverse events- OOM-9, SIM-4 and SIH-7.

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