

Summary

My diploma thesis concerns the problems with the natural opium abuse in Olomouc and Prostějov region. It is based on the questionnaire analysis, which was held in The Contact Centre Walhalla and The Contact Centre Želva in the period from May to July 2006. 32 clients from the both contact centres took part in this research (20 from Olomouc and 12 from Prostějov). Only those clients with the experience of opium abuse were added to the group of respondents.

After having analysed the results, we found that the average age of Olomouc (OL) users is 25,6 years and of Prostějov (PV) users it is 24,4 years. More than a half of them are men. 36% of clients from the both centres said that they live alone. A half of OL clients have only primary education, a half of PV clients are trained. 35% of OL clients were out of work, whereas 25% of PV clients were employed. 73% of all clients were checked on hepatitis with negative result. The majority of all clients were tested on HIV with negative result in all cases. 31% have been treated from drug dependence before, now it is only 7%.

The spectrum of abused drugs is relatively wide. The first illegal drug was for 77% of all clients THC and it was when they were approximately 14,9 years old. The most favourite drug is for 40% of Olomouc clients pervitin, on the other hand for 67% of PV clients it is THC.

48% of clients have experience with opium more than 3 years and 83% of clients gather opium from fields without any difficulties. More than a half of all clients are ready to travel to faraway places to gather opium from fields. In the whole period of opium harvest clients gather approximately 35 g of opium. The most popular way of opium application is for 45% of OL clients an intravenous application and for 50% of PV clients it is opium smoking. 71% of all clients use all of the gathered opium immediately up. Opium causes them an inhibition, relaxation, itching and hallucination. The adverse effects of opium taking are nausea, vomiting, headache, fever and the shakes. 27% of all clients join taking opium with THC and 20% combine opium with pervitin.

46% said that they share their equipment for i.v. drug application with other drug users (either repeatedly or when there is any other possibility). A quarter of all clients share their syringes in opium period more than throughout the rest of year. The majority of all clients gains (85%) and throws away (78%) the syringes with using exchange programs of low-threshold agencies.

A part of this Diploma Thesis is also a prospectus talking about the risks connected with the opium abuse and suggesting how to decrease them.