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Introduction

This report presents statistical information regarding Agenzija Sedqa, within Foundation for Social Welfare Services (FSWS). It includes Agency level data, followed by detailed information for each service.

The information presented provides an overview of service use and selected indicators of service performance. In this report, “service users” refers to persons using the service from intake or referral through to case closure. Service descriptions and definitions of key terms are provided in Appendix B. Further information on service aims and activities is available at fsws.gov.mt.

The data are based on information submitted by services to the FSWS Research Team between 10 July and 20 August 2026. Where applicable, figures are provided at the individual level (number of individuals worked with) and case level (number of cases worked with). Individuals may access services multiple times within the reporting period or across multiple services simultaneously, resulting in more than one case per individual. To demonstrate the difference, consider Person A, who started and stopped attending a service twice in the same year, making it equivalent to 2 cases, but 1 individual worked with. As such, the total number of cases is typically higher than the number of individuals.

The report also includes data on, but is not limited to, referrals, cases opened (new and re-contact cases), and cases closed. Data on cases worked with and cases opened are further broken down by key socio-demographic variables, with detailed tables about cases opened provided in Appendix A. Please note that due to rounding, percentages may not always total 100%.

Changes in data collection processes over time, including the introduction of the online data collection system, may affect comparability of data across years. Relevant notes about aspects which may have impacted the data and influence trends are provided throughout the report where applicable.

The data presented are subject to revision as additional information becomes available.

This report would not have been possible without the contribution of staff responsible for data entry and submission across the services.

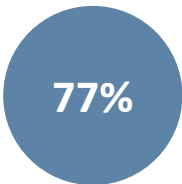
Executive summary

Cases worked with in Jan-Jun 2026:

2,587

Out of the 2,587 cases worked with between Jan-Jun 2026:

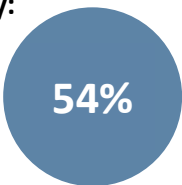
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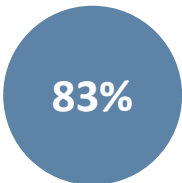
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40 to 49 years



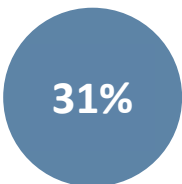
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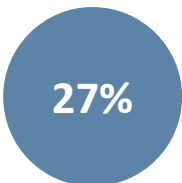
Maltese



District:



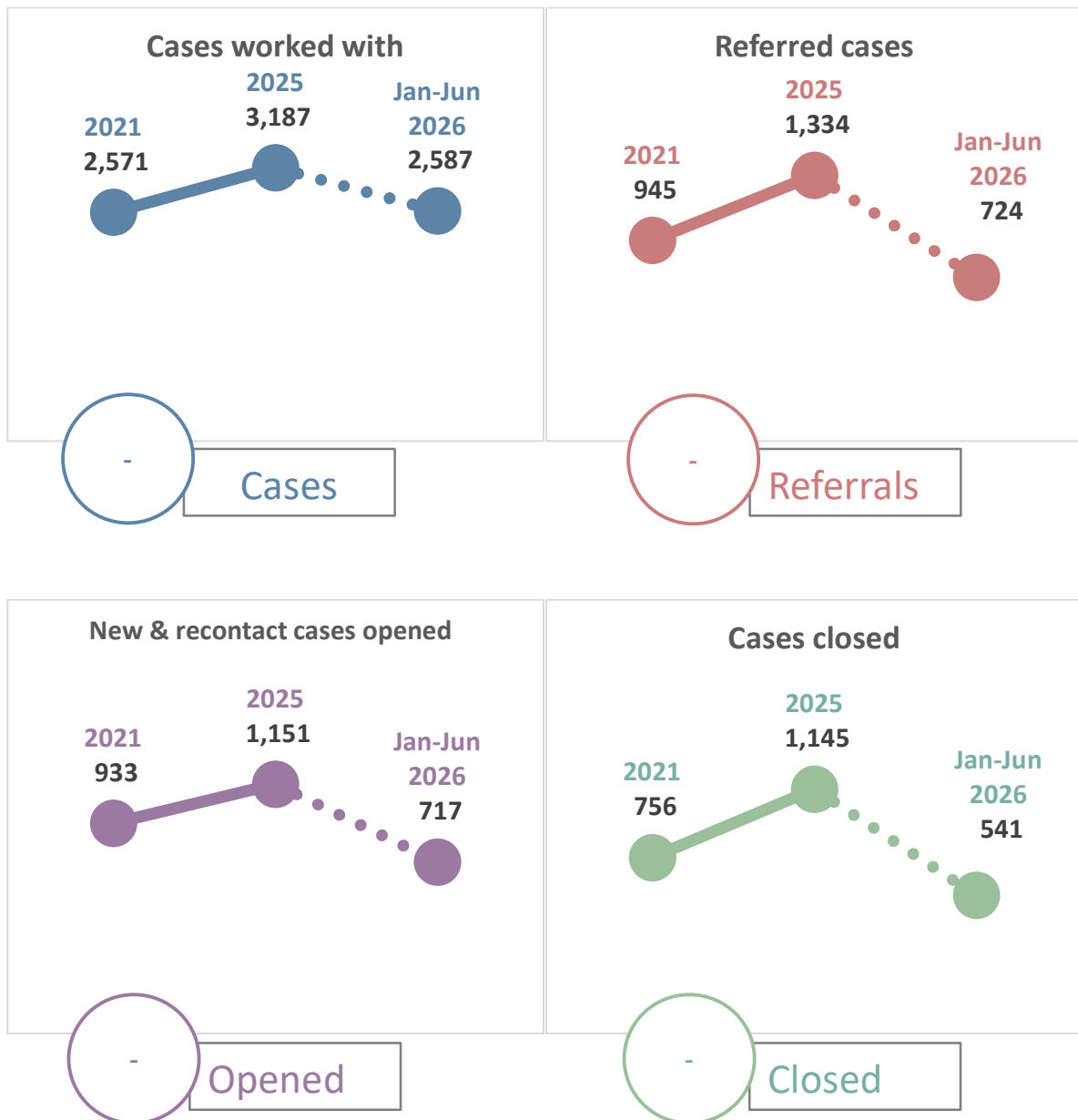
Northern Harbour



Southern Harbour



5-year comparison of case activity (2021-2025) and Jan-Jun 2026:



Note: Data on the number of cases in 2021, 2025 and Jan-Jun 2026 is presented to display changes over a complete five-year period.

Agency level data

This section provides information on an Agency level.

A new online data collection system and reporting format were introduced in 2020, with additional services incorporated over time. Information on implementation timelines is provided within the respective service sections. In 2023, the Psychological Services was transferred to the Agency for Community and Therapeutic Services, and historical data were incorporated into the new Agency's dataset.

Sedqa: Cases and individuals worked with, by year

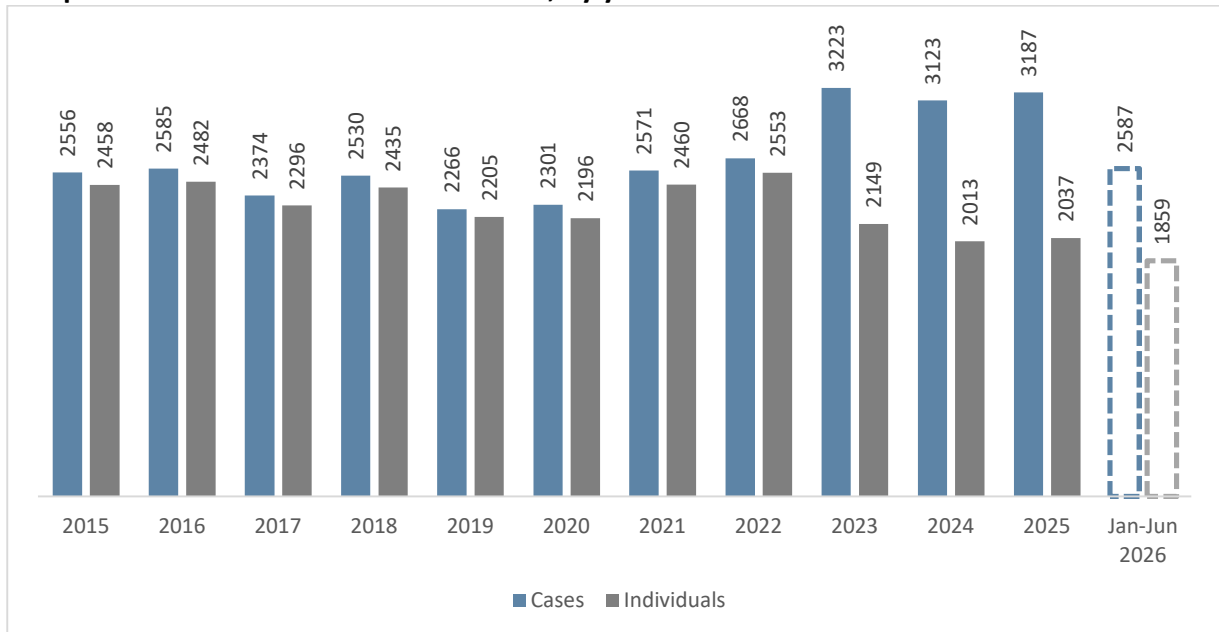


Figure 1: In Jan-Jun 2026, 2587 cases and 1859 individuals were worked with compared to 3187 and 2037 respectively in 2025.

Note: Individuals may have more than one case within a reporting period (see Glossary). Prior to 2023, the number of individuals is a sum across multiple units and thus can only provide an approximation of the number of individuals overall and the figures provided are therefore higher than the real figures. From 2023 onwards, the number of individuals is the true number of individuals across the entire directorate because figures are deduplicated across services.

Case activity, Jan-Jun 2026

Service	Cases worked with	Individuals worked with	Waiting list end Jun 2026
Addictions Community Service	738	724	43
Substance Misuse Out-patient Unit	1569	1564	0
Substance Misuse In-patient Unit	171	144	0
Komunita' Santa Marija Addiction Residential Rehabilitation Programme	109	101	10
Total	2587	-	53

Service	Additional information
Primary Prevention Team	A total of 2,557 sessions which consisted of approximately 2,663 hours, with approximately 15,568 participants. A further 36 other activities (e.g., media, outreach, exhibitions etc) were also conducted.
Courts	109 Drug Offenders Rehabilitation Board (DORB) cases worked with, and 17 Psychotherapy Service cases worked with.
Social Work at Substance Misuse Out-patient Unit	153 cases and 153 individuals worked with.

Figure 2: Case activity is concentrated within substance misuse out-patients unit, which accounts for the majority of both cases and individuals worked with during the reporting period. Please note that the total unique individual across services is not provided since aggregating across services would include duplication and not provide the true number across services.

A total of **2,587** cases were worked with between January and June 2026.

Sedqa: Cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 by gender

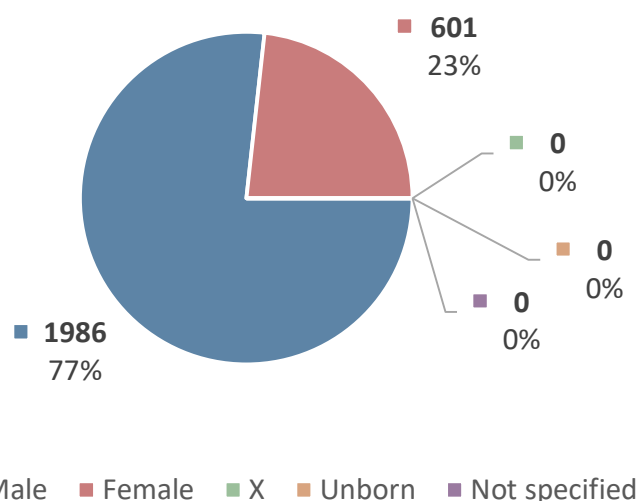


Figure 3: Male service users accounted for the highest proportion of cases worked with (77%).

Note: Gender is recorded at referral or first contact and may be updated over time, based on formal documentation and/or the individual's self-identified pronouns.

Sedqa: Cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 by age category

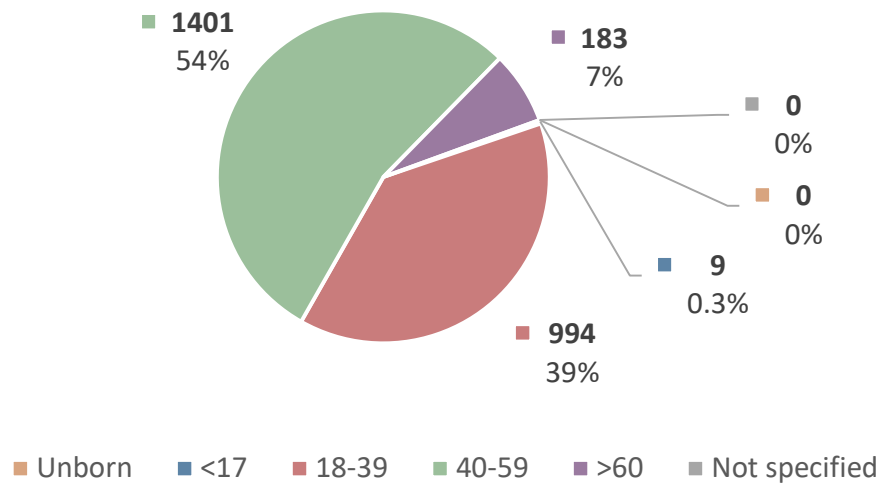


Figure 4: Service users aged 40 to 59 accounted for the highest proportion of cases worked with (54%).

Note: Age is calculated based on date of birth.

Sedqa: Cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 by nationality

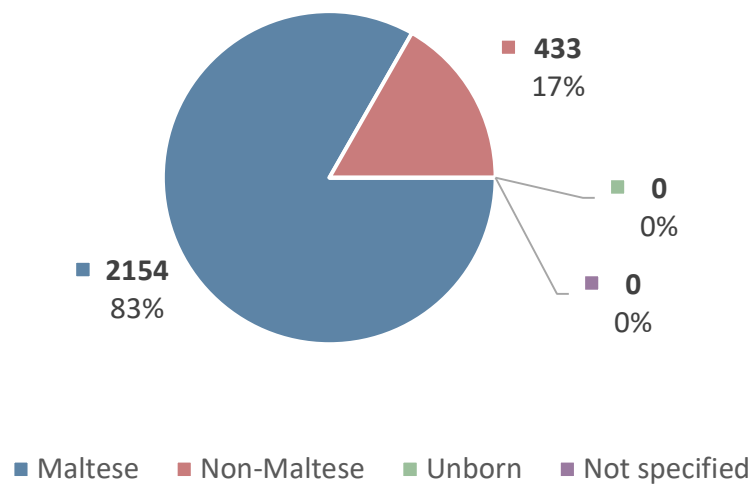
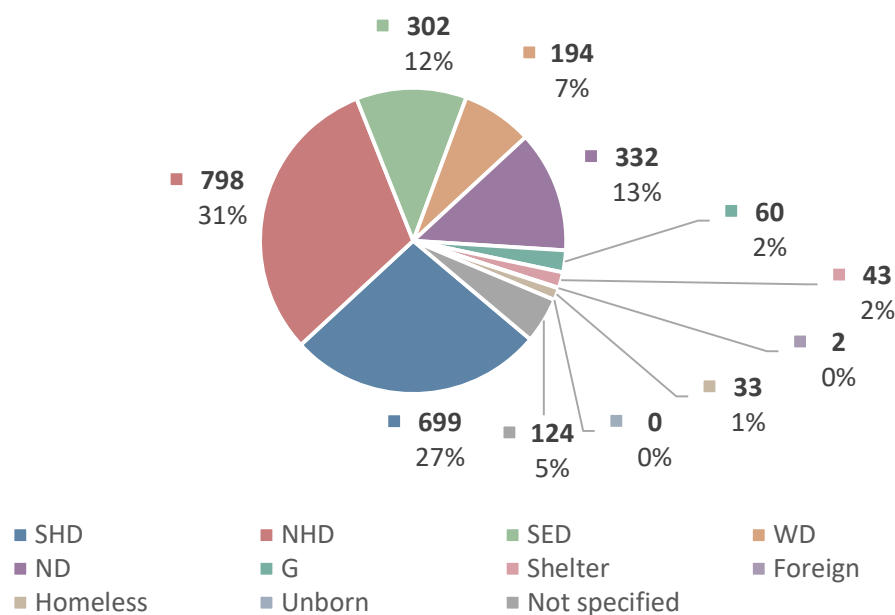


Figure 5: Maltese service users accounted for the highest proportion of cases worked with (83%), while non-Maltese service users accounted for 17%.

Note: Nationality reflects the self-reported or documented status (e.g. identity card) of the service user during the reporting period.

Sedqa: Cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 by district of residence



Graph Key: SHD = Southern Harbour District; NHD = Northern Harbour District; SED = Southeastern District; WD = Western District; ND = Northern District; G = Gozo District; Shelter = shelter/institution; Foreign = Foreign residence.

Figure 6: Northern Harbour District accounted for the highest proportion of cases worked with (31%).

Note: District is based on self-reported residence within the reporting year. Shelter/institution (e.g., residential homes, centre of residential restorative services, or shelters), foreign residence, and homelessness are shown separately to avoid bias in district distribution.

Sedqa: Cases worked with by primary problem or addiction and year

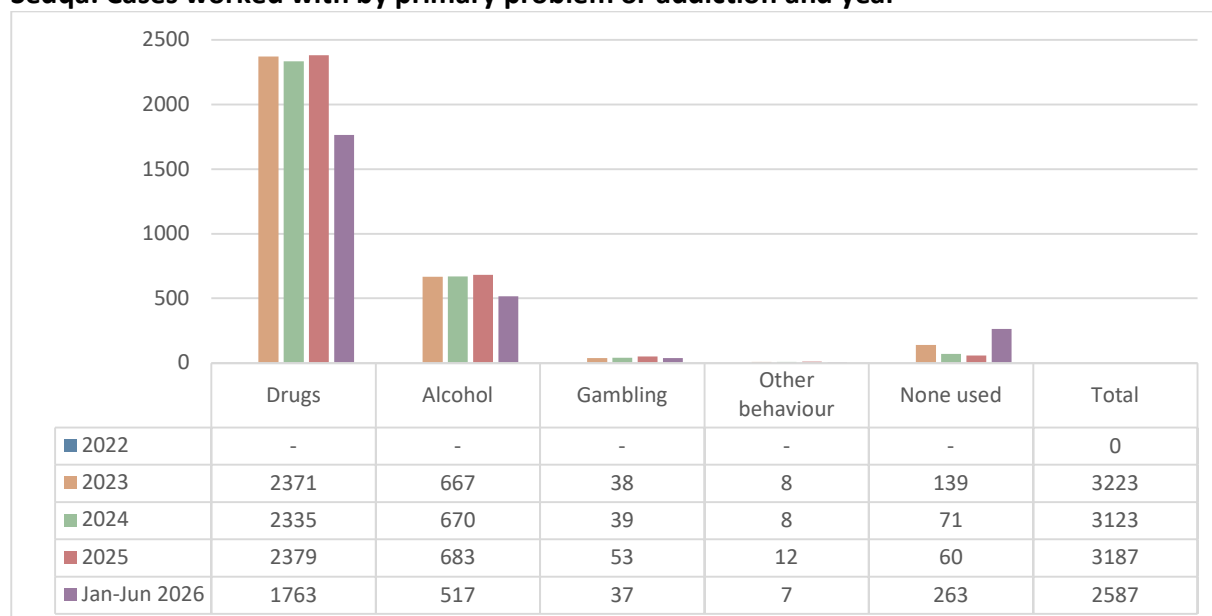


Figure 7: In Jan-Jun 2026, drug-related issues were the most commonly reported primary problem or addiction, accounting for 1763 cases (68%).

Note: The primary problem or addiction is recorded at first contact and reflects the main issue experienced by the service user in the previous 12 months. "None reported" refers to service users who did not report a problem or addiction during this period, including those in long-term rehabilitation, those who previously participated in a Centre of Residential Restorative Services (CoRRS) programme, or significant others seeking support but do not have a primary problem themselves to report.

Sedqa: Cases worked with and primary substance or behaviour, by year

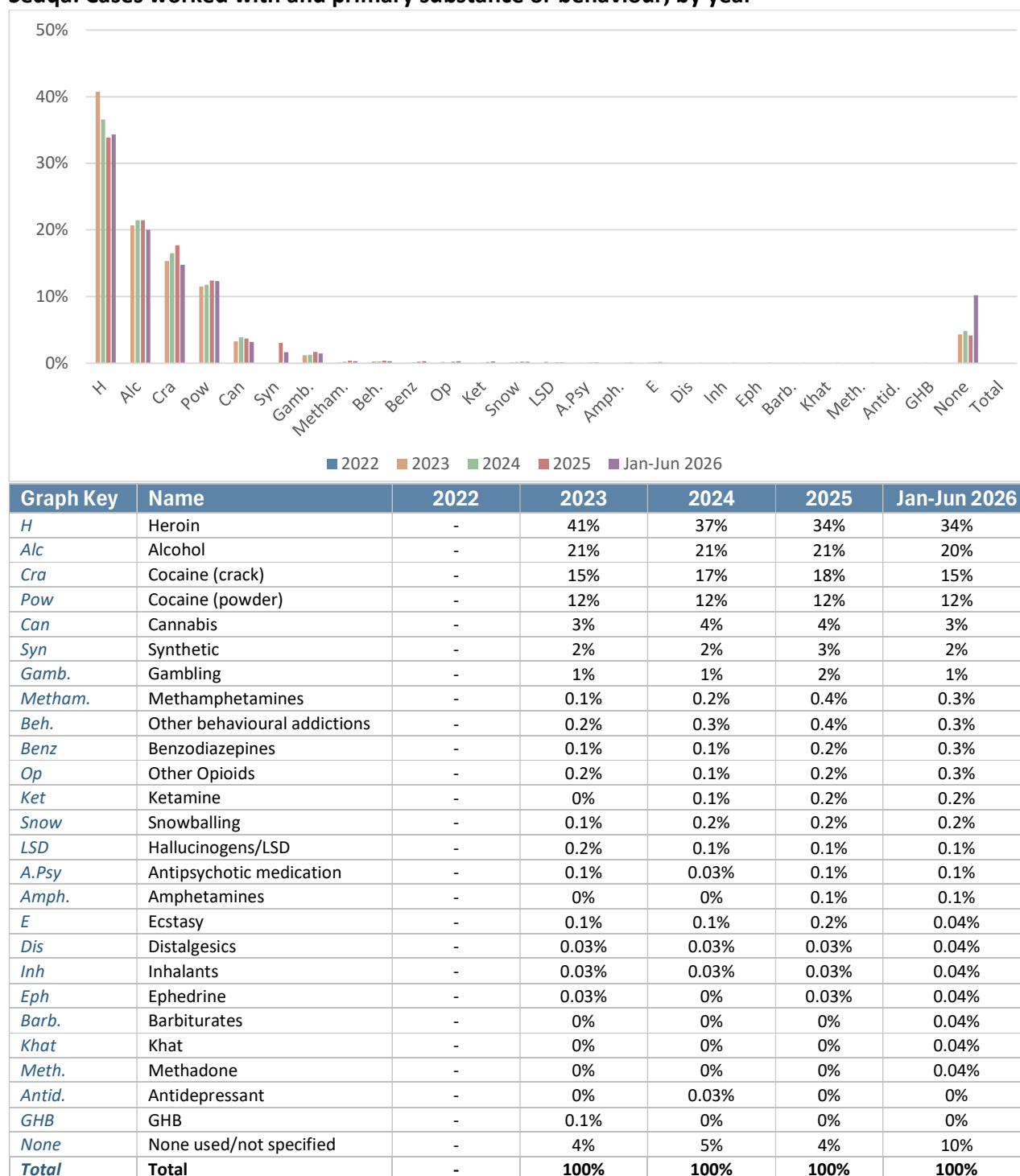


Figure 8: The majority of cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 reported using heroin in the 12 months prior to referral (888, 34% cases).

Note: The primary substance or behaviour causing problem or addiction is recorded at first contact and reflects the main issue experienced by the service user in the previous 12 months. "None reported" refers to service users who did not report a problem or addiction during this period, including those in long-term rehabilitation, those who previously participated in a Centre of Residential Restorative Services (CoRRS) programme, or significant others seeking support but do not have a primary problem themselves to report.

Sedqa: Cases worked with by case type (new, re-contact, known and intake), by year

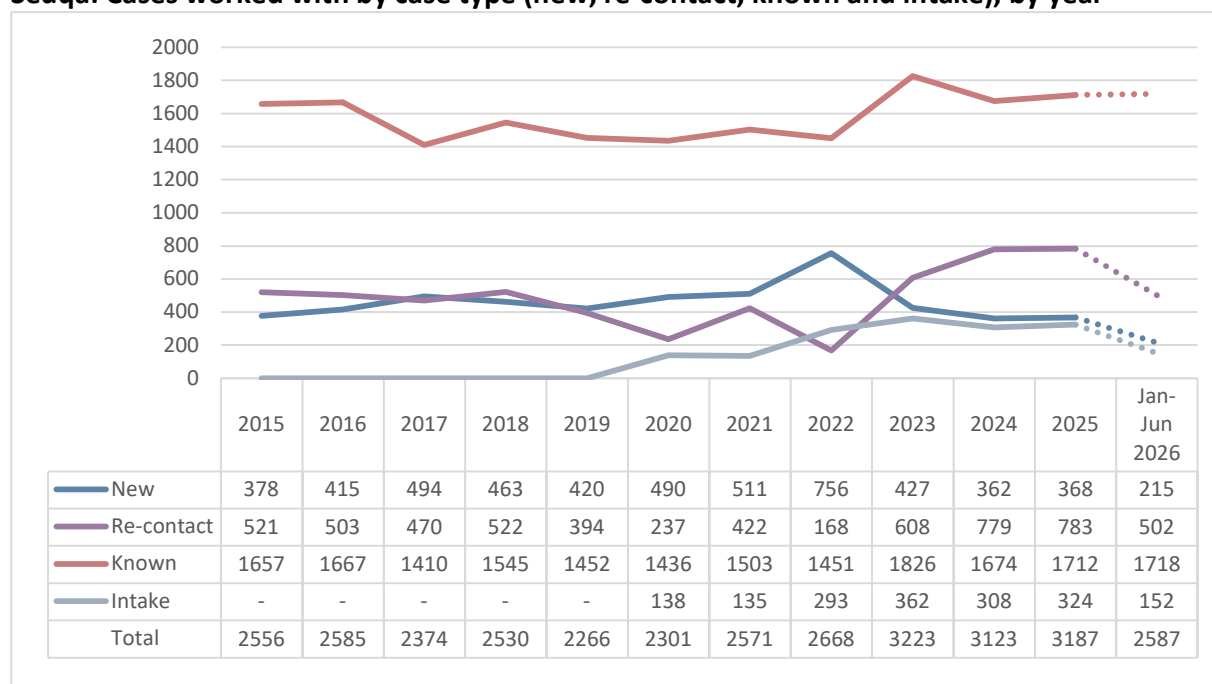


Figure 9: New cases accounted for 8% (215) of cases worked with, while re-contact cases accounted for 19% (502).

Note: Cases worked with start the reporting period as a new, re-contact, known, or intake case (see Glossary). Intake has been reported since 2020 following the introduction of the online system. From 2023 onwards, new case figures represent Agency level totals; earlier figures were aggregated from services.

Sedqa: Cases worked with by case state at the end of the reporting period

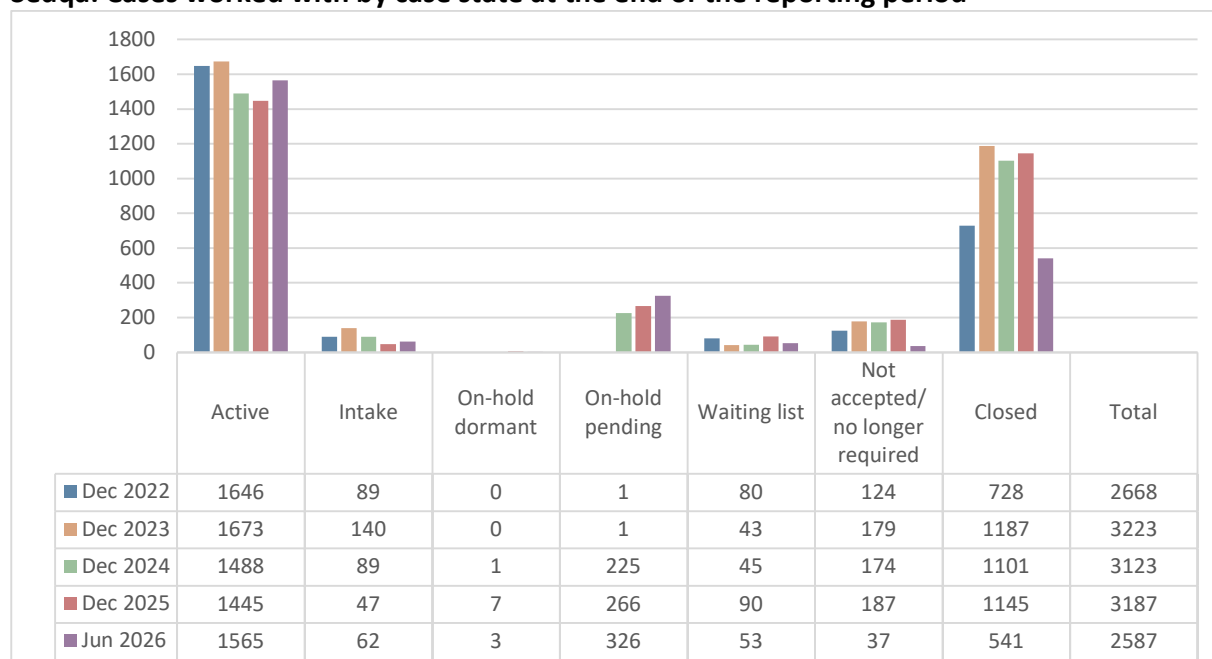


Figure 10: By the end of June 2026, 60% (1565) of the cases worked with remained active, 21% (541) were closed and 2% (62) remained on intake.

Note: Cases may end the reporting period by being intake, active, on hold, on the waiting list, or closed (see Glossary).

Sedqa: Waiting list at the end of the reporting period

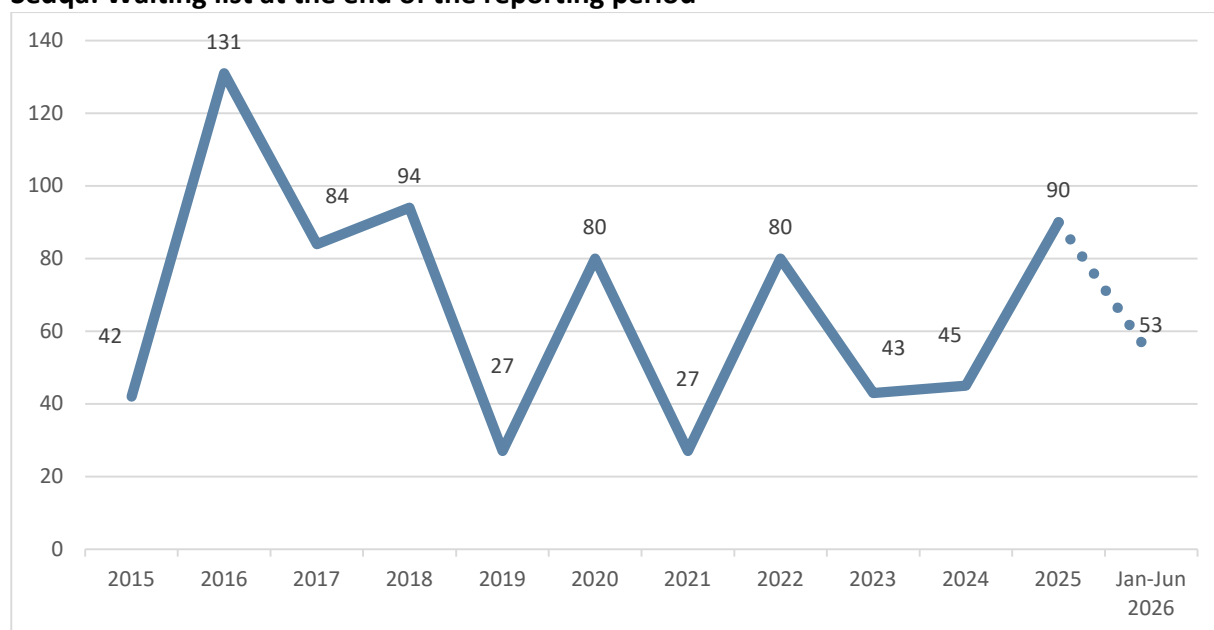


Figure 11: Only cases remaining on the waiting list at the end of the reporting period are included. At the end of June 2026, 53 cases remained on the waiting list.

Note: Waiting list cases are assessed as low risk, have no immediate needs, or are awaiting the next available appointment or programme; they are monitored and supported at reduced intensity.

Sedqa: Referrals, cases opened (new & re-contact), and cases closed, by year

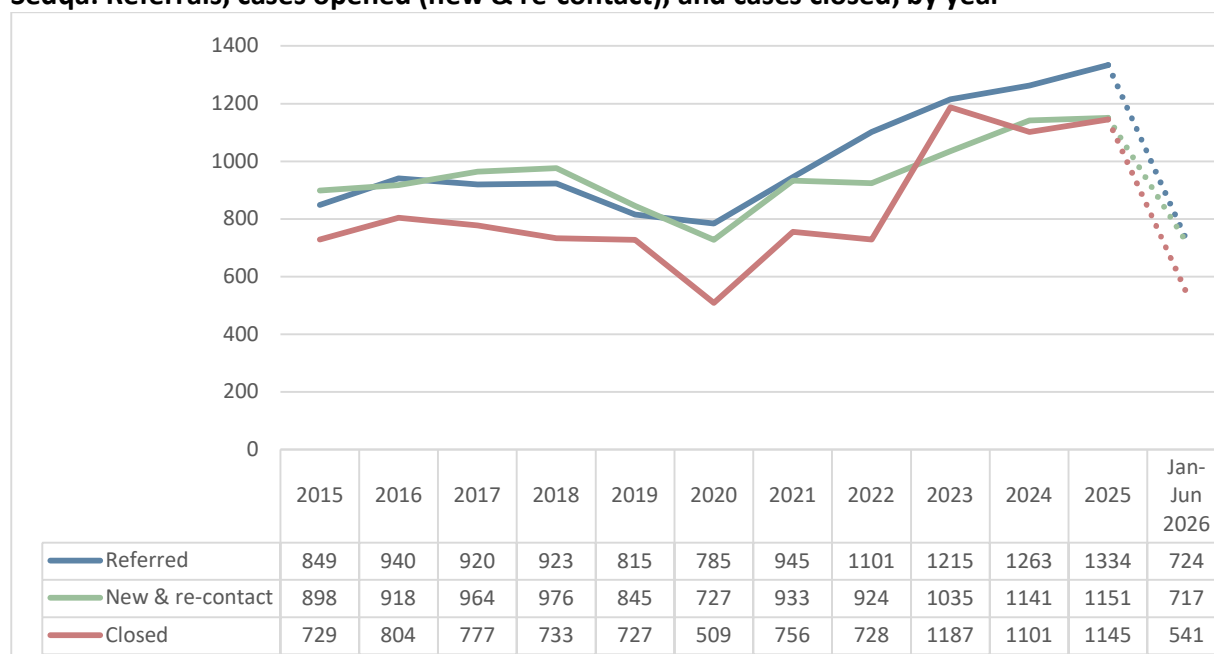


Figure 12: In Jan-Jun 2026, 724 cases were referred, 717 new & recontact cases opened, and 541 cases closed.

Note: Cases may be referred, opened, or closed throughout the year (see Glossary). Opened cases include both new and re-contact cases (see Figure 9 for breakdown).

A total of **717** cases were opened between January and June 2026.

Note: Further breakdowns regarding cases opened by demographics can be found in Appendix A.

Sedqa: Cases opened (new & re-contact) by age category and gender January - June 2026						
	Male	Female	X	Unborn	Not specified	Total
Unborn	-	-	-	-	-	-
<17	1	4	0	-	0	5
18-19	3	5	0	-	0	8
20-24	28	4	0	-	0	32
25-29	56	6	0	-	0	62
30-34	55	23	0	-	0	78
35-39	123	36	0	-	0	159
40-44	102	32	0	-	0	134
45-49	73	31	0	-	0	104
50-54	33	12	0	-	0	45
55-59	38	7	0	-	0	45
≥60	27	18	0	-	0	45
Not specified	0	0	0	-	0	0
Total	539	178	0	-	0	717

Figure 13: Service users aged 35 to 39 accounted for the highest proportion of cases opened (22%; 159).

Note: Gender is recorded at referral or first contact and may be updated over time, based on formal documentation and/or the individual's self-identified pronouns. Age is calculated based on date of birth

Sedqa: Interventions conducted and service, by year

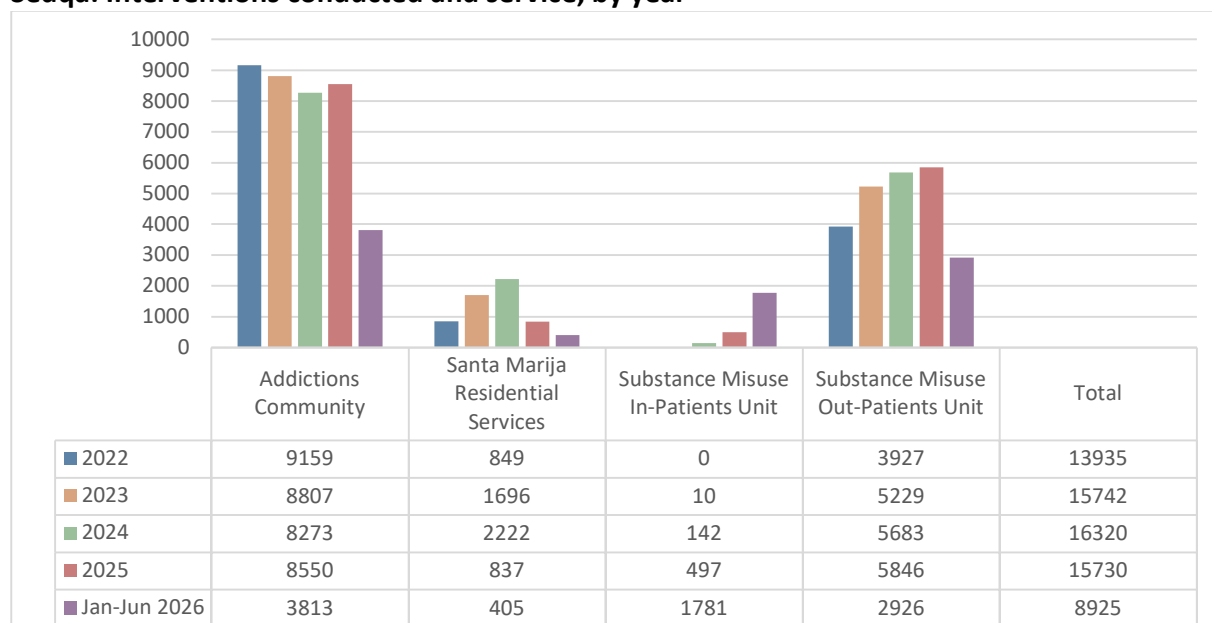


Figure 14: A total of 8925 interventions were recorded during the reporting period, with most delivered by Addictions Community (43%; 3813).

Note: Interventions reflect actions recorded in the online data collection system as completed, including activities such as assessments, psychotherapy, and case conferences, aimed at supporting and empowering the service user.

Service level data

Each service under the Agency is discussed in the section that follows. Information is provided regarding case activity followed by demographic information for cases worked with and for new & recontact cases opened.

Primary Prevention (PPV)

The Prevention Service provides diverse programmes for different cohorts of the general population. These programmes are provided within the primary sector (primary educational settings), secondary & post-secondary sector (secondary and post-secondary educational settings), community sector (community settings) and the work sector (workplace settings). Ad hoc sessions are usually delivered within secondary and post-secondary educational settings. Further information can be found on www.fsws.gov.mt.

PPV: Number and hours of sessions provided, by year

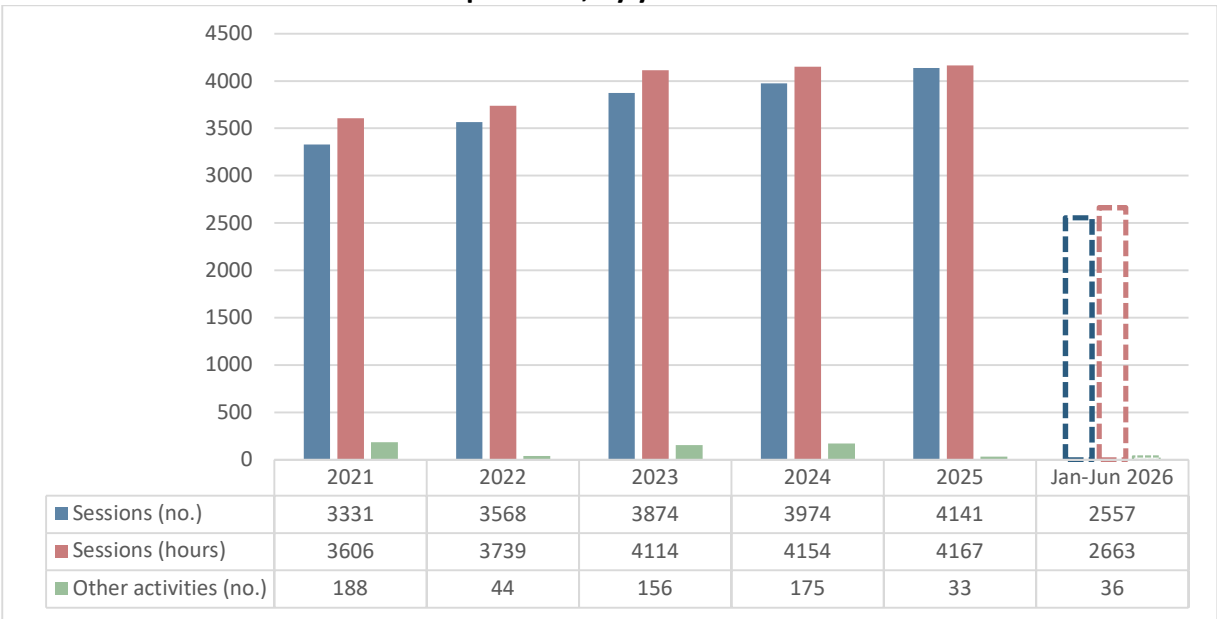


Figure 15: A total of 2557 sessions were recorded Jan-Jun 2026, amounting to 2663 hours.

Note: Prevention programmes may consist of multiple sessions covering different topics (e.g. Safe Programme). Prior to 2021, talks, sessions and programmes were recorded as interventions, with multiple sessions reported as a single intervention. From 2021, reporting was updated to capture all individual sessions, which may account for observed changes. Other activities are presented separately (see Figure 18).

A total of **456** programmes were provided between January and June 2026. One programme can consist of multiple sessions. For example, TFAL 3 programme generally includes 6 sessions, TFAL 5 Programme includes 5 sessions, Summer School Programme includes 4 sessions, Learning Centres Programme can include between 3 to 5 sessions, and Teen Outside the Box Programme includes 3 sessions.

PPV: Number of participants (non-unique) and materials distributed, by year

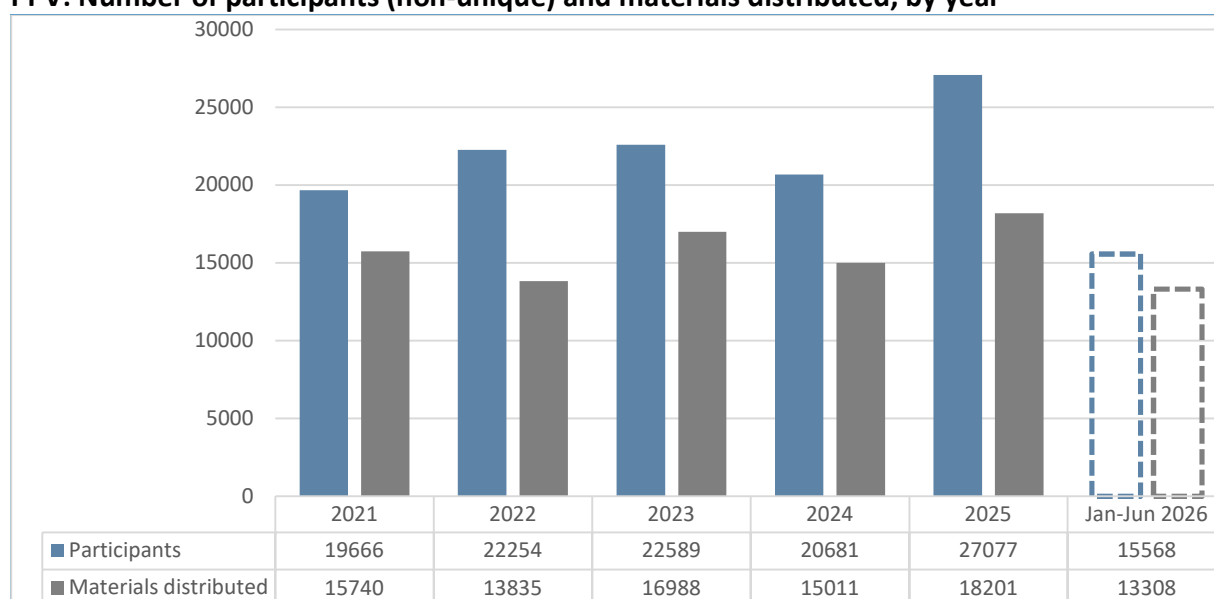


Figure 16: 15568 participants were reached and 13308 materials were distributed in Jan-Jun 2026,

Note: Figures represent estimated counts, as exact numbers of participants attending and materials distributed are not systematically recorded. The number of participants excludes participants reached through audio-visual recorded sessions since this cannot be quantified.

PPV: Sessions, programmes, hours of sessions, participant (non-unique) attendance and materials distributed by prevention sector January - June 2026					
	Number of sessions	Number of programmes	Hours of sessions	Number of participants	Number of materials distributed
Primary sector	1,798	328	1,798	6,341	6,501
Secondary & post-secondary (& ad-hoc sessions)	479	128	527	5,610	5,672
Community sector	69	-	127	1,716	798
Work sector	211	-	211	1,901	337
Total	2,557	456	2,663	15,568	13,308

Figure 17: A total of 2557 sessions and 456 programmes were delivered in Jan-Jun 2026, accounting for 2663 hours, 15568 participant, and 13308 materials distributed, with the majority delivered within the primary sector.

Note: Participant figures reflect attendances rather than unique individuals, as participants may attend multiple sessions.

PPV: Number of other activities conducted by year					
	2022	2023	2024	2025	Jan-Jun 2026
Media interventions	32	29	36	27	15
Outreach activities	11	9	12	6	21
Exhibitions	1	118	127	0	0
Total	44	156	175	33	36

Figure 18: In Jan-Jun 2026, other activities reached 36.

Note: The increase in 2023 and 2024 is largely attributable to exhibitions delivered through the SAFE programme and within post-secondary and tertiary settings.

PPV: Number of sessions and sector, by year

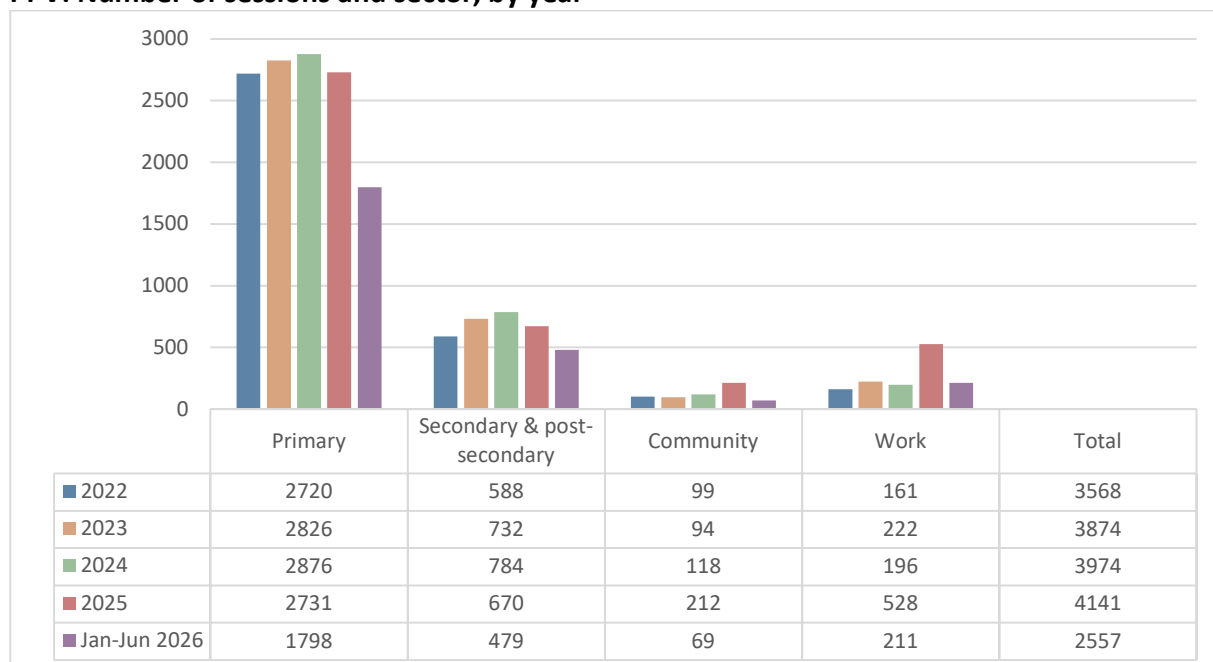


Figure 19: Most sessions in Jan-Jun 2026 were provided within the primary sector (1798; 70%).

PPV: Number of participants (non-unique) and sector, by year

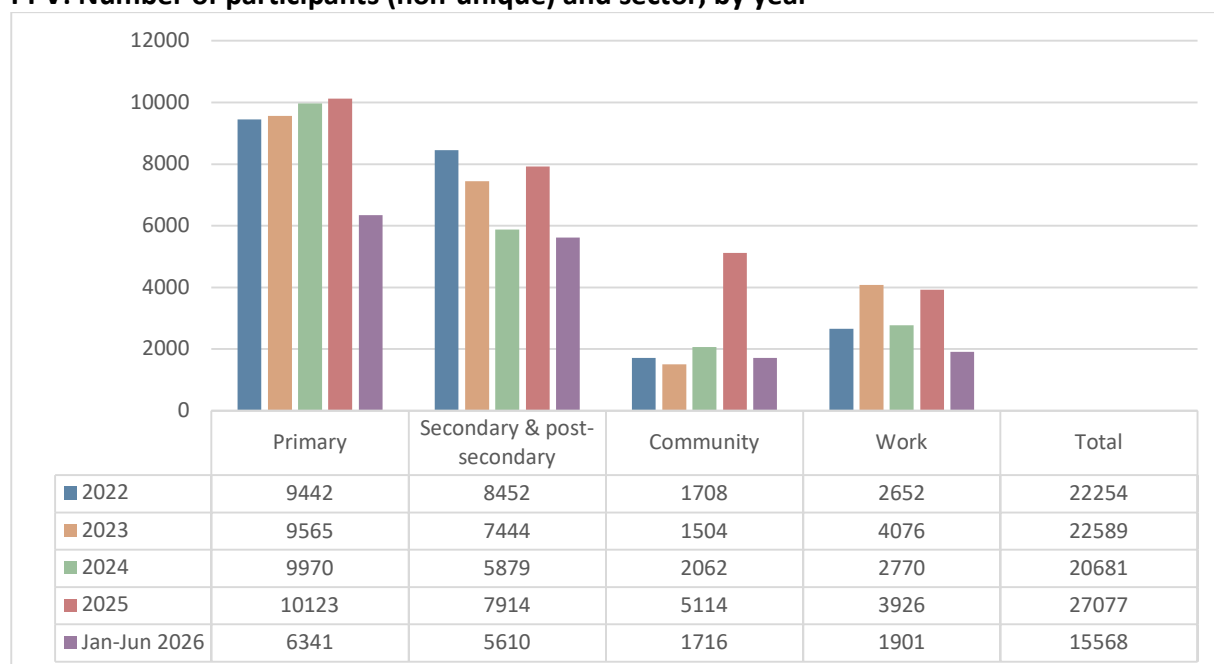


Figure 20: In Jan-Jun 2026, participant (non-unique) attendances were highest within the primary sector (6341, 41%).

Note: Participant figures reflect participants who attended (attendances) rather than unique individuals, as participants may attend multiple sessions.

PPV: Number of participants (non-unique) and participant type, by year

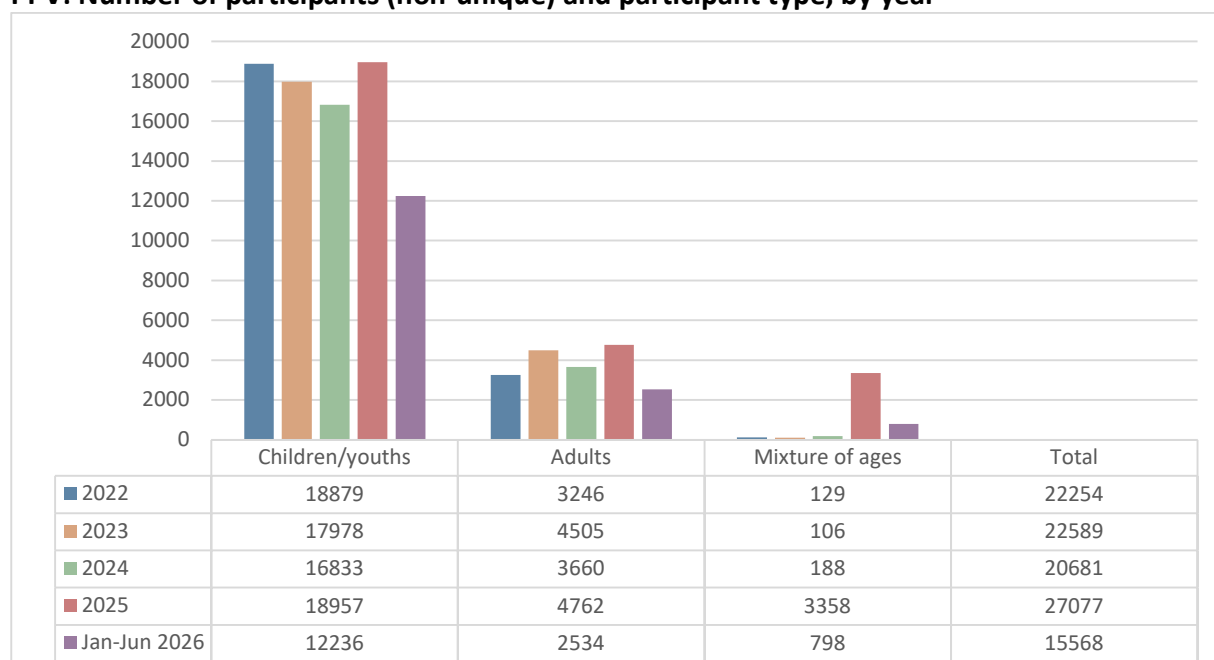


Figure 21: The majority of participants (non-unique) attending Jan-Jun 2026 were children or youths (12236; 79%)

Note: Participant figures reflect attendances rather than unique individuals, as participants may attend multiple sessions. Sessions may target specific age categories, (e.g. sessions only provided to children/youth), or target a broader audience covering a mixture of ages (e.g. a public talk for families).

PPV: Number of sessions co-ordinated and delivered on request by programme topic, by year					
	2022	2023	2024	2025	Jan- Jun 2026
TFAL 3 programme	1494	1526	1485	1506	965
TFAL 5 programme	934	1103	1354	1200	830
Teen Outside the Box	488	601	635	540	444
SAFE sessions	161	222	196	528	211
Community sessions	99	94	118	212	69
BASH Programme	-	-	-	120	28
Learning support centres	26	21	20	13	9
Post-secondary interventions	78	108	127	0	0
Secondary Ad-hoc sessions	-	7	5	0	1
Summer School sessions	288	192	34	22	-
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3568	3874	3974	4141	2557

Figure 22: TFAL 3 recorded the highest number of sessions in Jan-Jun 2026 (965).

Note: The service delivers sessions on a range of topics, including those requested on an ad hoc basis. Some topics may be discontinued or introduced during the reporting period, while others (e.g. summer school sessions) are delivered only during specific months. Further information on programmes (e.g. Beyond Alcohol and Substance Highs - B.A.S.H.) is available at <https://fsws.gov.mt/sedqa/b-a-s-h/>.

Addictions Community Service (ACT)

A new online data collection system and reporting format were introduced in 2020.

Sedqa consolidated the Alcohol and Gambling Community Team (AGCT) and the Drug Community Team (DCT) into a single Addictions Community Service in 2020. At the same time, changes were introduced in data collection methods. As a result, data from 2011 to 2019 is not directly comparable with data from 2020 onwards. For information covering the period 2011 - 2019, reference should be made to previous Sedqa reports.

ACT: Cases and individuals worked with, by year

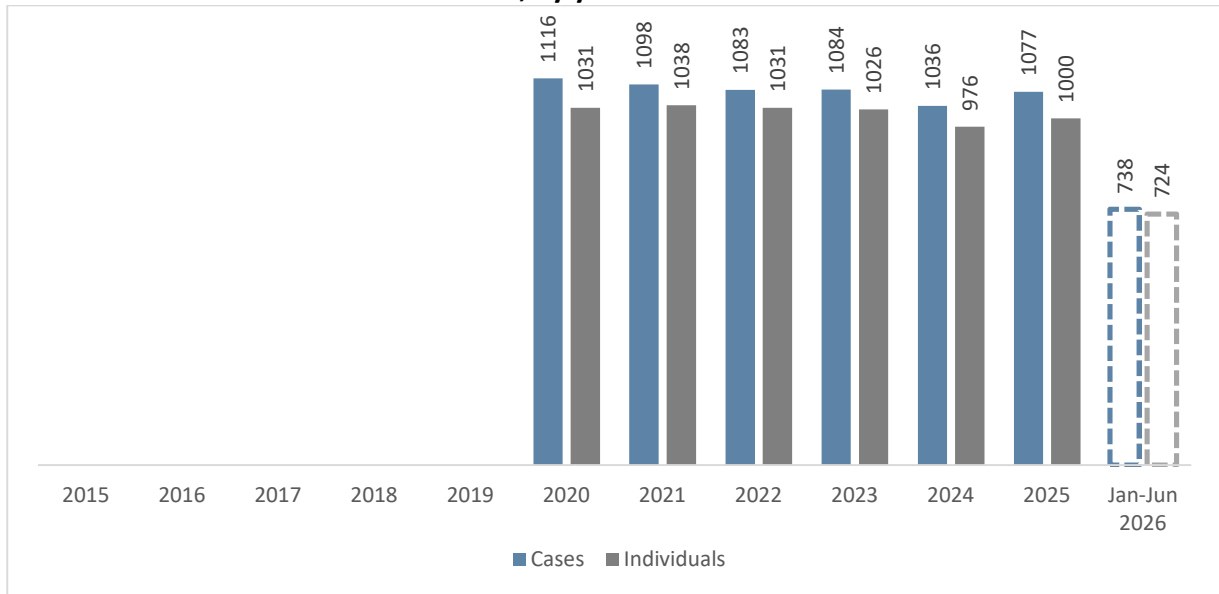


Figure 23: In Jan-Jun 2026, 738 cases and 724 individuals were worked with compared to 1077 and 1000 respectively in 2025.

Note: Individuals may have more than one case within a reporting period (see Glossary).

A total of **738** cases were worked with between January and June 2026.

ACT: Cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 by gender

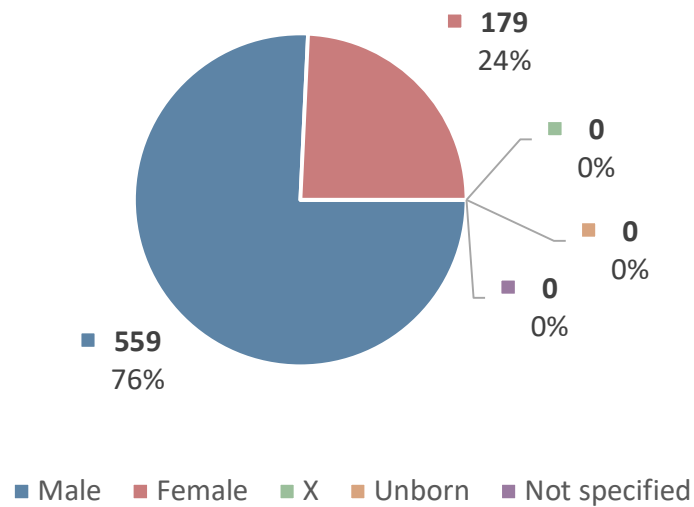


Figure 24: Male service users accounted for the highest proportion of cases worked with (76%).

Note: Gender is recorded at referral or first contact and may be updated over time, based on formal documentation and/or the individual's self-identified pronouns

ACT: Cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 by age category

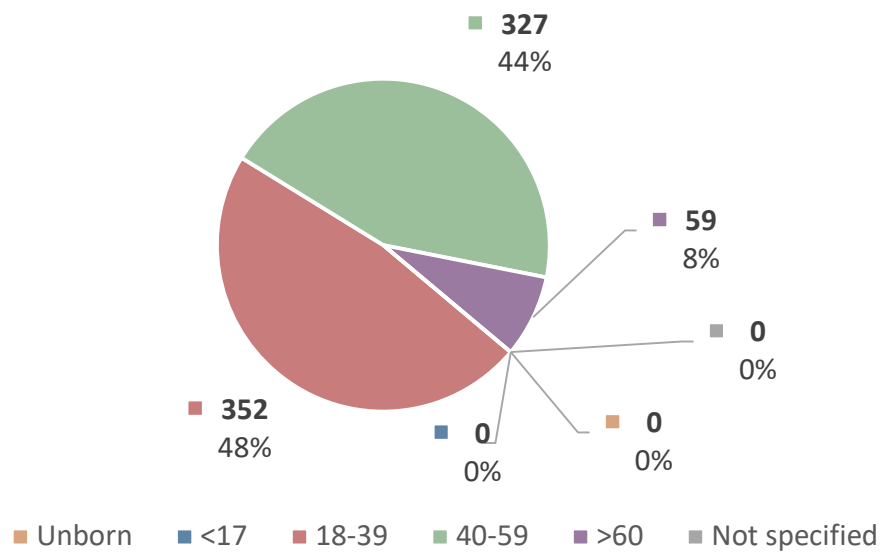


Figure 25: Service users aged 18 to 39 accounted for the highest proportion of cases worked with (48%).

Note: Age is calculated based on date of birth.

ACT: Cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 by nationality

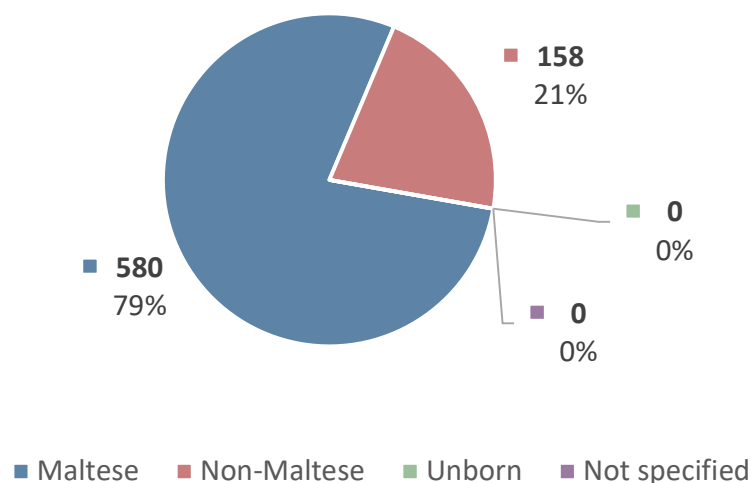
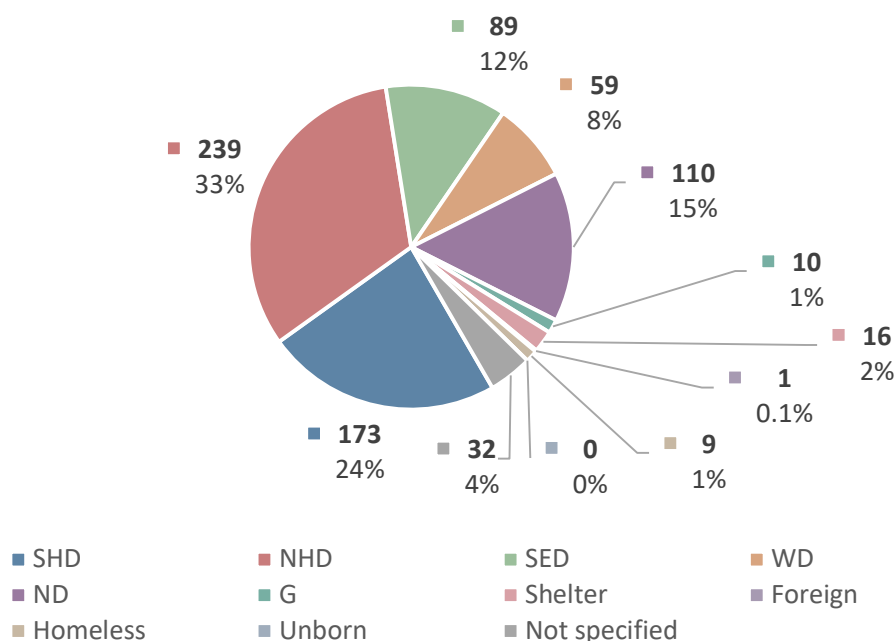


Figure 26: Maltese service users accounted for the highest proportion of cases worked with (79%), while non-Maltese service users accounted for 21%.

Note: Nationality reflects the self-reported or documented status (e.g. identity card) of the service user during the reporting period.

ACT: Cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 by district of residence

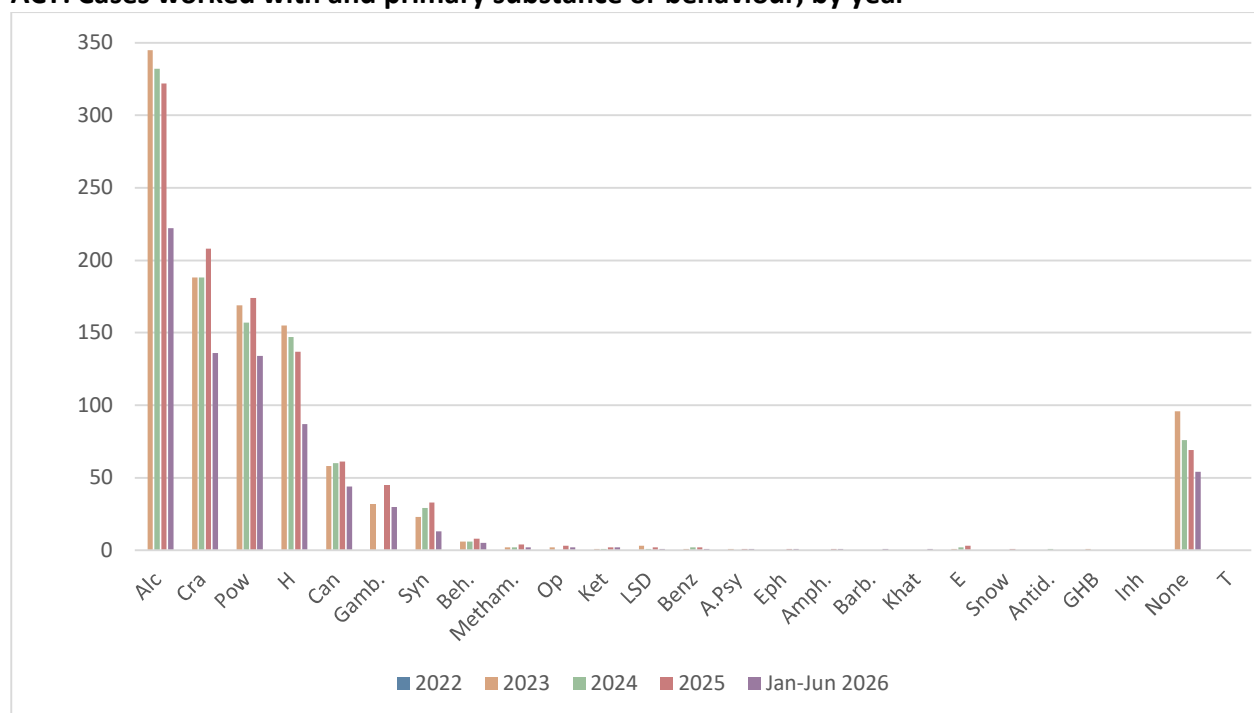


Graph Key: SHD = Southern Harbour District; NHD = Northern Harbour District; SED = Southeastern District; WD = Western District; ND = Northern District; G = Gozo District; Shelter = shelter/institution; Foreign = Foreign residence.

Figure 27: Northern Harbour District accounted for the highest proportion of cases worked with (33%).

Note: District is based on self-reported residence within the reporting year. Shelter/institution (e.g., residential homes, centre of residential restorative services, or shelters), foreign residence, and homelessness are shown separately to avoid bias in district distribution.

ACT: Cases worked with and primary substance or behaviour, by year



Graph Key	Name	2022	2023	2024	2025	Jan-Jun 2026
<i>Alc</i>	Alcohol	-	345	332	322	222
<i>Cra</i>	Cocaine (crack)	-	188	188	208	136
<i>Pow</i>	Cocaine (powder)	-	169	157	174	134
<i>H</i>	Heroin	-	155	147	137	87
<i>Can</i>	Cannabis	-	58	60	61	44
<i>Gamb.</i>	Gambling	-	32	32	45	30
<i>Syn</i>	Synthetic	-	23	29	33	13
<i>Beh.</i>	Other behavioural addictions	-	6	6	8	5
<i>Metham.</i>	Methamphetamines	-	2	2	4	2
<i>Op</i>	Other Opioids	-	2	0	3	2
<i>Ket</i>	Ketamine	-	1	1	2	2
<i>LSD</i>	Hallucinogens/LSD	-	3	1	2	1
<i>Benz</i>	Benzodiazepines	-	1	2	2	1
<i>A.Psy</i>	Antipsychotic medication	-	1	0	1	1
<i>Eph</i>	Ephedrine	-	0	0	1	1
<i>Amph.</i>	Amphetamines	-	0	0	1	1
<i>Barb.</i>	Barbiturates	-	0	0	0	1
<i>Khat</i>	Khat	-	0	0	0	1
<i>E</i>	Ecstasy	-	1	2	3	0
<i>Snow</i>	Snowballing	-	0	0	1	0
<i>Antid.</i>	Antidepressant	-	0	1	0	0
<i>GHB</i>	GHB	-	1	0	0	0
<i>Inh</i>	Inhalants	-	0	0	0	0
<i>None</i>	None used/not specified	-	96	76	69	54
T	Total	-	1084	1036	1077	738

Figure 28: The majority of cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 reported using alcohol in the 12 months prior to referral (222, 30% cases).

Note: The primary substance or behaviour causing problem or addiction is recorded at first contact and reflects the main issue experienced by the service user in the previous 12 months. "None reported" refers to service users who did not report a problem or addiction during this period, including those in long-term rehabilitation, those who previously participated in a Centre of Residential Restorative Services (CoRRS) programme, or significant others seeking support but do not have a primary problem themselves to report.

ACT: Cases worked with by case type (new, re-contact, known and intake), by year

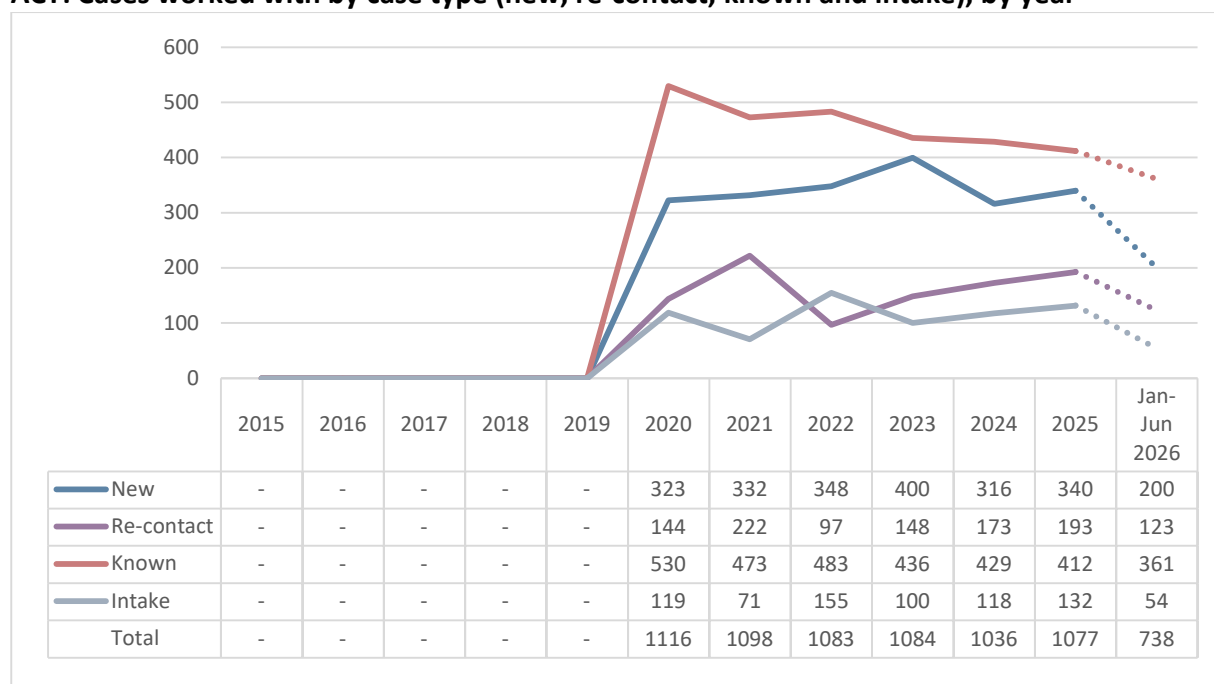


Figure 29: New cases accounted for 27% (200) of cases worked with, while re-contact cases accounted for 17% (123).

Note: Cases worked with start the reporting period as a new, re-contact, known, or intake case (see Glossary).

The cases worked with each year can be a new case, recontact case, known case or an intake case (a case starting and ending the year on intake). Further definitions can be found in the Glossary.

ACT: Cases worked with by case state at the end of the reporting period

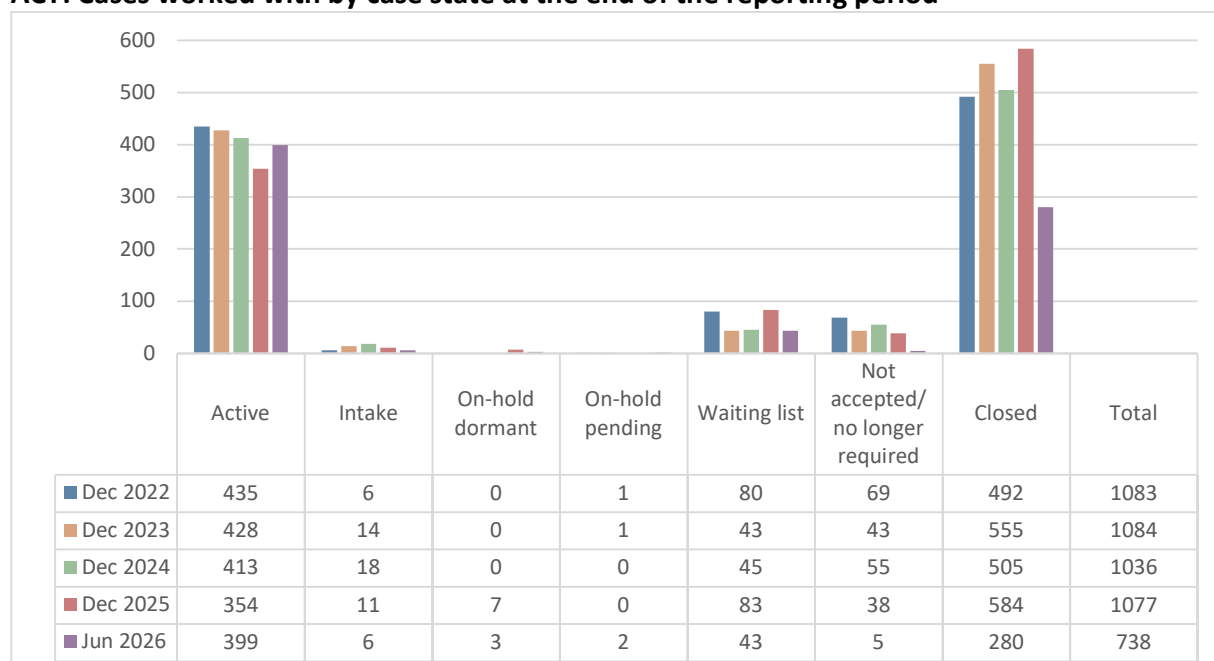


Figure 30: By the end of June 2026, 54% (399) of the cases worked with remained active, 38% (280) were closed and 1% (6) remained on intake.

Note: Cases may end the reporting period by being intake, active, on hold, on the waiting list, or closed (see Glossary).

ACT: Waiting list at the end of the reporting period

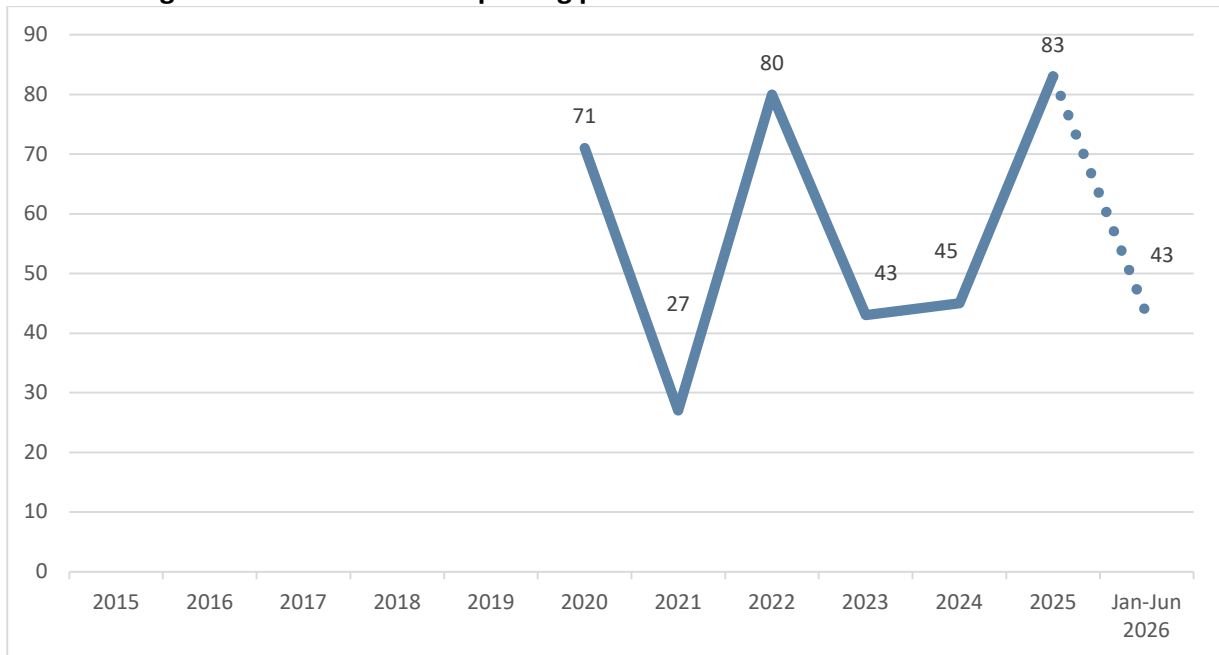


Figure 31: Only cases remaining on the waiting list at the end of the reporting period are included. At the end of June 2026, 43 cases remained on the waiting list.

Note: Waiting list cases are assessed as low risk, have no immediate needs, or are awaiting the next available appointment or programme; they are monitored and supported at reduced intensity.

ACT: Referrals, cases opened (new & re-contact), and cases closed, by year



Figure 32: In Jan-Jun 2026, 280 cases were referred, 323 new & recontact cases opened, and 280 cases closed.

Note: Cases may be referred, opened, or closed throughout the year (see Glossary). Opened cases include both new and re-contact cases (see Figure 29 for breakdown).

A total of **323** cases were opened between January and June 2026.

Note: Further breakdowns regarding cases opened by demographics can be found in Appendix A.

ACT: Cases opened (new & re-contact) by age category and gender January - June 2026						
	Male	Female	X	Unborn	Not specified	Total
≤17	0	0	0	-	0	0
18-19	2	3	0	-	0	5
20-24	17	2	0	-	0	19
25-29	33	3	0	-	0	36
30-34	33	9	0	-	0	42
35-39	58	14	0	-	0	72
40-44	36	12	0	-	0	48
45-49	29	16	0	-	0	45
50-54	13	4	0	-	0	17
55-59	13	4	0	-	0	17
≥60	13	9	0	-	0	22
Not specified	0	0	0	-	0	0
Total	247	76	0	-	0	323

Figure 33: Service users aged 35 to 39 accounted for the highest proportion of cases opened (22%; 72).

Note: Gender is recorded at referral or first contact and may be updated over time, based on formal documentation and/or the individual's self-identified pronouns. Age is calculated based on date of birth.

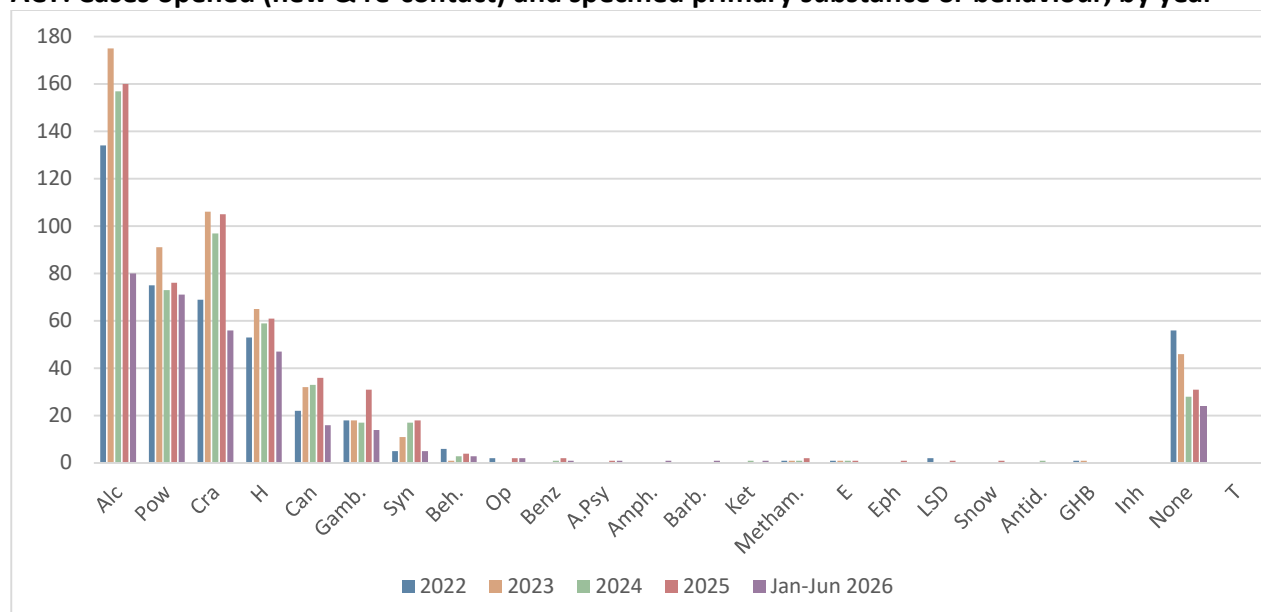
ACT: Cases opened (new & re-contact) by primary problem and secondary problem reported January - June 2026							
		Primary problem reported					
		Drugs	Alcohol	Gambling	Other behaviour	None reported	Total
Secondary problem reported	Drugs	86	22	1	0	0	109
	Alcohol	16	-	0	0	0	16
	Gambling	3	1	-	0	0	4
	Other behaviour	0	0	0	-	0	0
	None reported	97	57	13	3	24	194
	Total	202	80	14	3	24	323

Figure 34: The majority of cases opened reported using a drug as a primary problem (202) with the highest number in this group not reporting a secondary problem (97).

Note: The primary problem or addiction is recorded at first contact and reflects the main issue experienced by the service user in the previous 12 months. "None reported" refers to service users who did not report a problem or addiction during this period.

including those in long-term rehabilitation, those who previously participated in a Centre of Residential Restorative Services (CoRRS) programme, or significant others seeking support but do not have a primary problem themselves to report.

ACT: Cases opened (new & re-contact) and specified primary substance or behaviour, by year



Graph Key	Name	2022	2023	2024	2025	Jan-Jun 2026
<i>Alc</i>	Alcohol	134	175	157	160	80
<i>Pow</i>	Cocaine (powder)	75	91	73	76	71
<i>Cra</i>	Cocaine (crack)	69	106	97	105	56
<i>H</i>	Heroin	53	65	59	61	47
<i>Can</i>	Cannabis	22	32	33	36	16
<i>Gamb.</i>	Gambling	18	18	17	31	14
<i>Syn</i>	Synthetic	5	11	17	18	5
<i>Beh.</i>	Other behavioural addictions	6	1	3	4	3
<i>Op</i>	Other Opioids	2	0	0	2	2
<i>Benz</i>	Benzodiazepines	0	0	1	2	1
<i>A.Psy</i>	Antipsychotic medication	0	0	0	1	1
<i>Amph.</i>	Amphetamines	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Barb.</i>	Barbiturates	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Ket</i>	Ketamine	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Metham.</i>	Methamphetamines	1	1	1	2	0
<i>E</i>	Ecstasy	1	1	1	1	0
<i>Eph</i>	Ephedrine	0	0	0	1	0
<i>LSD</i>	Hallucinogens/LSD	2	0	0	1	0
<i>Snow</i>	Snowballing	0	0	0	1	0
<i>Antid.</i>	Antidepressant	-	-	1	0	0
<i>GHB</i>	GHB	1	1	0	0	0
<i>Inh</i>	Inhalants	0	0	0	0	0
<i>None</i>	None used/not specified	56	46	28	31	24
T	Total	445	548	489	533	323

Figure 35: The majority of cases opened in Jan-Jun 2026 reported using alcohol in the 12 months prior to referral (80, 25% cases).

Note: The primary substance or behaviour causing problem or addiction is recorded at first contact and reflects the main issue experienced by the service user in the previous 12 months. "None reported" refers to service users who did not report a problem or addiction during this period, including those in long-term rehabilitation, those who previously participated in a Centre of Residential Restorative Services (CoRRS) programme, or significant others seeking support but do not have a primary problem themselves to report.

ACT: Cases opened (new & re-contact) by specified primary problem reported and secondary problem reported

January - June 2026

		Primary substance or behaviour reported																	
		Alcohol	Cocaine (powder)	Cocaine (crack)	Heroin	Cannabis	Gambling	Synthetic	Other behaviours	Other opiates	Antipsychotics	Barbiturates	Benzodiazepines	Ketamine	Amphetamines	Hallucinogens	Methamphetamines	None reported/drug not specified	Total
Secondary substance or behaviour reported	Cannabis	3	16	5	3	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
	Cocaine (powder)	13	-	4	6	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
	Heroin	0	4	18	-	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
	Cocaine (crack)	2	0	-	15	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
	Alcohol	-	9	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	16
	Gambling	1	4	1	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
	Synthetic	1	1	3	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
	Benzodia- zepines	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Ecstasy	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Ketamine	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	1
	Other opiates	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Inhalants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Other behaviours	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Snowballing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	None reported	57	36	22	21	10	13	4	3	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	24	194
	Total	80	71	56	47	16	14	5	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	24	323

Figure 36: The majority of cases opened reported using alcohol as a primary substance (80; 25% cases) with the highest number in this group not reporting a secondary substance (57; 18% cases).

Note: The primary substance or behaviour causing problem or addiction is recorded at first contact and reflects the main issue experienced by the service user in the previous 12 months. "None reported" refers to service users who did not report a problem or addiction during this period, including those in long-term rehabilitation, those who previously participated in a Centre of Residential Restorative Services (CoRRS) programme, or significant others seeking support but do not have a primary problem themselves to report.

Court Services

The service comprises the Drug Offenders Rehabilitation Board (DORB) and the Psychotherapy Service. The DORB supports service users who are actively attending the service, while also providing assistance to the Board in matters concerning past service users who may require additional support or information

Court: Number of cases worked with by year

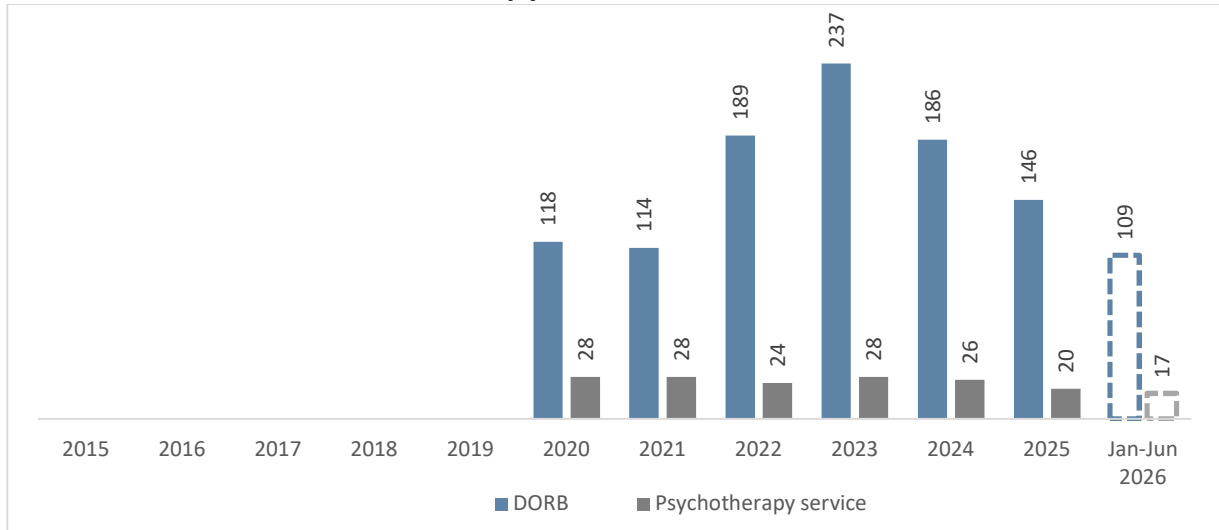


Figure 37: In Jan-Jun 2026, a total of 109 cases were managed by DORB, while 17 cases were handled within the Psychotherapy Service.

Note: Cases are managed throughout the year either by being opened (i.e., becoming active) or closed (see Glossary for definitions).

Drug Offenders Rehabilitation Board (DORB)

A total of **109** cases were worked with between January and June 2026.

Court-DORB: Cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 by gender

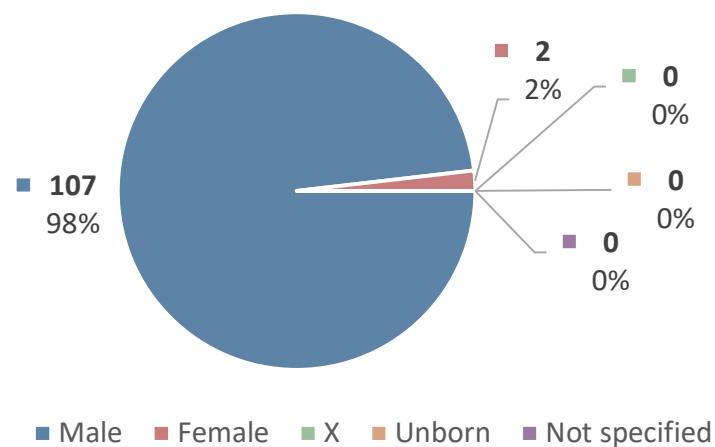


Figure 38: Male service users accounted for the highest proportion of cases worked with (98%).

Note: Gender is recorded at referral or first contact and may be updated over time, based on formal documentation and/or the individual's self-identified pronouns.

Court-DORB: Cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 by age category

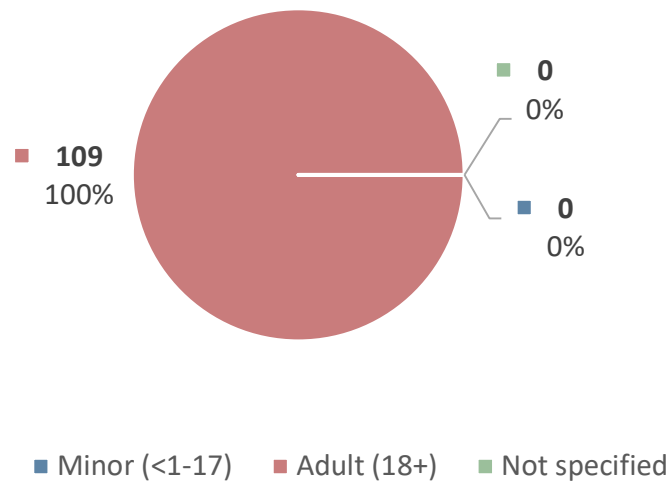


Figure 39: All service users were aged 18 or over (100%).

Note: Age is calculated based on date of birth.

Court-DORB: Cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 by nationality

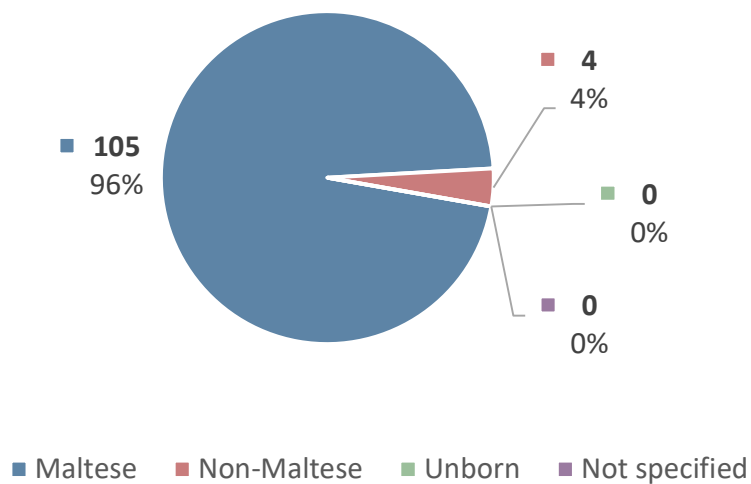


Figure 40: Maltese service users accounted for the highest proportion of cases worked with (96%), while non-Maltese service users accounted for 4%.

Note: Nationality reflects the self-reported or documented status (e.g. identity card) of the service user during the reporting period.

Court- DORB: Cases worked with by case state at the end of the reporting period

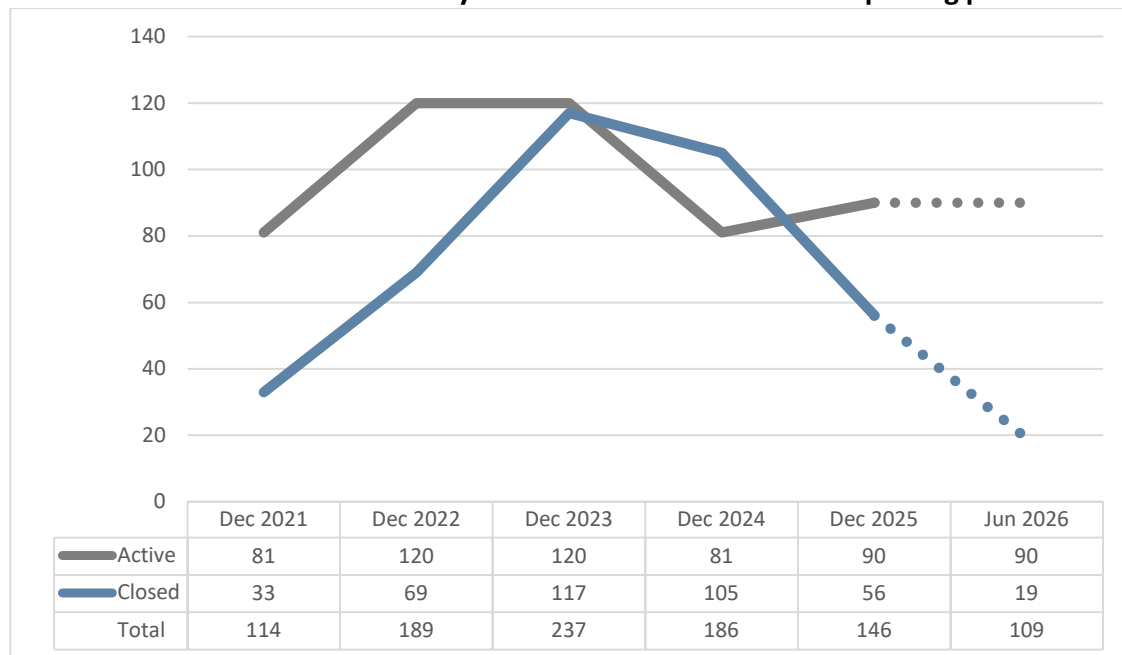


Figure 41: By the end of June 2026, 86% (90) of the cases worked with remained active.

Note: Cases may end the reporting period by being active or closed (see Glossary).

Psychotherapy Service.

A total of **17** cases were worked with between January and June 2026.

Court-Psy: Cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 by gender

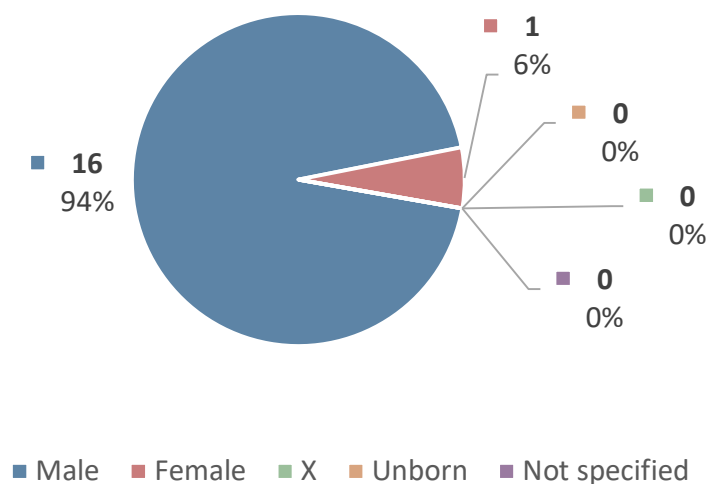


Figure 42: Male service users accounted for the highest proportion of cases worked with (94%).

Note: Gender is recorded at referral or first contact and may be updated over time, based on formal documentation and/or the individual's self-identified pronouns.

Court-Psy: Cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 by age category

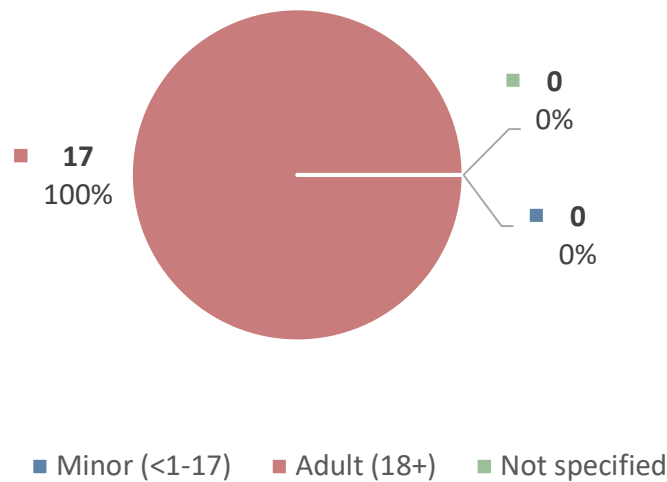


Figure 43: All service users were aged 18 or over (100%).

Note: Age is calculated based on date of birth.

Court-Psy: Cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 by nationality

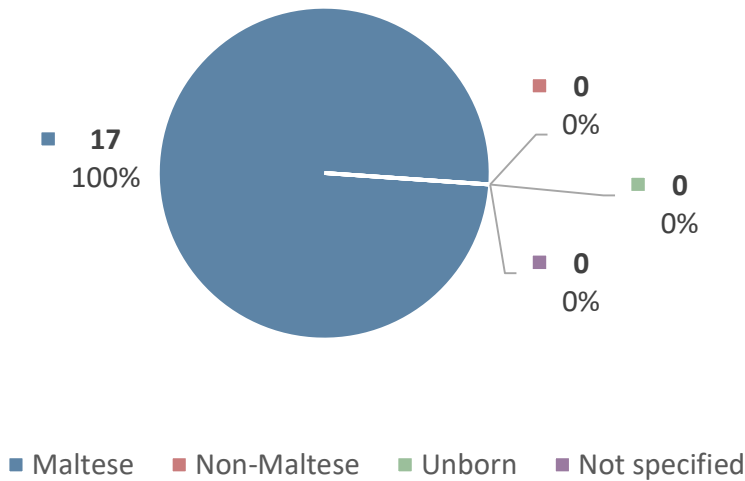


Figure 44: All service users were Maltese (100%).

Note: Nationality reflects the self-reported or documented status (e.g. identity card) of the service user during the reporting period.

Court-Psy: Cases worked with by case state at the end of the reporting period

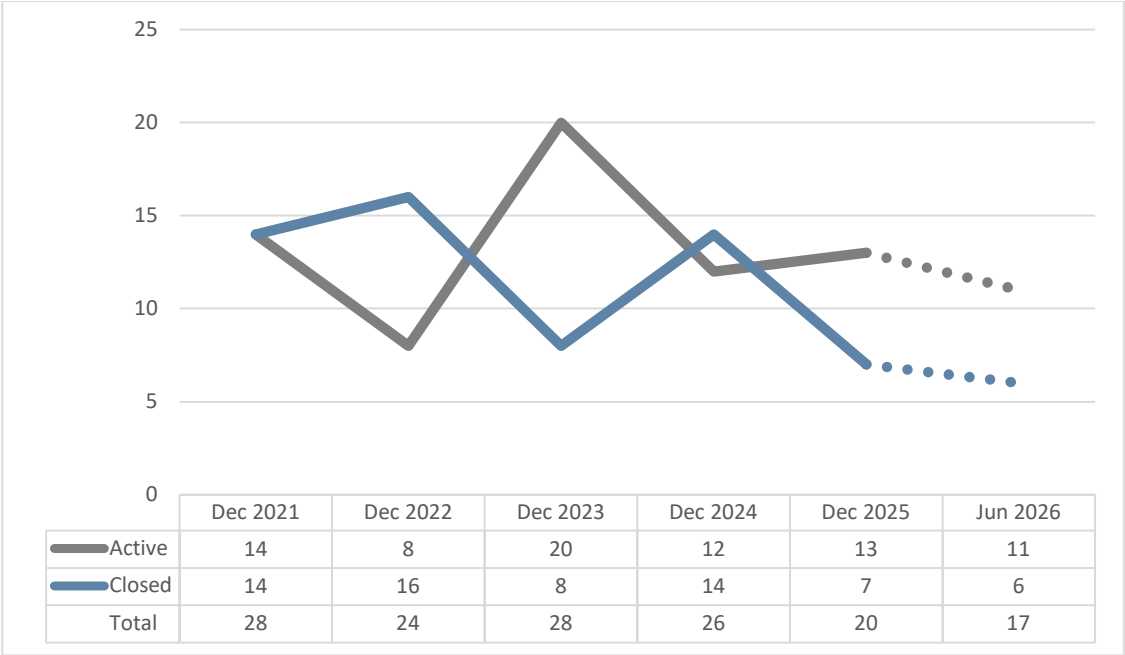


Figure 45: By the end of June 2026, 65% (11) of the cases worked with remained active.

Note: Cases may end the reporting period by being active or closed (see Glossary).

Substance Misuse Out-Patient Unit (SMOPU)

A new online data collection system and reporting format were introduced in 2021.

SMOPU: Cases and individuals worked with, by year

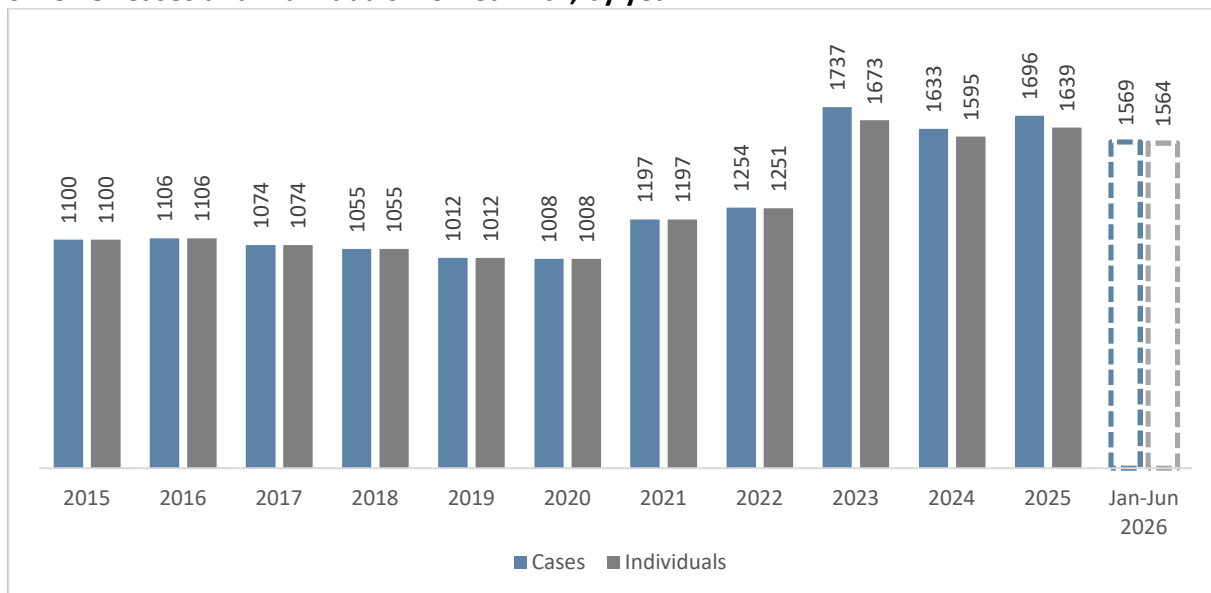


Figure 46: In Jan-Jun 2026, 1569 cases and 1564 individuals were worked with compared to 1696 and 1639 respectively in 2025.

Note: Individuals may have more than one case within a reporting period (see Glossary).

A total of **1,569** cases were worked with between January and June 2026.

SMOPU: Cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 by gender

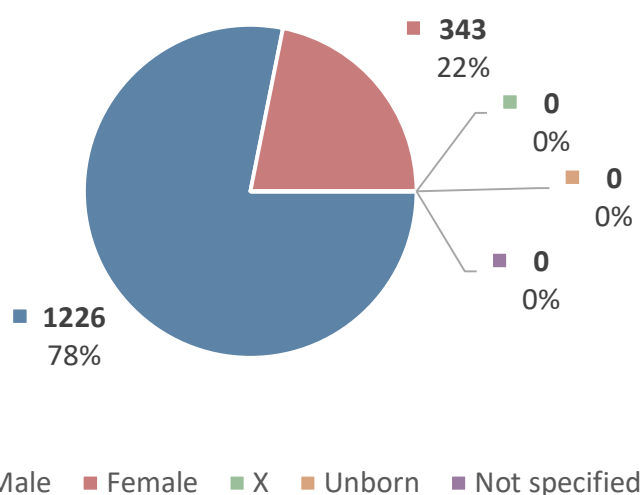


Figure 47: Male service users accounted for the highest proportion of cases worked with (78%).

Note: Gender is recorded at referral or first contact and may be updated over time, based on formal documentation and/or the individual's self-identified pronouns.

SMOPU: Cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 by age category

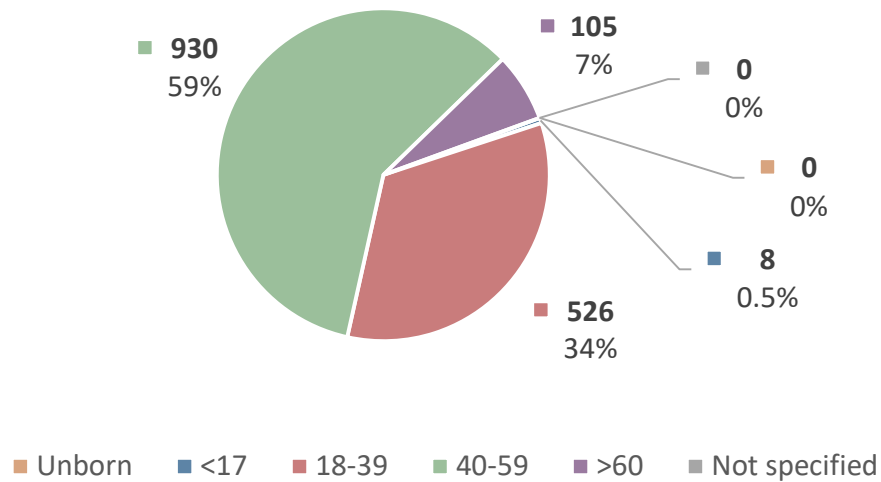


Figure 48: Service users aged 40 to 59 accounted for the highest proportion of cases worked with (59%).

Note: Age is calculated based on date of birth

SMOPU: Cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 by nationality

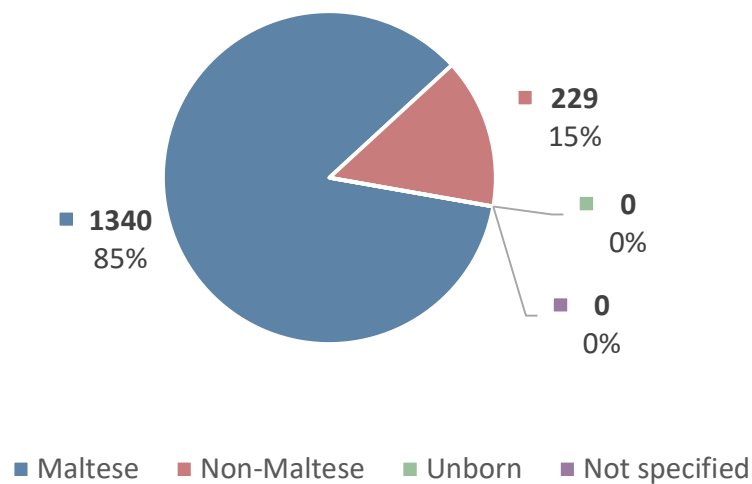
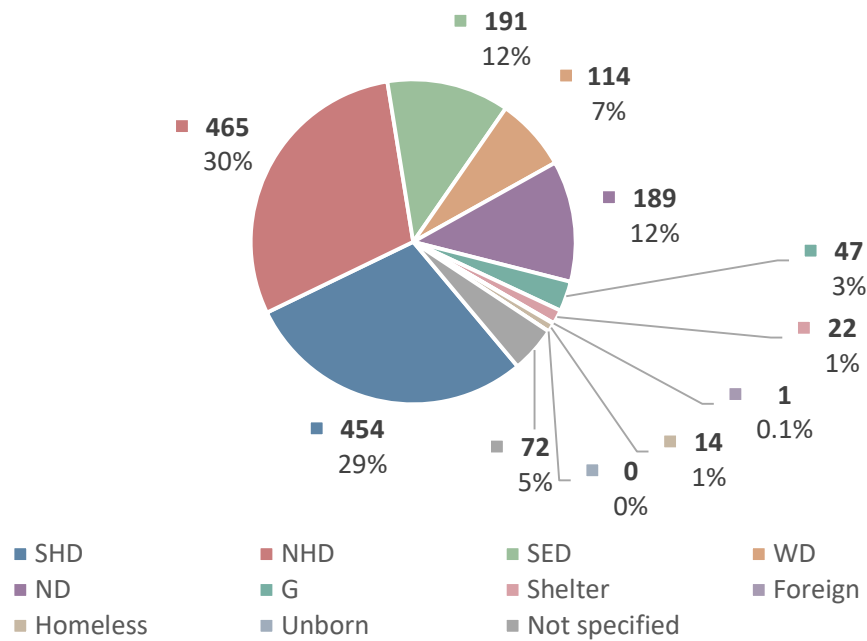


Figure 49: Maltese service users accounted for the highest proportion of cases worked with (85%), while non-Maltese service users accounted for 15%.

Note: Nationality reflects the self-reported or documented status (e.g. identity card) of the service user during the reporting period.

SMOPU: Cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 by district of residence



Graph Key: SHD = Southern Harbour District; NHD = Northern Harbour District; SED = Southeastern District; WD = Western District; ND = Northern District; G = Gozo District; Shelter = shelter/institution; Foreign = Foreign residence.

Figure 50: Northern Harbour District accounted for the highest proportion of cases worked with (30%).

Note: District is based on self-reported residence within the reporting year. Shelter/institution (e.g., residential homes, centre of residential restorative services, or shelters), foreign residence, and homelessness are shown separately to avoid bias in district distribution.

SMOPU: Cases worked with and primary substance or behaviour, by year

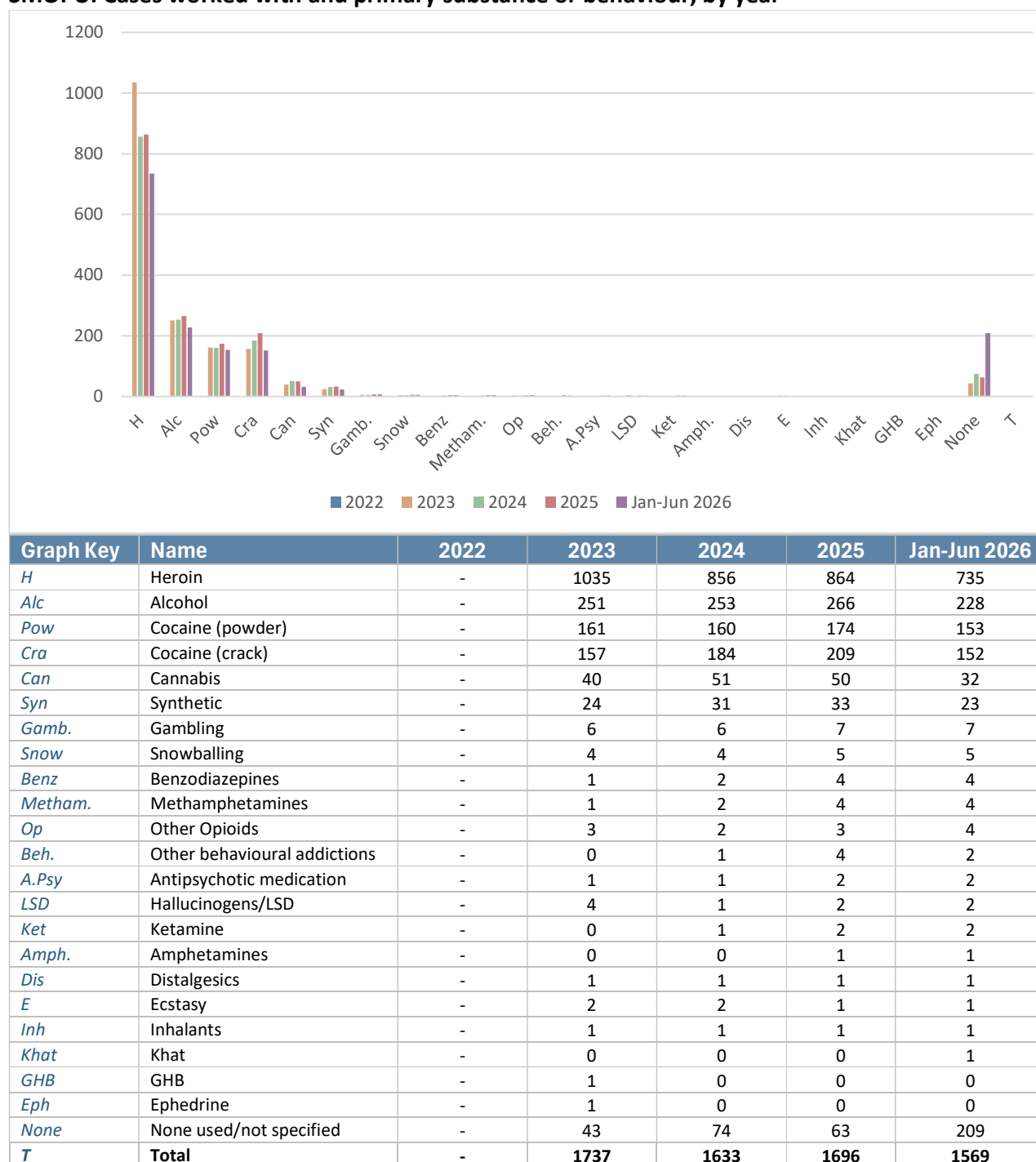


Figure 51: The majority of cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 reported using heroin in the 12 months prior to referral (735, 47% cases).

Note: The primary substance or behaviour causing problem or addiction is recorded at first contact and reflects the main issue experienced by the service user in the previous 12 months. "None reported" refers to service users who did not report a problem or addiction during this period, including those in long-term rehabilitation, those who previously participated in a Centre of Residential Restorative Services (CoRRS) programme, or significant others seeking support but do not have a primary problem themselves to report.

SMOPU: Service users by type of medical treatment received during the year

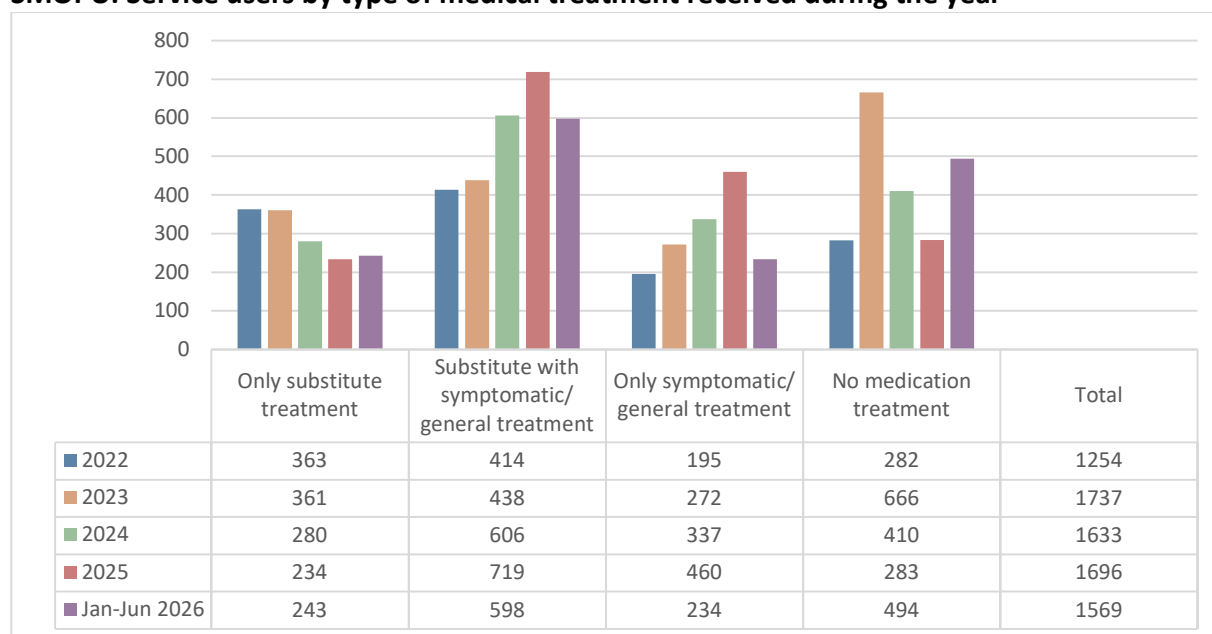


Figure 52: In Jan-Jun 2026, the majority of service users received a combination of substitution and symptomatic/general treatment (598, 38%).

Note: While a case is worked with, service users may be provided with medical treatment in the form of substitute treatment (generally prescribed opioid agonists), symptomatic treatment (aimed at alleviating symptoms without addressing the underlying cause), or a combination of both. As from 2022, general medication prescribed by doctors at SMOPU began to be recorded in the online system and has been grouped with symptomatic treatment, as the two could not be distinguished in the data. Some service users do not receive any medication (i.e., “no medication treatment”); however, the majority of these cases are classified as ‘ghost cases’. Ghost cases refer to cases that, although recorded as active or at intake, are in practice inactive due to lack of contact with the service (e.g., the individual cannot be reached to schedule an appointment). Consequently, such cases may remain open without intervention until they are administratively closed in accordance with service policy.

SMOPU: Average monthly amount of methadone distributed (litres) by year

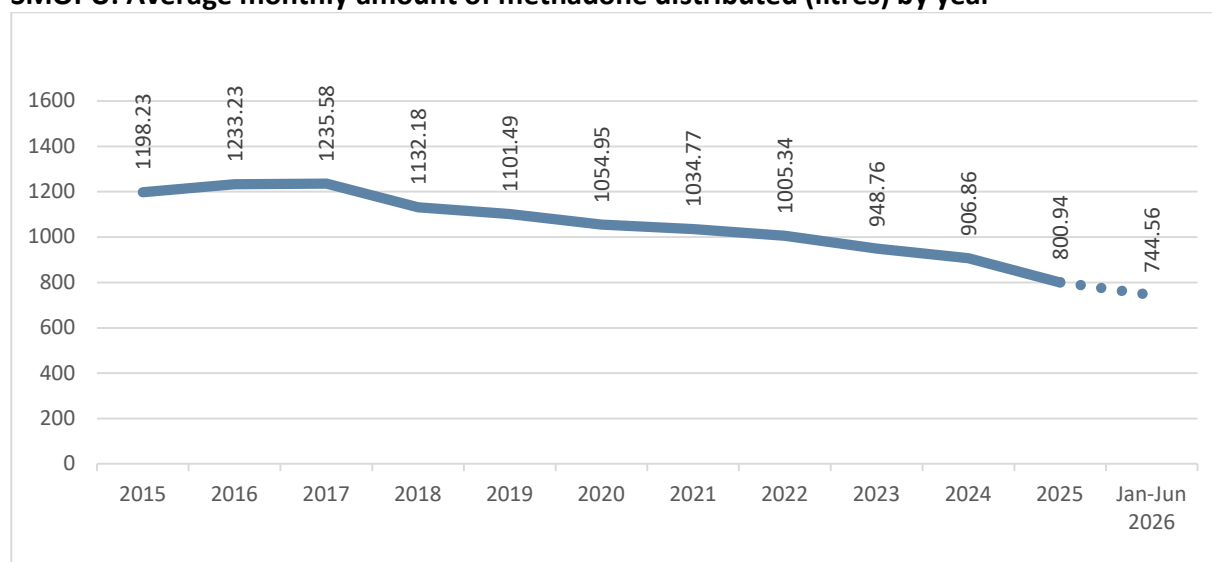


Figure 53: In Jan-Jun 2026, an average monthly amount of 744.56 litres of methadone were distributed.

Note: SMOPU records both the amount of methadone distributed and the number of persons receiving methadone on a monthly basis. The figure above therefore presents the average amount of methadone distributed per month (in litres) for each reported year.

SMOPU: Number of service users receiving medical treatment during the year, by specified type of treatment (non-mutually exclusive)

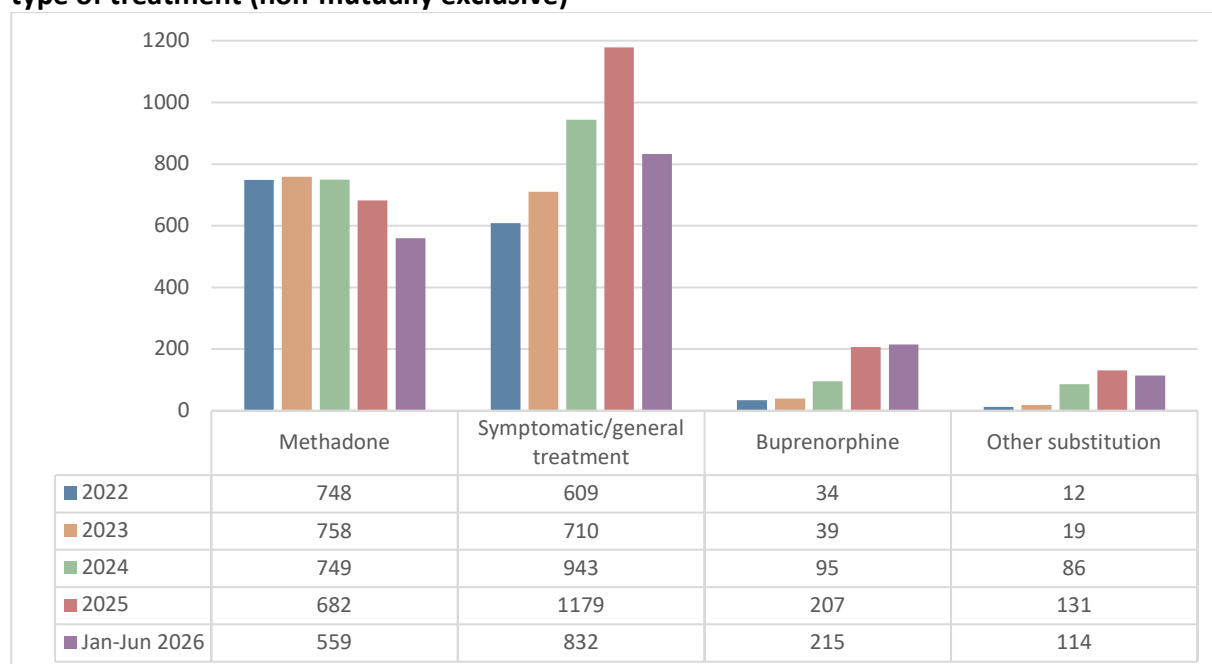


Figure 54: In Jan-Jun 2026, out of 1569 cases worked with, service users received multiple types of treatment: 832 received symptomatic or general treatment (53%), 559 received methadone (36%), 215 received buprenorphine (14%), and 114 received other substitution treatment (7%).

Note: While a case is being managed, service users may receive substitution treatment (e.g., methadone, buprenorphine, or other substitution such as naltrexone), symptomatic treatment, or general prescribed medication. The data are not mutually exclusive and should not be summed across treatment types, as service users may receive more than one form of treatment during the year.

SMOPU: Cases worked with by case type (new, re-contact, known and intake), by year

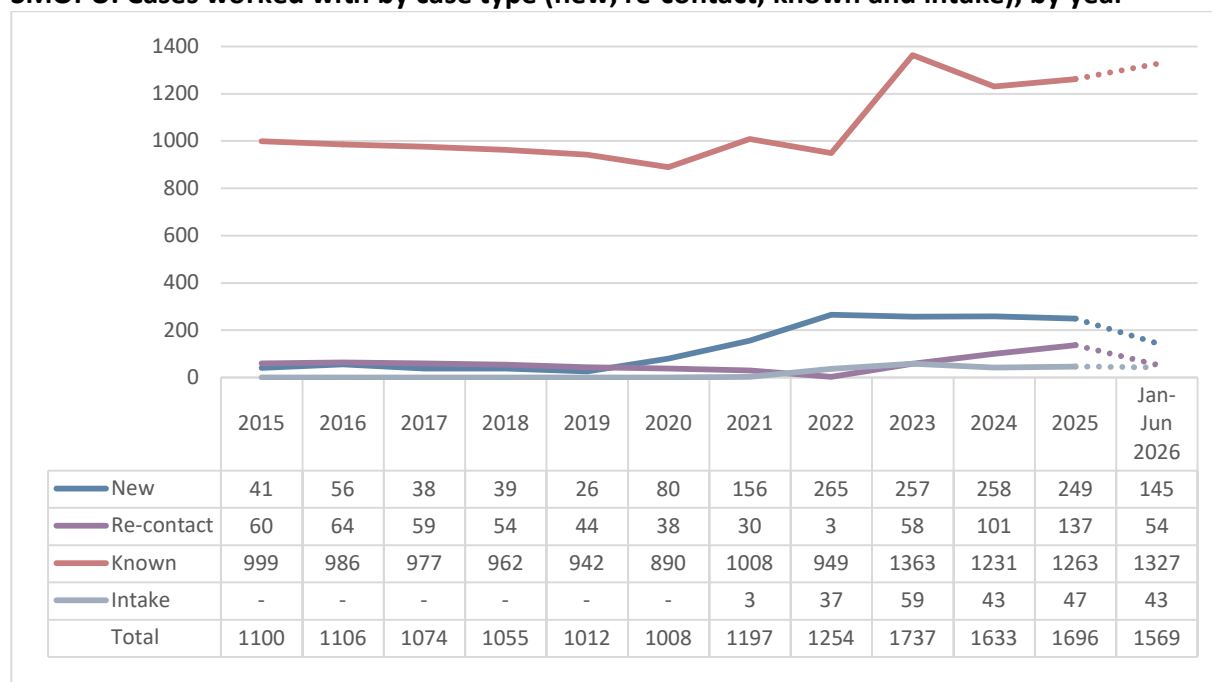


Figure 55: New cases accounted for 9% (145) of cases worked with, while re-contact cases accounted for 3% (54).

Note: Cases worked with start the reporting period as a new, re-contact, known, or intake case (see Glossary). Intake has been reported since 2021 following the introduction of the online system.

SMOPU: Cases worked with by case state at the end of the reporting period

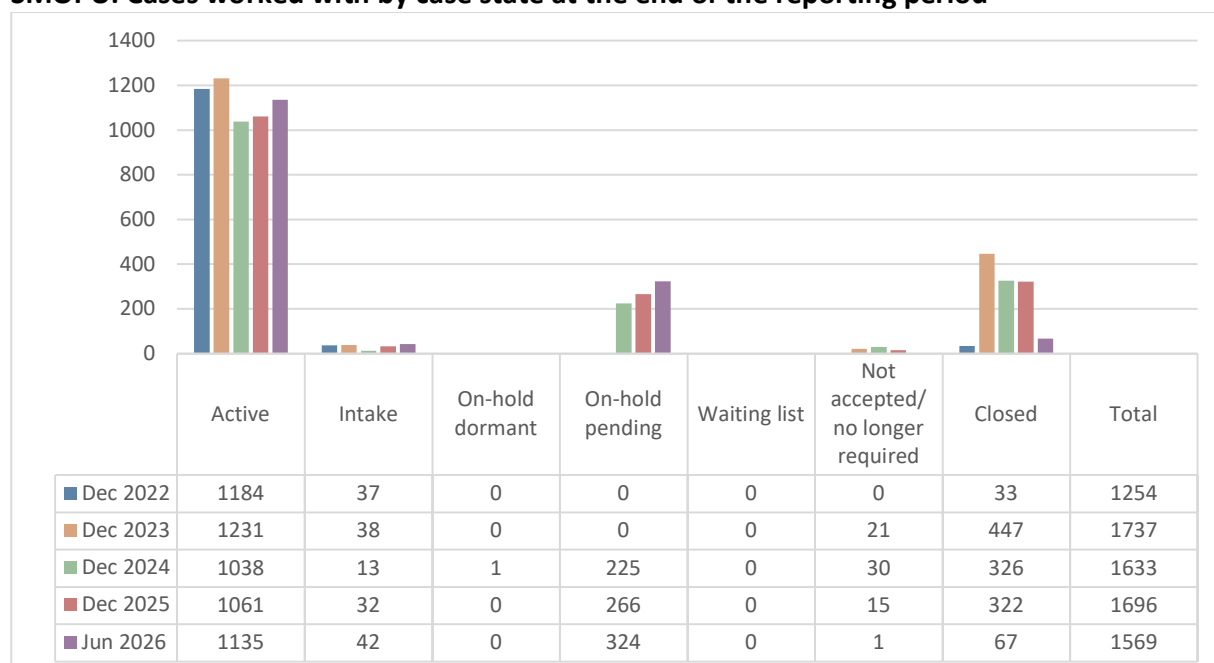


Figure 56: By the end of June 2026, 72% (1135) of the cases worked with remained active, 4% (67) were closed and 3% (42) remained on intake.

Note: Cases may end the reporting period by being intake, active, on hold, on the waiting list, or closed (see Glossary).

SMOPU: Waiting list at the end of the reporting period

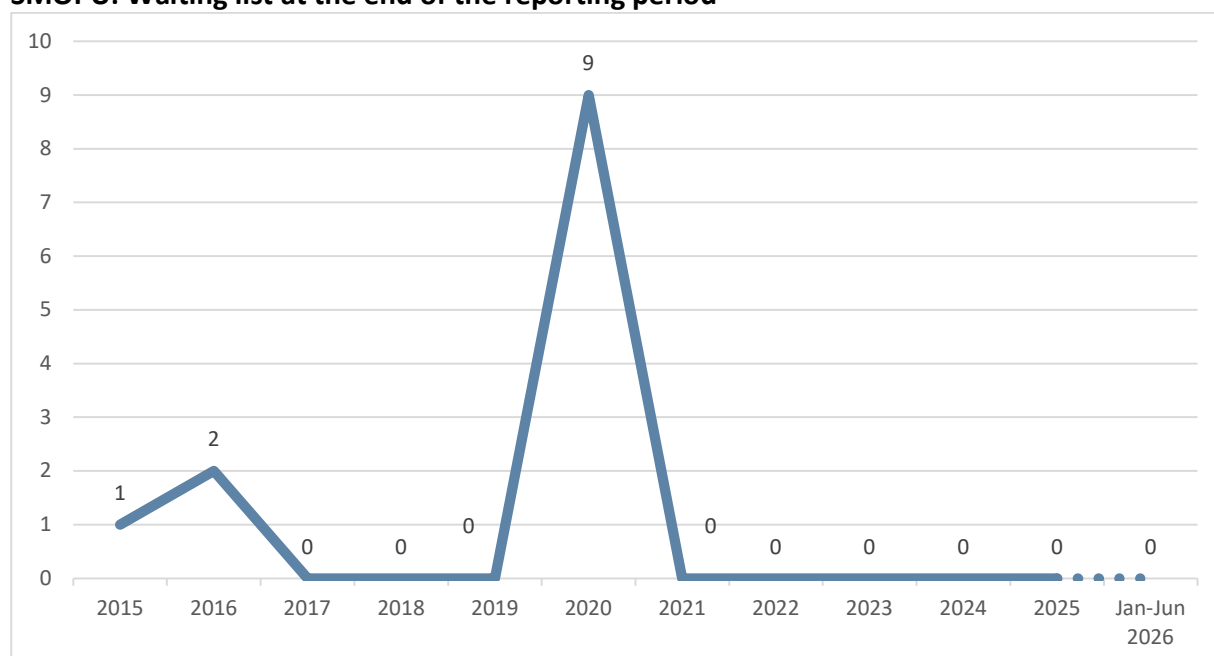


Figure 57: Only cases remaining on the waiting list at the end of the reporting period are included. At the end of June 2026, nil (0) cases remained on the waiting list.

Note: Waiting list cases are assessed as low risk, have no immediate needs, or are awaiting the next available appointment or programme; they are monitored and supported at reduced intensity.

SMOPU: Referrals, cases opened (new & re-contact), and cases closed, by year

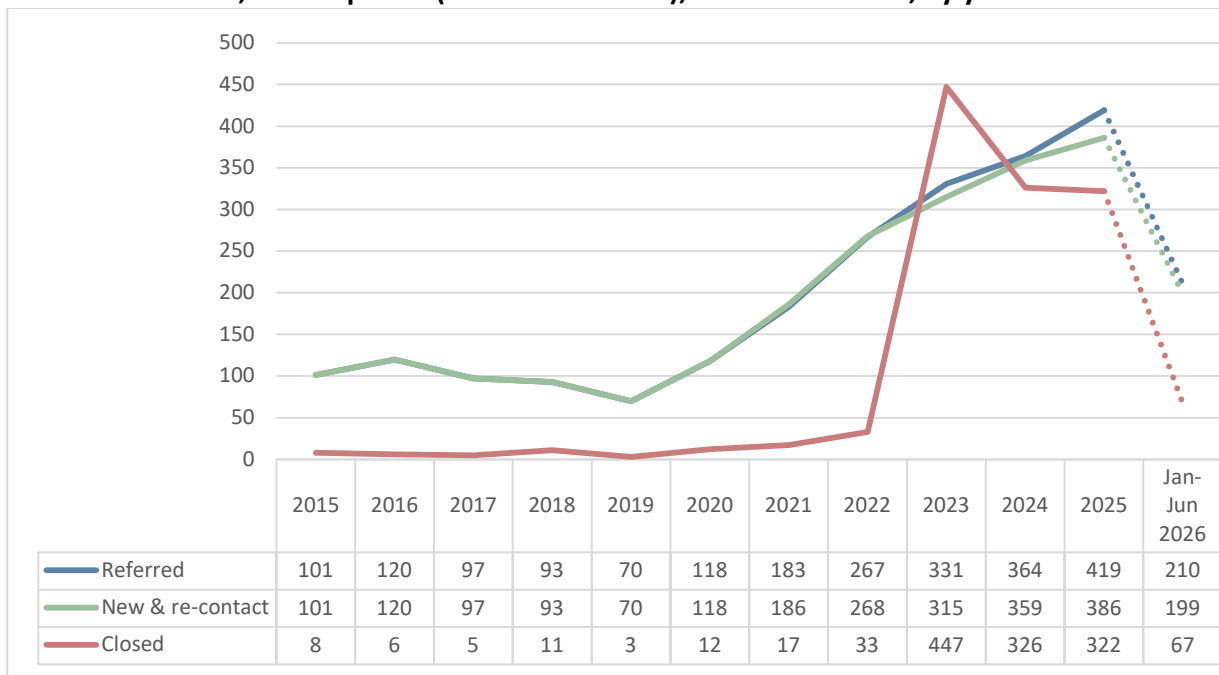


Figure 58: In Jan-Jun 2026, 210 cases were referred, 199 new & recontact cases opened, and 67 cases closed.

Note: Cases may be referred, opened, or closed throughout the year (see Glossary). Opened cases include both new and re-contact cases (see Figure 54 for breakdown). In 2023, administrative closure of ghost cases occurred.

A total of **199** cases were opened between January and June 2026.

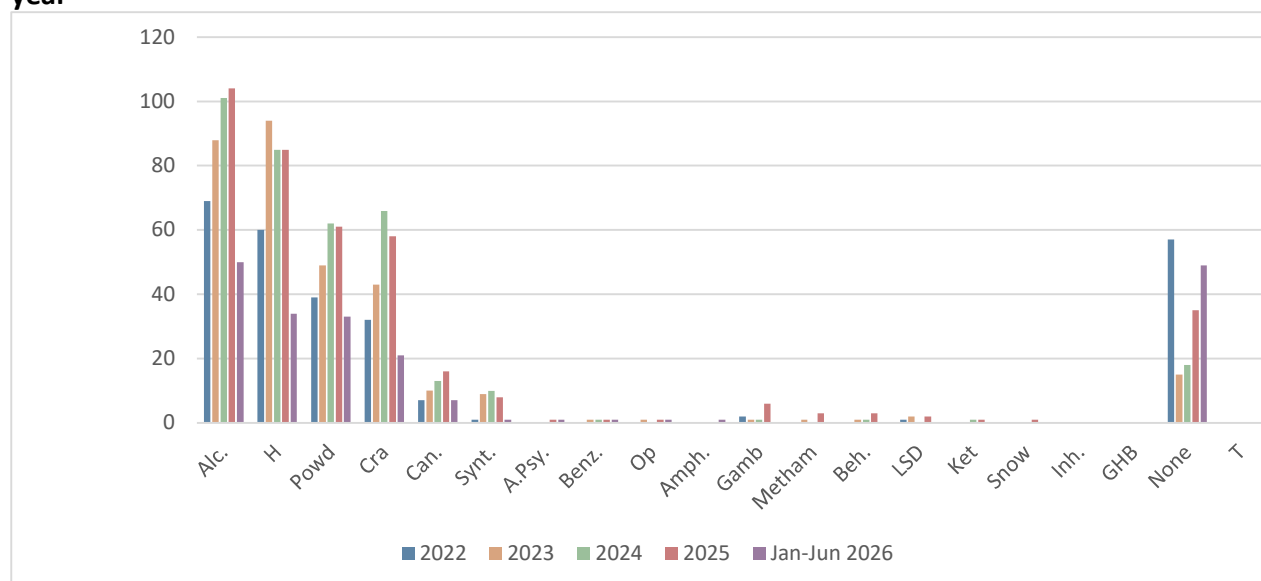
Note: Further breakdowns regarding cases opened by demographics can be found in Appendix A.

SMOPU: Cases opened (new & re-contact) by age category and gender						
January - June 2026						
	Male	Female	X	Unborn	Not specified	Total
≤17	1	3	0	-	0	4
18-19	1	2	0	-	0	3
20-24	10	2	0	-	0	12
25-29	19	0	0	-	0	19
30-34	10	4	0	-	0	14
35-39	34	9	0	-	0	43
40-44	27	11	0	-	0	38
45-49	20	8	0	-	0	28
50-54	11	3	0	-	0	14
55-59	12	2	0	-	0	14
≥60	6	4	0	-	0	10
Not specified	0	0	0	-	0	0
Total	151	48	0	-	0	199

Figure 59: Service users aged 35 to 39 accounted for the highest proportion of cases opened (22%; 43).

Note: Gender is recorded at referral or first contact and may be updated over time, based on formal documentation and/or the individual's self-identified pronouns. Age is calculated based on date of birth.

SMOPU: Cases opened (new & re-contact) and specified primary substance or behaviour, by year



Graph Key	Name	2022	2023	2024	2025	Jan-Jun 2026
<i>Alc</i>	Alcohol	69	88	101	104	50
<i>H</i>	Heroin	60	94	85	85	34
<i>Pow</i>	Cocaine (powder)	39	49	62	61	33
<i>Cra</i>	Cocaine (crack)	32	43	66	58	21
<i>Can</i>	Cannabis	7	10	13	16	7
<i>Syn</i>	Synthetic	1	9	10	8	1
<i>A.Psy</i>	Antipsychotic medication	0	0	0	1	1
<i>Benz</i>	Benzodiazepines	0	1	1	1	1
<i>Op</i>	Other Opioids	0	1	0	1	1
<i>Amph.</i>	Amphetamines	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Gamb.</i>	Gambling	2	1	1	6	0
<i>Metham.</i>	Methamphetamines	0	1	0	3	0
<i>Beh.</i>	Other behavioural addictions	0	1	1	3	0
<i>LSD</i>	Hallucinogens/LSD	1	2	0	2	0
<i>Ket</i>	Ketamine	0	0	1	1	0
<i>Snow</i>	Snowballing	0	0	0	1	0
<i>Inh</i>	Inhalants	0	0	0	0	0
<i>GHB</i>	GHB	0	0	0	0	0
<i>None</i>	None used/not specified	57	15	18	35	49
T	Total	268	315	359	386	199

Figure 60: The majority of cases opened reported using alcohol in the 12 months prior to referral (50, 25% cases).

Note: The primary substance or behaviour causing problem or addiction is recorded at first contact and reflects the main issue experienced by the service user in the previous 12 months. "None reported" refers to service users who did not report a problem or addiction during this period, including those in long-term rehabilitation, those who previously participated in a Centre of Residential Restorative Services (CoRRS) programme, or significant others seeking support but do not have a primary problem themselves to report.

SMOPU: Cases opened (new & re-contact) by primary and secondary substance or behaviour reported															
January - June 2026															
		Primary substance or behaviour reported													
		Alcohol	Heroin	Cocaine (powder)	Cocaine (crack)	Cannabis	Antipsychotics	Benzodiazepines	Other opiates	Amphetamines	Synthetic	Methamphetamines	Ketamine	None reported/drug not specified	Total
Secondary substance or behaviour reported	Cocaine (powder)	8	2	-	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
	Cannabis	3	4	6	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
	Heroin	0	-	4	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
	Cocaine (crack)	0	8	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
	Alcohol	-	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
	Ecstasy	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Other opiates	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	-	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Synthetic	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	2
	Benzodiazepine	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Gambling	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Ketamine	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	1
	LSD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Inhalants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	None reported	37	18	18	9	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	49	136
	Total	50	34	33	21	7	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	49	199

Figure 61: The majority of cases opened reported using alcohol as a primary substance (50; 25% cases) with the highest number in this group not reporting a secondary substance (37; 19% cases).

Note: The primary substance or behaviour causing problem or addiction is recorded at first contact and reflects the main issue experienced by the service user in the previous 12 months. "None reported" refers to service users who did not report a problem or addiction during this period, including those in long-term rehabilitation, those who previously participated in a Centre of Residential Restorative Services (CoRRS) programme, or significant others seeking support but do not have a primary problem themselves to report.

Substance Misuse Out-Patient Unit Social Work Unit (SMOPU SW)

A new online data collection system and reporting format were introduced in 2023. As a result, data from 2011 to 2022 is not directly comparable with data from 2023 onwards. For information covering the period 2011 - 2022, reference should be made to previous Sedqa reports.

The Social Work Unit forms part of SMOPU; however, the data reported within this section is already included in the overall SMOPU figures. This section specifically presents data filtered to include only cases worked with by social workers.

SMOPU-SW: Cases and individuals worked with, by year

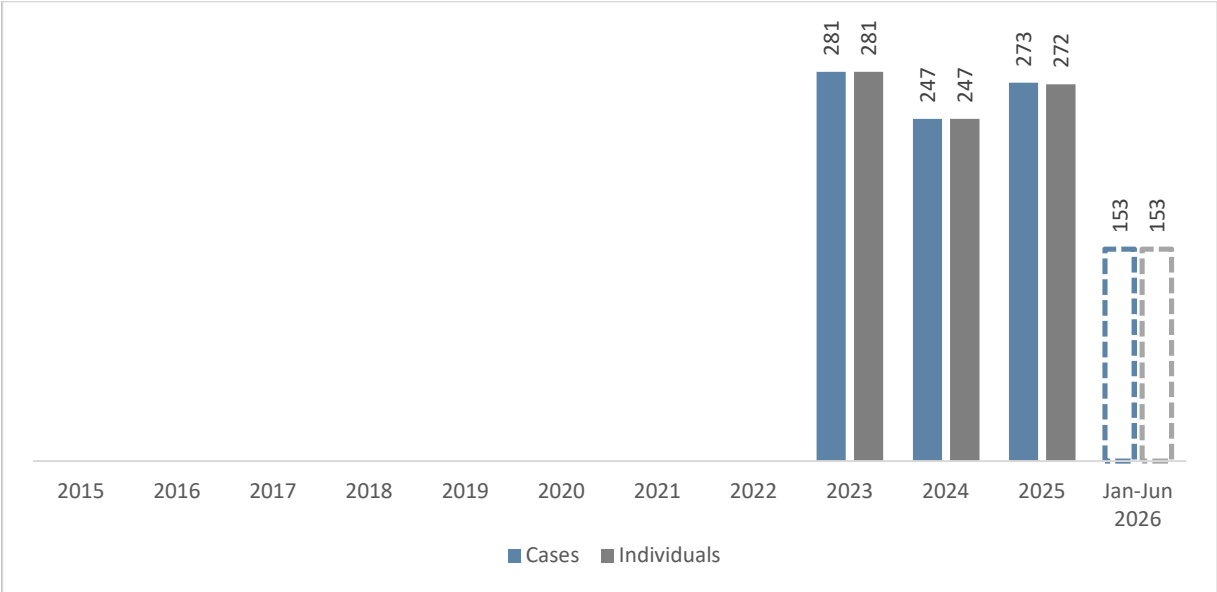


Figure 62: In Jan-Jun 2026, 153 cases and 153 individuals were worked with compared to 273 and 272 respectively in 2025.

Note: Individuals may have more than one case within a reporting period (see Glossary).

A total of **153** cases were worked with between January and June 2026.

SMOPU-SW: Cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 by gender

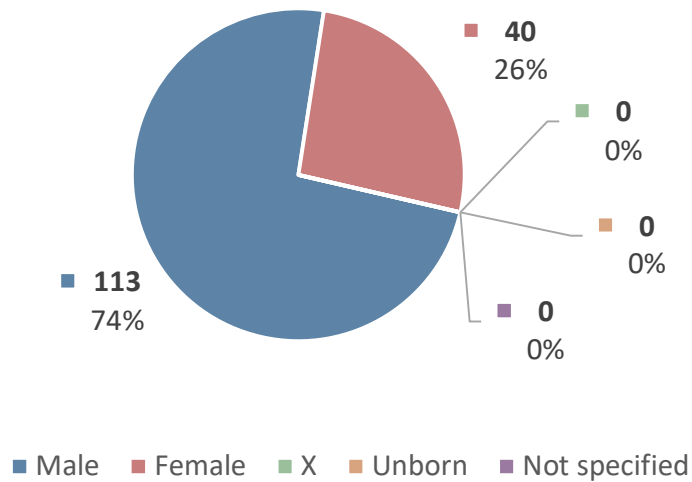


Figure 63: Male service users accounted for the highest proportion of cases worked with (74%).

Note: Gender is recorded at referral or first contact and may be updated over time, based on formal documentation and/or the individual's self-identified pronouns.

SMOPU-SW: Cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 by age category

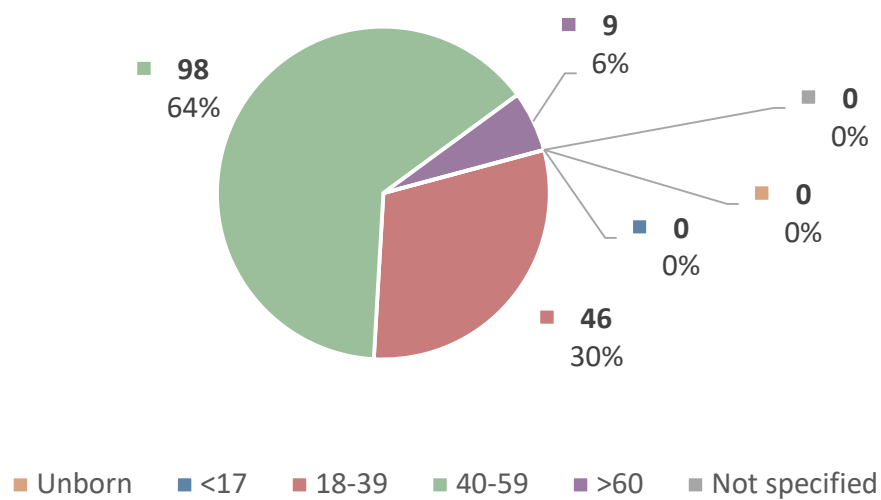


Figure 64: Service users aged 40 to 59 accounted for the highest proportion of cases worked with (64%).

Note: Age is calculated based on date of birth.

SMOPU-SW: Cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 by nationality

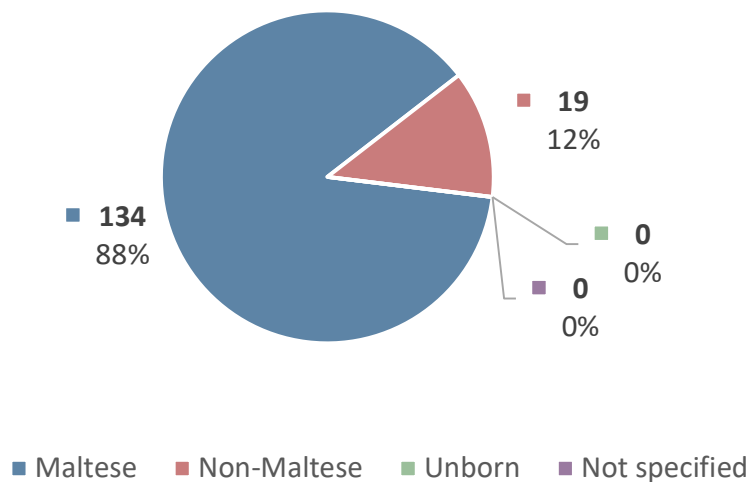
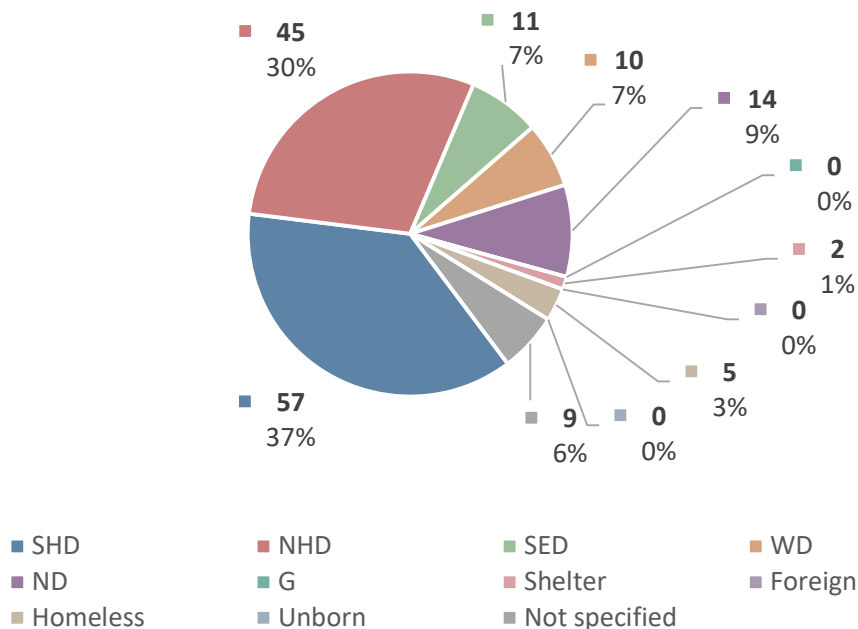


Figure 65: Maltese service users accounted for the highest proportion of cases worked with (88%), while non-Maltese service users accounted for 12%.

Note: Nationality reflects the self-reported or documented status (e.g. identity card) of the service user during the reporting period.

SMOPU-SW: Cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 by district of residence



Graph Key: SHD = Southern Harbour District; NHD = Northern Harbour District; SED = Southeastern District; WD = Western District; ND = Northern District; G = Gozo District; Shelter = shelter/institution; Foreign = Foreign residence.

Figure 66: Southern Harbour District accounted for the highest proportion of cases worked with (37%).

Note: District is based on self-reported residence within the reporting year. Shelter/institution (e.g., residential homes, centre of residential restorative services, or shelters), foreign residence, and homelessness are shown separately to avoid bias in district distribution.

SMOPU-SW: Cases worked with and primary substance or behaviour, by year

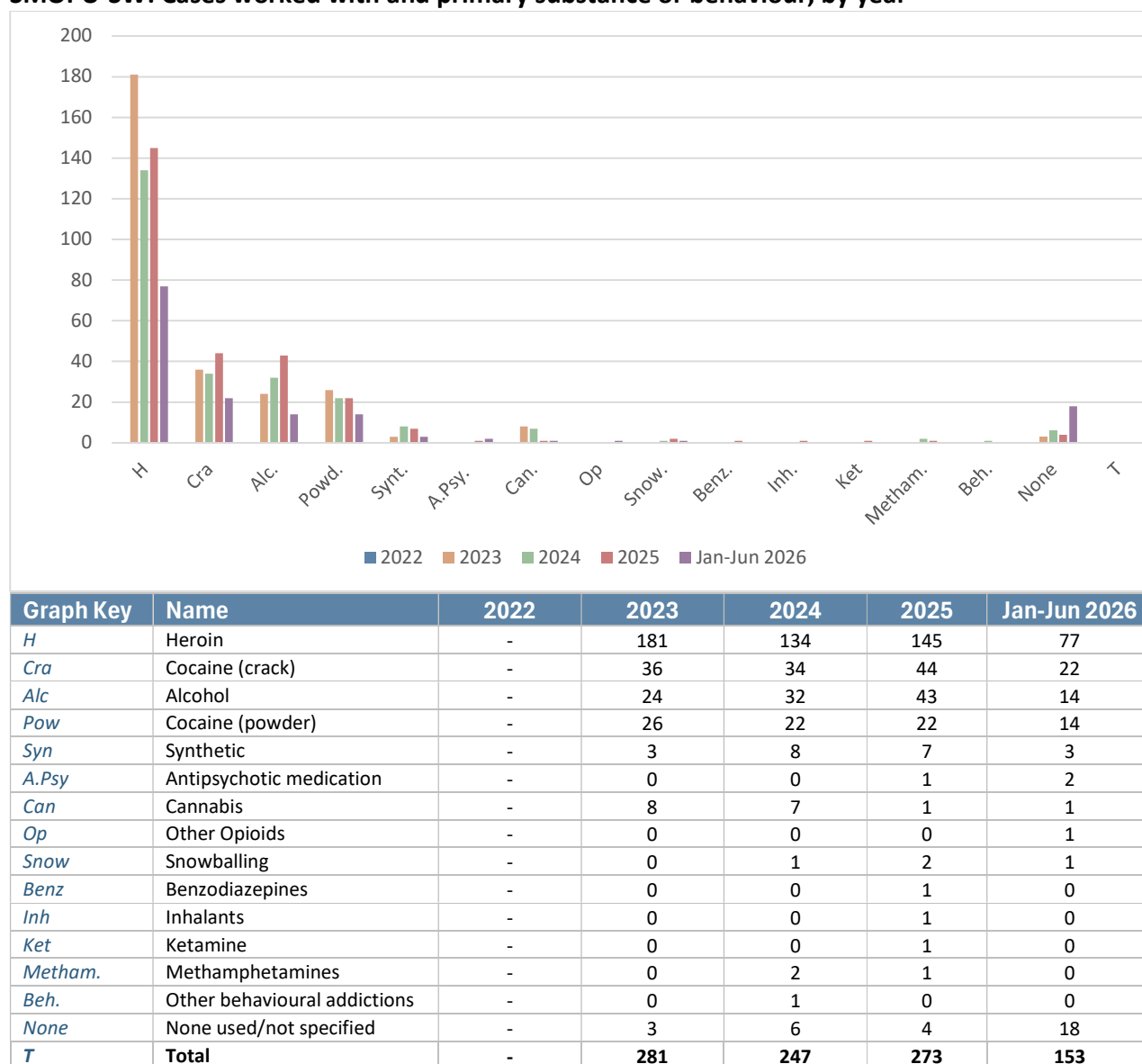


Figure 67: The majority of cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 reported using heroin in the 12 months prior to referral (77; 50% cases).

Note: The primary substance or behaviour causing problem or addiction is recorded at first contact and reflects the main issue experienced by the service user in the previous 12 months. "None reported" refers to service users who did not report a problem or addiction during this period, including those in long-term rehabilitation, those who previously participated in a Centre of Residential Restorative Services (CoRRS) programme, or significant others seeking support but do not have a primary problem themselves to report.

SMOPU-SW: Cases worked with by case type (new, re-contact, known and intake), by year

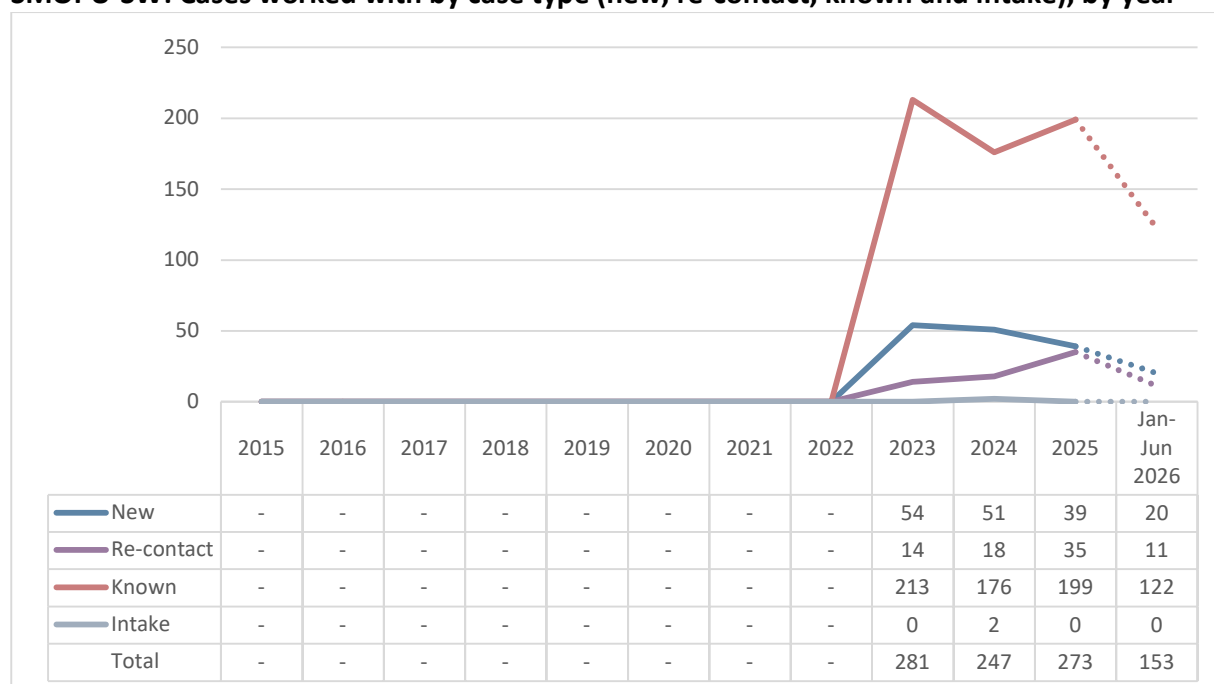


Figure 68: New cases accounted for 13% (20) of cases worked with, while re-contact cases accounted for 7% (11).

Note: Cases worked with start the reporting period as a new, re-contact, known, or intake case (see Glossary).

SMOPU-SW: Cases worked with by case state at the end of the reporting period



Figure 69: By the end of June 2026, 89% (136) of the cases worked with remained active, and 1% (2) were closed.

Note: Cases may end the reporting period by being intake, active, on hold, on the waiting list, or closed (see Glossary).

SMOPU-SW: Referrals, cases opened (new & re-contact), and cases closed, by year

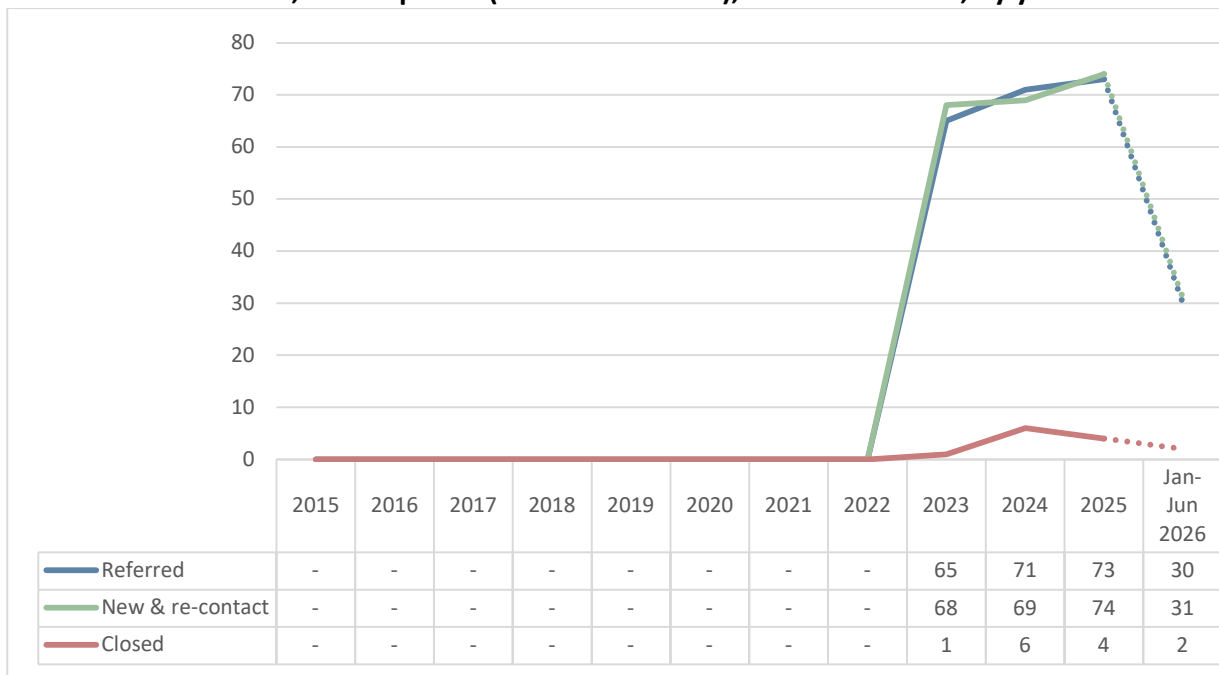


Figure 70: In Jan-Jun 2026, 30 cases were referred, 31 new & recontact cases opened, and 2 cases closed.

Note: Cases may be referred, opened, or closed throughout the year (see Glossary). Opened cases include both new and re-contact cases (see Figure 68 for breakdown).

A total of **31** cases were opened between January and June 2026.

Note: Further breakdowns regarding cases opened by demographics can be found in Appendix A.

SMOPU-SW: Cases opened (new & re-contact) by age category and gender January - June 2026						
	Male	Female	X	Unborn	Not specified	Total
≤17	0	0	0	-	0	0
18-19	0	0	0	-	0	0
20-24	0	0	0	-	0	0
25-29	3	0	0	-	0	3
30-34	1	0	0	-	0	1
35-39	5	3	0	-	0	8
40-44	7	3	0	-	0	10
45-49	3	0	0	-	0	3
50-54	2	1	0	-	0	3
55-59	2	0	0	-	0	2
≥60	1	0	0	-	0	1
Not specified	0	0	0	-	0	0
Total	24	7	0	-	0	31

Figure 71: Service users aged 40 to 44 accounted for the highest proportion of cases opened (32%; 10).

Note: Gender is recorded at referral or first contact and may be updated over time, based on formal documentation and/or the individual's self-identified pronouns. Age is calculated based on date of birth.

Substance Misuse In-Patient Unit (SMIPU)

A new online data collection system and reporting format were introduced in 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, between 14/03/2020 and 18/05/2020 the unit temporarily ceased providing substance misuse in-patient services and instead operated as a homelessness shelter, supporting an additional 41 cases.

SMIPU: Cases and individuals worked with, by year

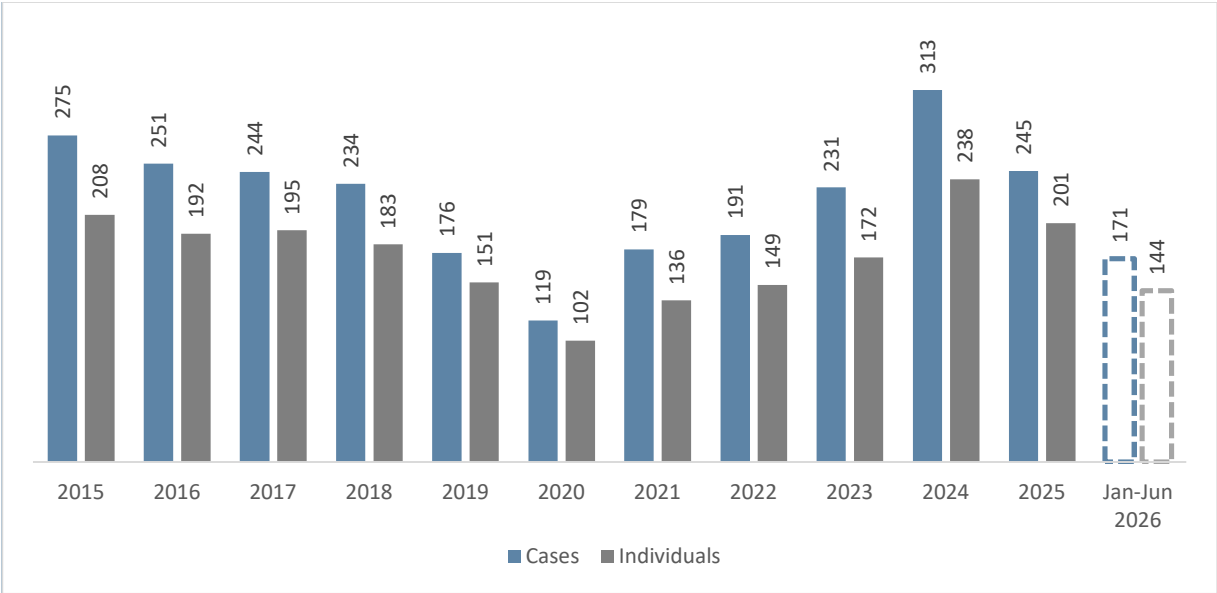


Figure 72: In Jan-Jun 2026, 171 cases and 144 individuals were worked with compared to 245 and 201 respectively in 2025.

Note: Individuals may have more than one case within a reporting period (see Glossary).

A total of **171** cases were worked with between January and June 2026.

SMIPU: Cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 by gender

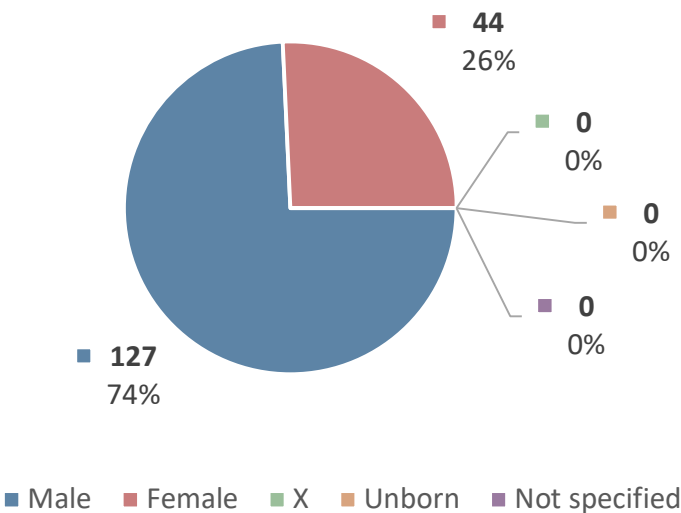


Figure 73: Male service users accounted for the highest proportion of cases worked with (74%).

Note: Gender is recorded at referral or first contact and may be updated over time, based on formal documentation and/or the individual's self-identified pronouns.

SMIPU: Cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 by age category

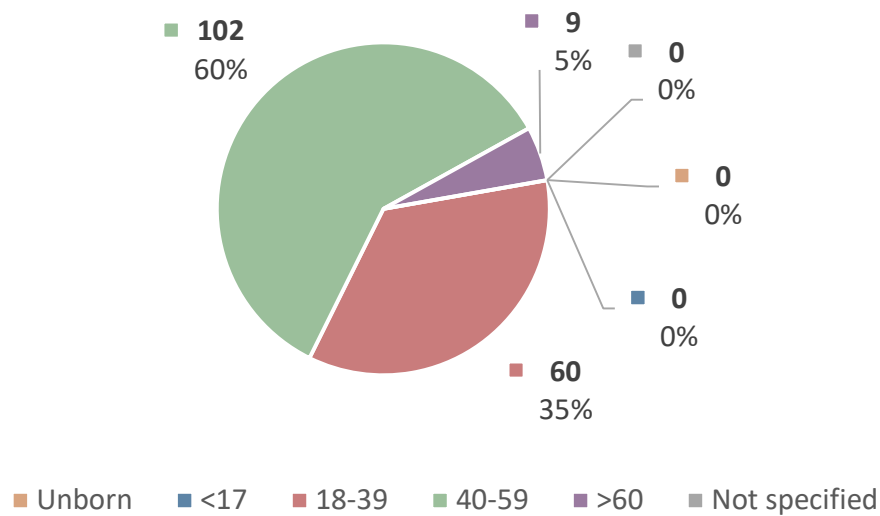


Figure 74: Service users aged 40 to 59 accounted for the highest proportion of cases worked with (60%).

Note: Age is calculated based on date of birth.

SMIPU: Cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 by nationality

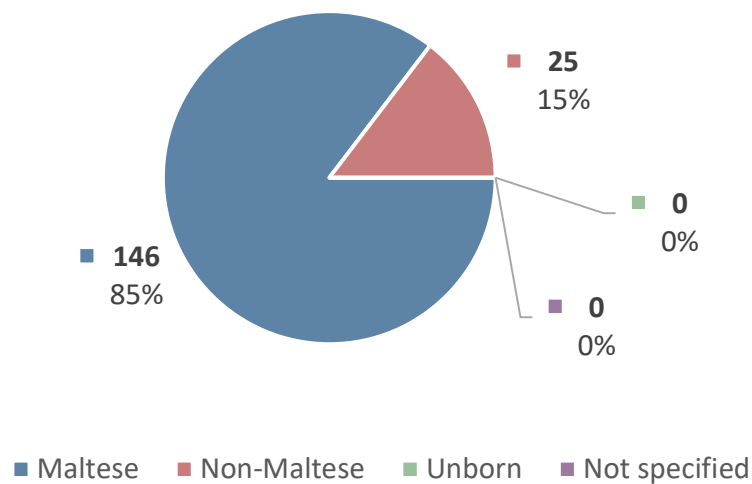
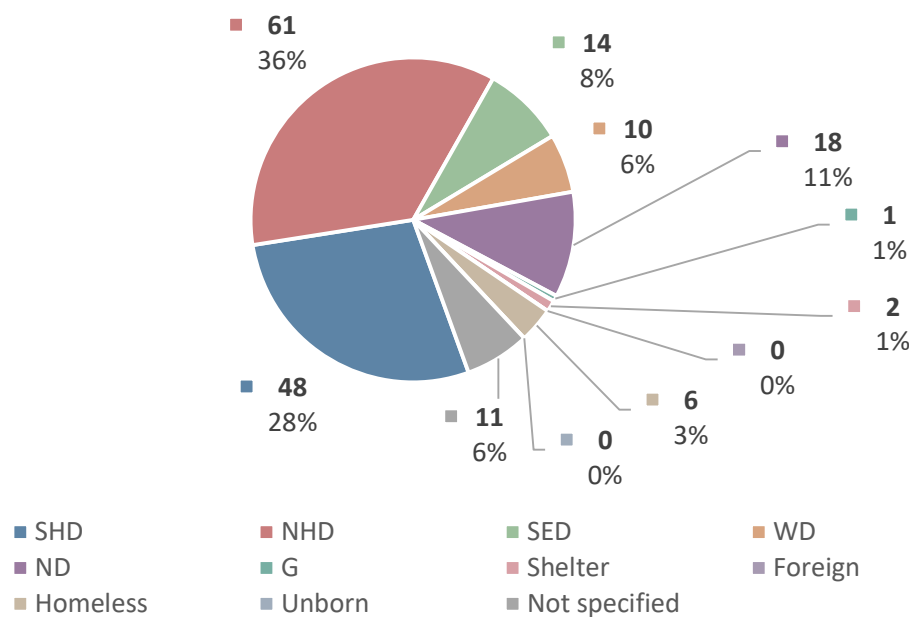


Figure 75: Maltese service users accounted for the highest proportion of cases worked with (85%), while non-Maltese service users accounted for 15%.

Note: Nationality reflects the self-reported or documented status (e.g. identity card) of the service user during the reporting period.

SMIPU: Cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 by district of residence



Graph Key: SHD = Southern Harbour District; NHD = Northern Harbour District; SED = Southeastern District; WD = Western District; ND = Northern District; G = Gozo District; Shelter = shelter/institution; Foreign = Foreign residence.

Figure 76: Northern Harbour District accounted for the highest proportion of cases worked with (36%).

Note: District is based on self-reported residence within the reporting year. Shelter/institution (e.g., residential homes, centre of residential restorative services, or shelters), foreign residence, and homelessness are shown separately to avoid bias in district distribution.

SMIPU: Cases worked with and primary substance or behaviour, by year

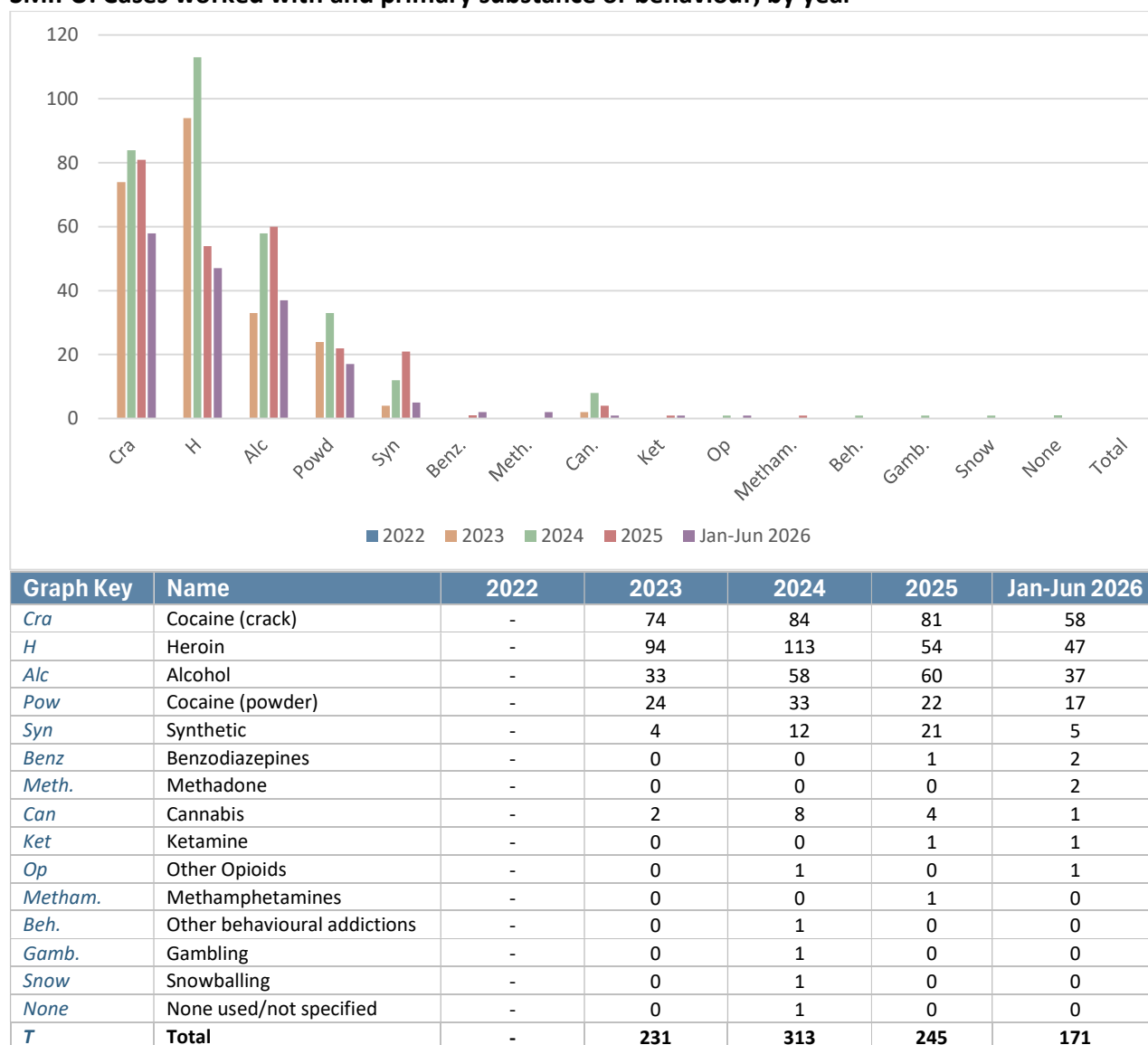


Figure 77: The majority of cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 reported using crack cocaine in the 12 months prior to referral (58, 34% cases).

Note: The primary substance or behaviour causing problem or addiction is recorded at first contact and reflects the main issue experienced by the service user in the previous 12 months. "None reported" refers to service users who did not report a problem or addiction during this period, including those in long-term rehabilitation, those who previously participated in a Centre of Residential Restorative Services (CoRRS) programme, or significant others seeking support but do not have a primary problem themselves to report.

SMIPU: Total and average duration of stay (days and nights) of service users who attended the service, by year

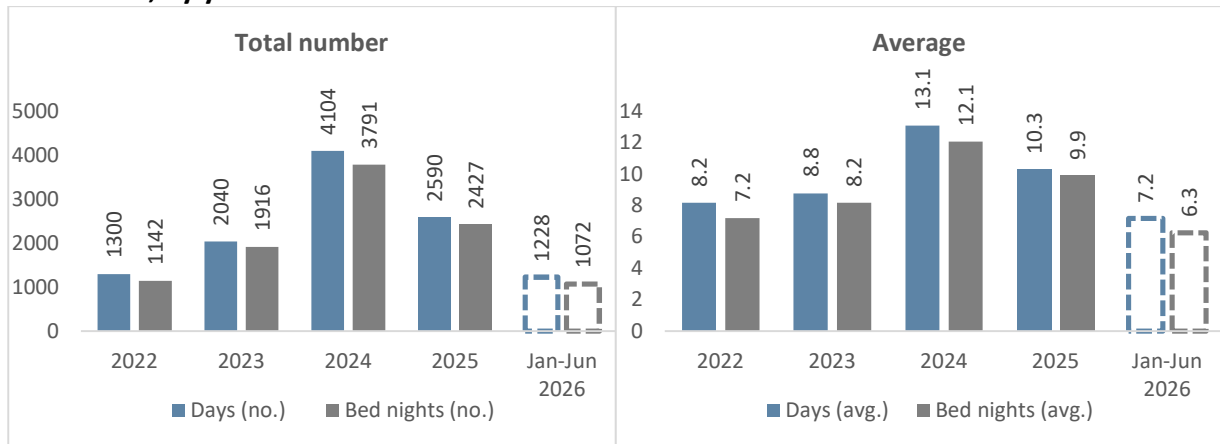


Figure 78: In Jan-Jun 2026, service users recorded a total of 1072 nights, with an average of 6.3 bed nights per stay.

Note: The figure above presents the total number of days and nights attended by service users during the reporting year, as well as the average per service user's stay. Following a change in the data collection system in 2021, the duration is reported based on the dates when a case is opened and closed, rather than the actual number of bed nights spent in residence.

SMIPU: Cases worked with by case type (new, re-contact, known and intake), by year

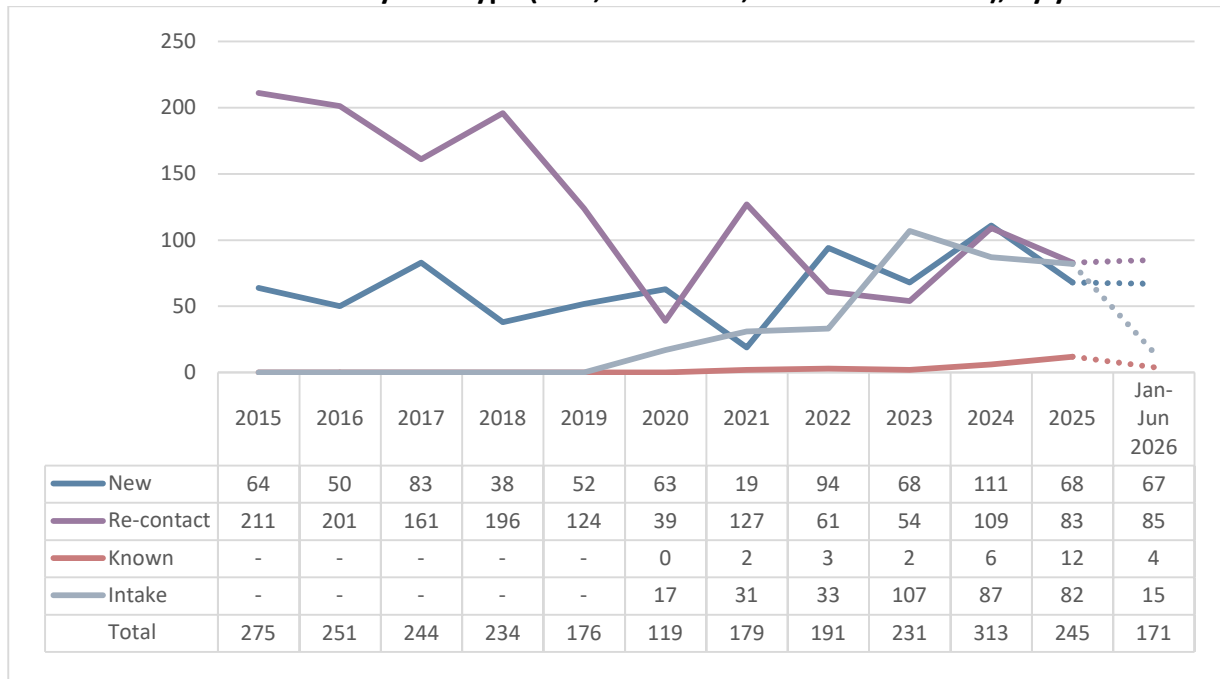


Figure 79: New cases accounted for 39% (67) of cases worked with, while re-contact cases accounted for 50% (85).

Note: Cases worked with start the reporting period as a new, re-contact, known, or intake case (see Glossary). Intake and known case types have been recorded since 2020 following the introduction of the online system.

SMIPU: Cases worked with by case state at the end of the reporting period

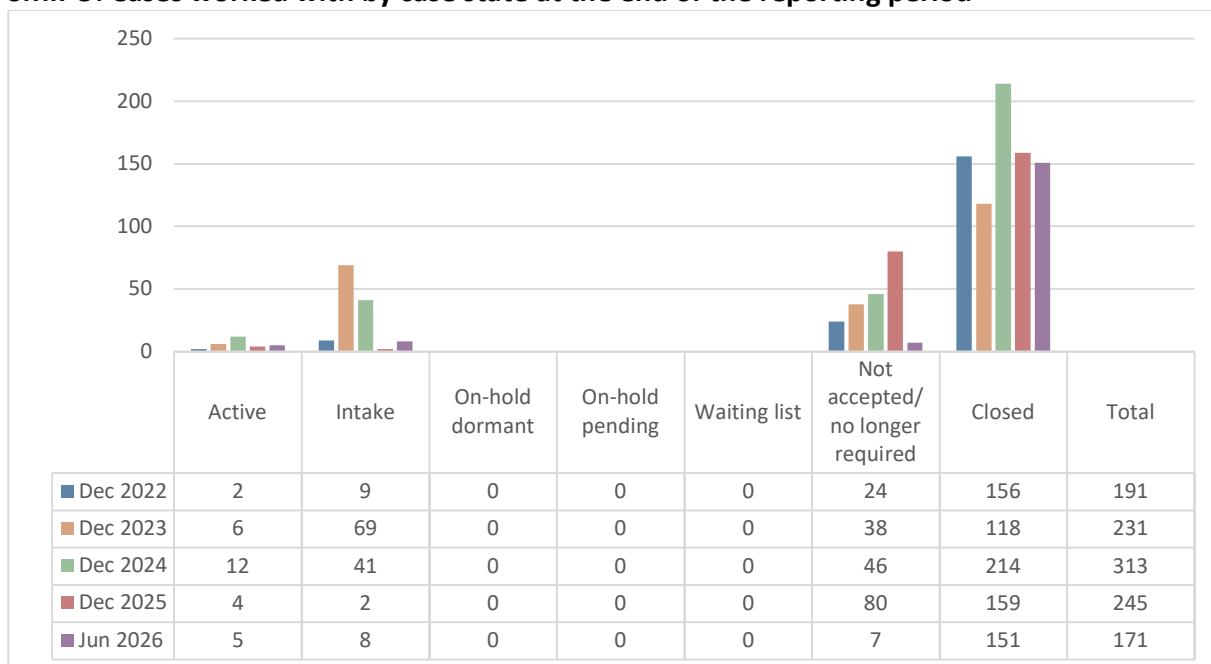


Figure 80: By the end of June 2026, 3% (5) of the cases worked with remained active, 88% (151) were closed and 5% (8) remained on intake.

Note: Cases may end the reporting period by being intake, active, on hold, on the waiting list, or closed (see Glossary).

SMIPU: Waiting list at the end of the reporting period

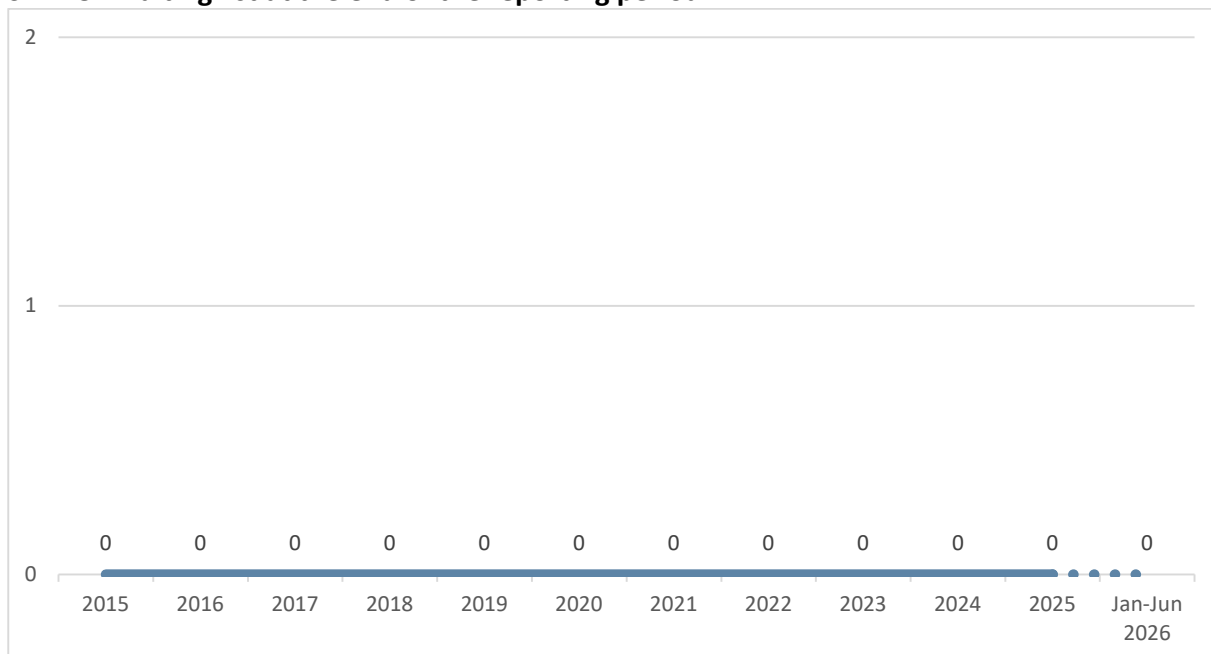


Figure 81: Only cases remaining on the waiting list at the end of the reporting period are included. At the end of June 2026, nil (0) cases remained on the waiting list.

Note: Waiting list cases are assessed as low risk, have no immediate needs, or are awaiting the next available appointment or programme; they are monitored and supported at reduced intensity.

SMIPU: Referrals, cases opened (new & re-contact), and cases closed, by year

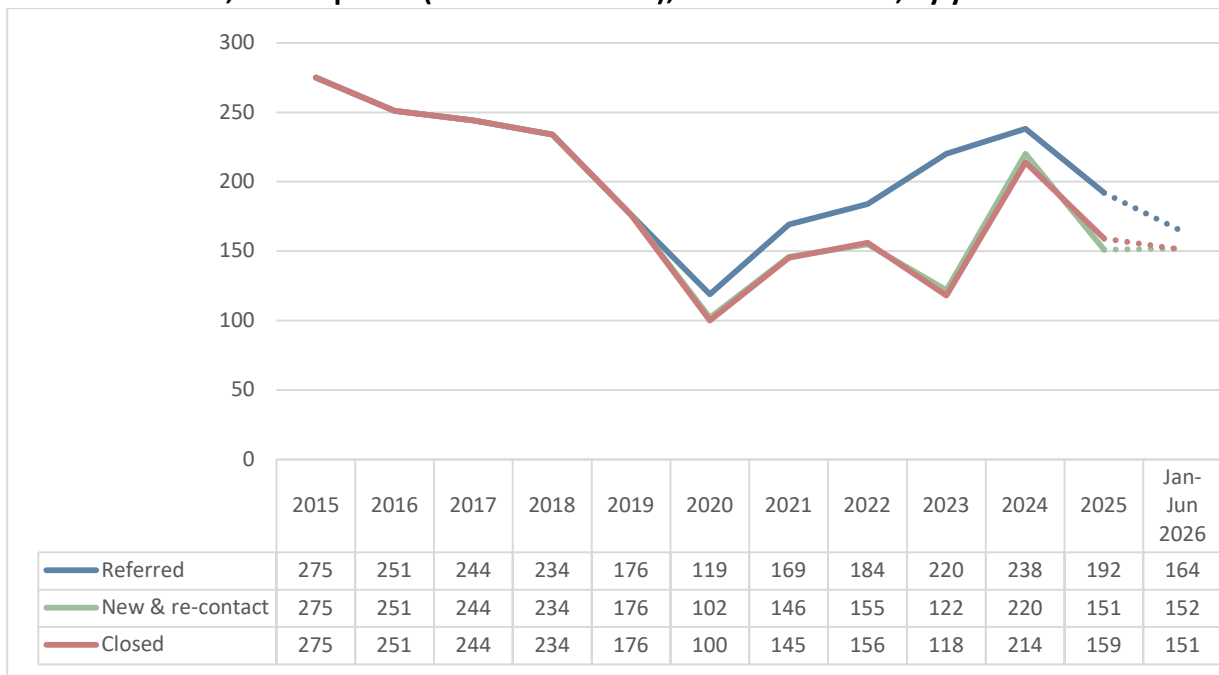


Figure 82: In Jan-Jun 2026, 164 cases were referred, 152 new & recontact cases opened, and 151 cases closed.

Note: Cases may be referred, opened, or closed throughout the year (see Glossary). Opened cases include both new and re-contact cases (see Figure 79 for breakdown).

A total of **152** cases were opened between January and June 2026.

Note: Further breakdowns regarding cases opened by demographics can be found in Appendix A.

SMIPU: Cases opened (new & re-contact) by age category and gender						
January - June 2026						
	Male	Female	X	Unborn	Not specified	Total
≤17	0	0	0	-	0	0
18-19	0	0	0	-	0	0
20-24	1	0	0	-	0	1
25-29	4	3	0	-	0	7
30-34	8	4	0	-	0	12
35-39	24	9	0	-	0	33
40-44	32	8	0	-	0	40
45-49	21	5	0	-	0	26
50-54	9	5	0	-	0	14
55-59	12	1	0	-	0	13
≥60	3	3	0	-	0	6
Not specified	0	0	0	-	0	0
Total	114	38	0	0	0	152

Figure 83: Service users aged 40 to 44 accounted for the highest proportion of cases opened (26%; 40).

Note: Gender is recorded at referral or first contact and may be updated over time, based on formal documentation and/or the individual's self-identified pronouns. Age is calculated based on date of birth.

Komunita' Santa Marija Addiction Residential Rehabilitation Programme

Prior to 2020, three rehabilitation centres were in operation: Kommunità Santa Marija, the Assessment and Stabilisation Unit, and Żerniq. In 2020, these centres were discontinued and replaced by a single residential rehabilitation centre. Additionally, a new online data collection system and reporting format were introduced. As a result, data from 2011 to 2019 is not directly comparable with data from 2020 onwards. Consequently, data for the period 2011 - 2019 can be found in previous Sedqa reports, while the 2023 report presents data only for the period from 2020 onwards.

Residential: Cases and individuals worked with, by year

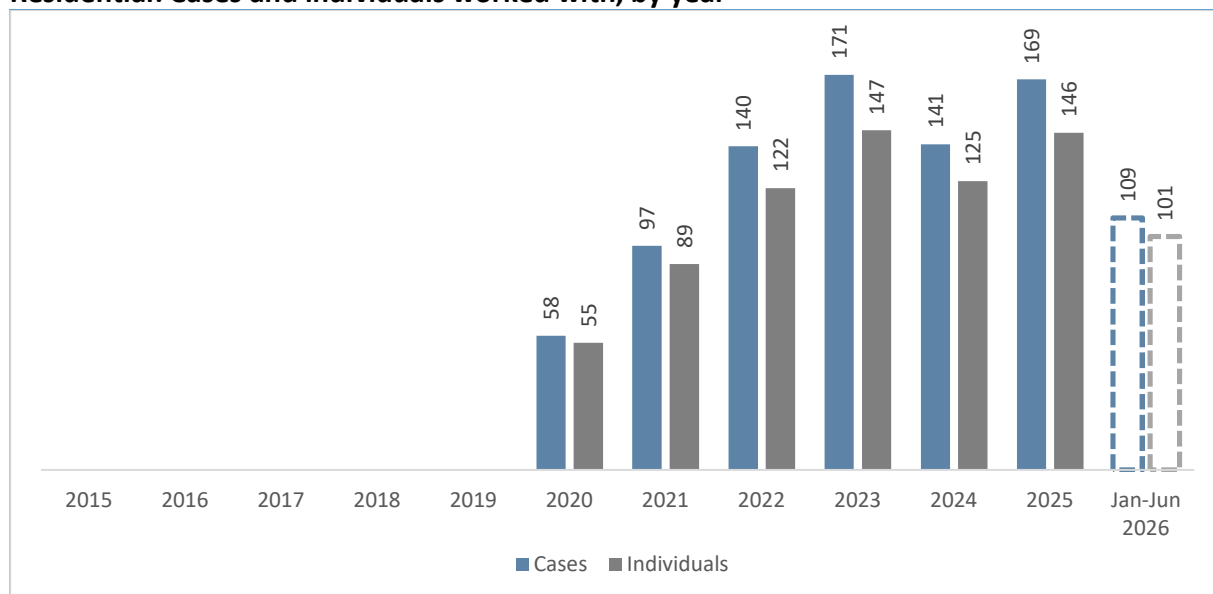


Figure 84: In Jan-Jun 2026, 109 cases and 101 individuals were worked with compared to 169 and 146 respectively in 2025.

Note: Individuals may have more than one case within a reporting period (see Glossary).

A total of **109** cases were worked with between January and June 2026.

Residential: Cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 by gender

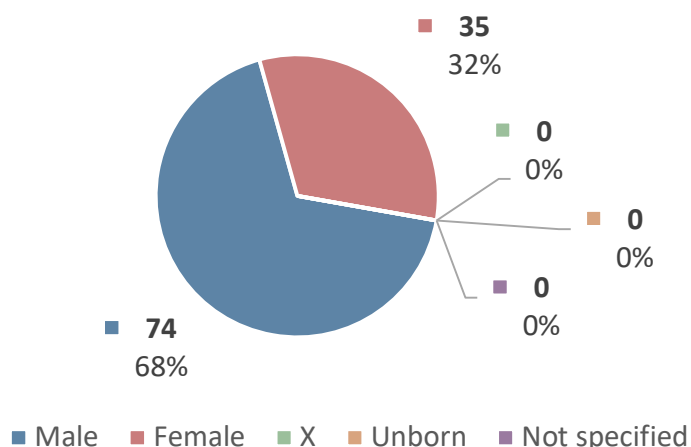


Figure 85: Male service users accounted for the highest proportion of cases worked with (68%).

Note: Gender is recorded at referral or first contact and may be updated over time, based on formal documentation and/or the individual's self-identified pronouns.

Residential: Cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 by age category

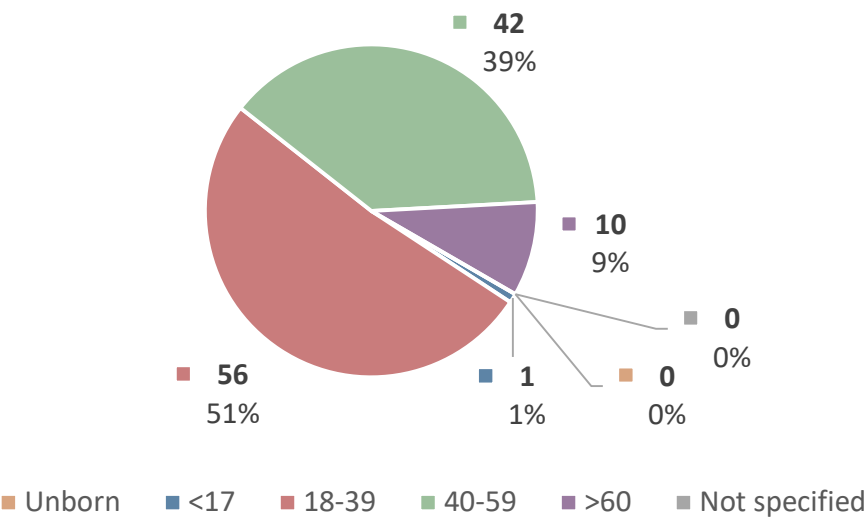


Figure 86: Service users aged 18 to 39 accounted for the highest proportion of cases worked with (51%).

Note: Age is calculated based on date of birth.

Residential: Cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 by nationality

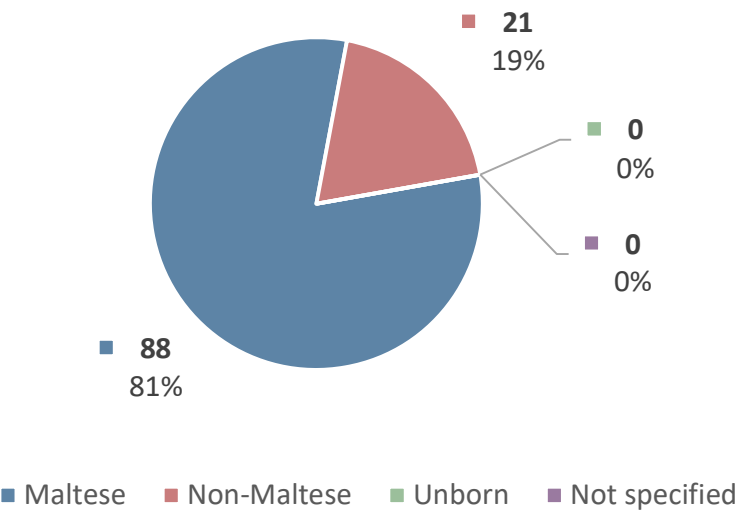
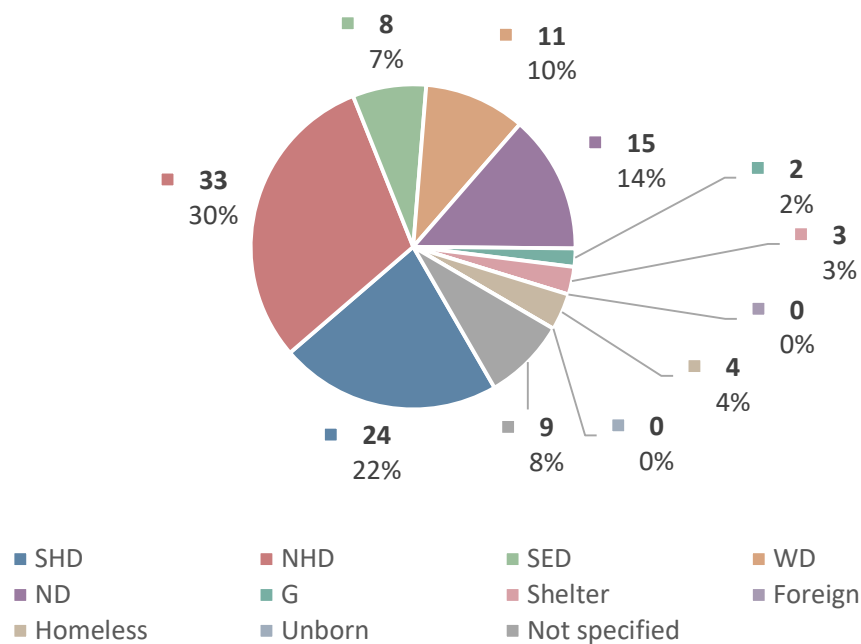


Figure 87: Maltese service users accounted for the highest proportion of cases worked with (81%), while non-Maltese service users accounted for 19%.

Note: Nationality reflects the self-reported or documented status (e.g. identity card) of the service user during the reporting period.

Residential: Cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 by district of residence



Graph Key: SHD = Southern Harbour District; NHD = Northern Harbour District; SED = Southeastern District; WD = Western District; ND = Northern District; G = Gozo District; Shelter = shelter/institution; Foreign = Foreign residence.

Figure 88: Northern Harbour District accounted for the highest proportion of cases worked with (30%).

Note: District is based on self-reported residence within the reporting year. Shelter/institution (e.g., residential homes, centre of residential restorative services, or shelters), foreign residence, and homelessness are shown separately to avoid bias in district distribution.

Residential: Cases worked with and primary substance or behaviour, by year

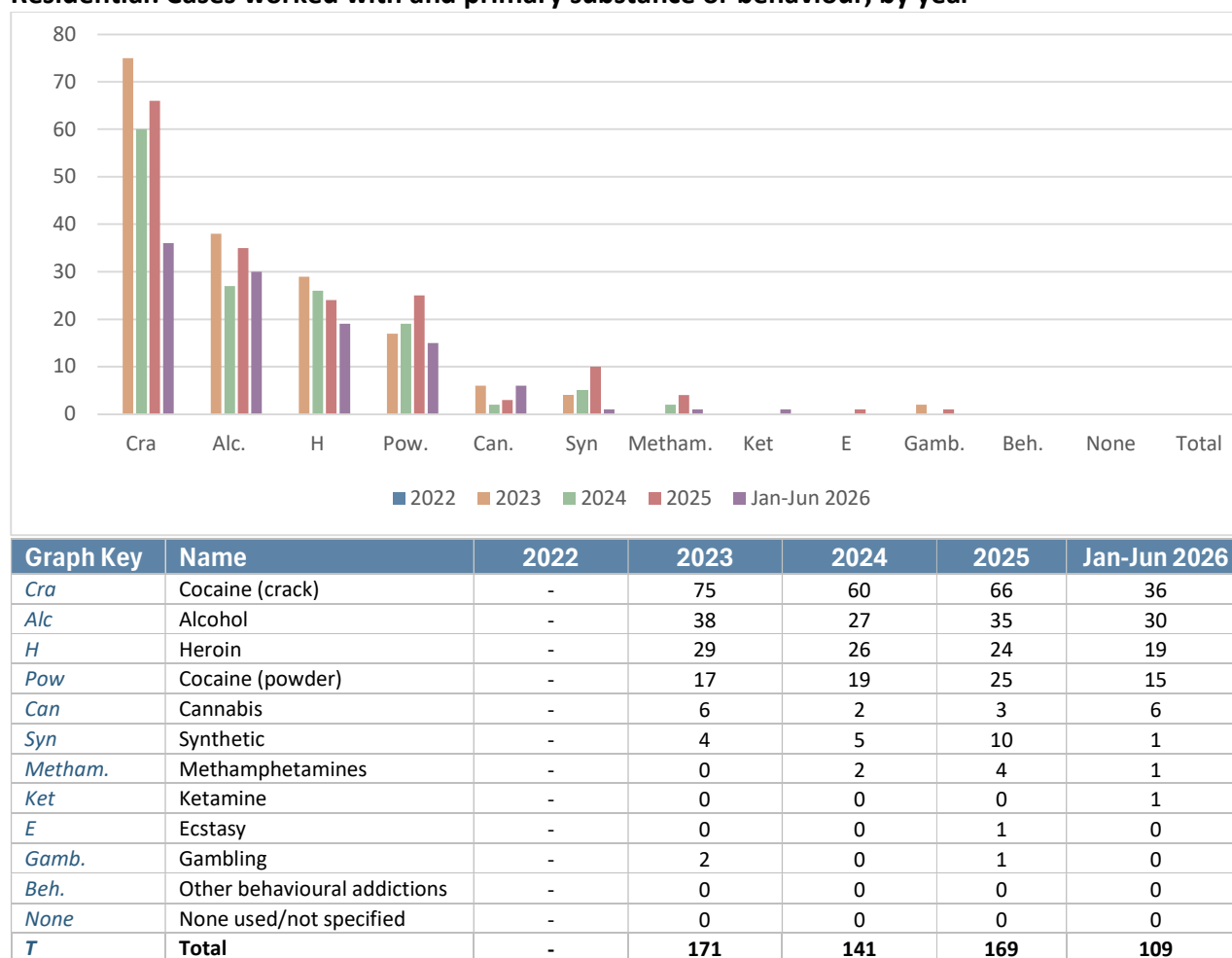


Figure 89: The majority of cases worked with Jan-Jun 2026 reported using crack cocaine in the 12 months prior to referral (36, 33% cases).

Note: The primary substance or behaviour causing problem or addiction is recorded at first contact and reflects the main issue experienced by the service user in the previous 12 months. "None reported" refers to service users who did not report a problem or addiction during this period, including those in long-term rehabilitation, those who previously participated in a Centre of Residential Restorative Services (CoRRS) programme, or significant others seeking support but do not have a primary problem themselves to report.

Residential: Total and average duration of stay (days and nights) of service users who attended the service, by year

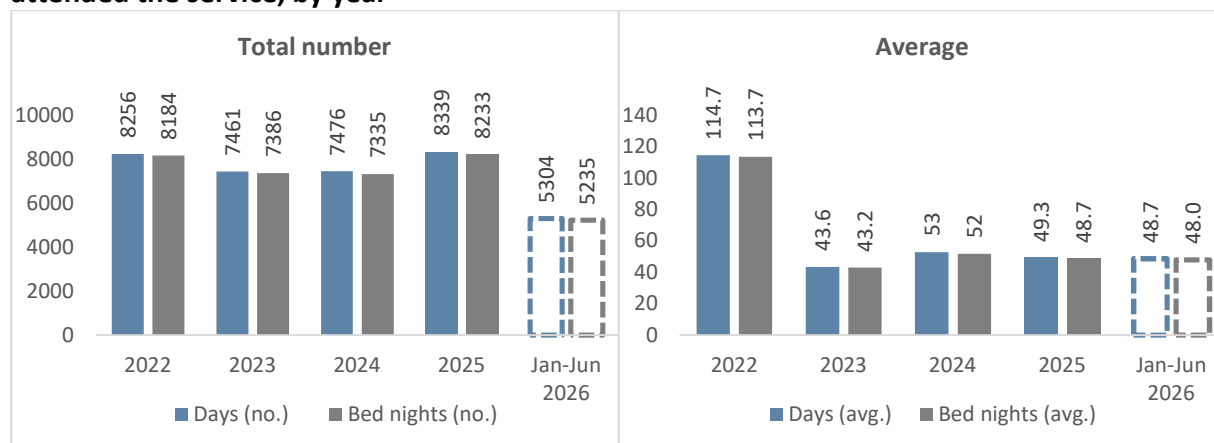


Figure 90: In Jan-Jun 2026, service users recorded a total of 5235 nights, with an average of 48.0 bed nights per stay.

Note: The figure above presents the total number of days and nights attended by service users during the reporting year, as well as the average per service user's stay. Following a change in the data collection system in 2021, the duration is reported based on the dates when a case is opened and closed, rather than the actual number of bed nights spent in residence.

Residential: Service users attending the KSM programme by phase and state at end of reporting period, with total and average nights attended				
January - June 2026				
	Attended Phase 1	Attended Phase 2	Attended Phase 3	Total that attended at least 1 phase of KSM programme
Active	6	6	1	13
Closed	39	10	1	39
No. of admissions	45	16	2	52
Nights (no.)	1583	1297	180	3061
Nights (avg.)	35	81	90	58.9

Figure 91: In Jan-Jun 2026, a total of 52 service users attended at least one phase of the residential KSM programme, with 45 attending Phase 1, 16 attending Phase 2, and 2 attending Phase 3.

Note: Service users within this service may also participate in the residential programme, which consists of three phases. Service users typically progress through the phases unless they terminate the programme prematurely. The table presents both the total number of service users who attended at least one phase and the number attending each individual phase.

Residential: Cases worked with by case type (new, re-contact, known and intake), by year

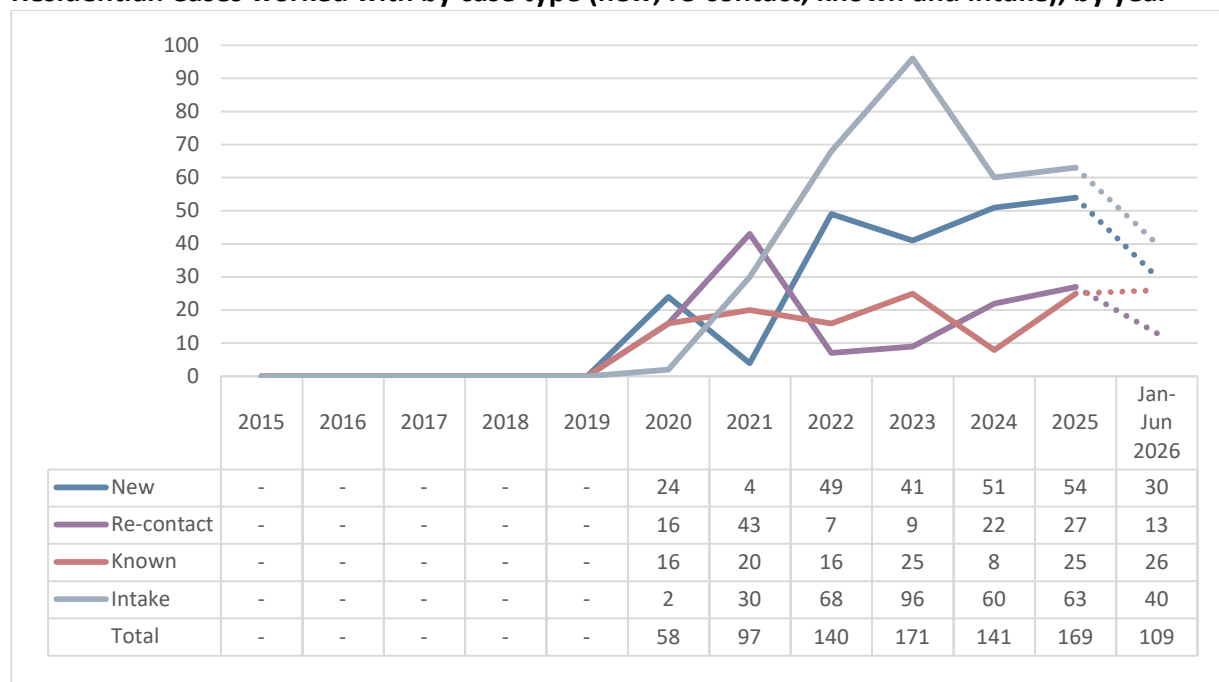


Figure 92: New cases accounted for 28% (30) of cases worked with, while re-contact cases accounted for 12% (13).

Note: Cases worked with start the reporting period as a new, re-contact, known, or intake case (see Glossary).

Residential: Cases worked with by case state at the end of the reporting period

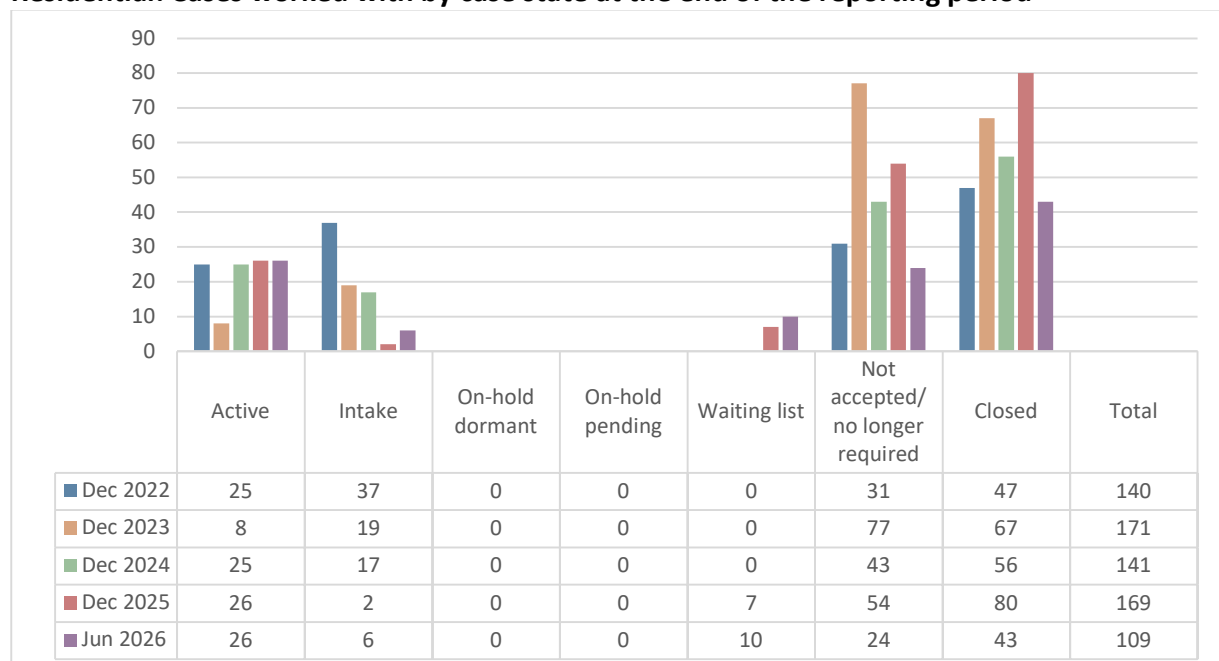


Figure 93: By the end of June 2026, 24% (26) of the cases worked with remained active, 39% (43) were closed and 6% (6) remained on intake.

Note: Cases may end the reporting period by being intake, active, on hold, on the waiting list, or closed (see Glossary).

Residential: Waiting list at the end of the reporting period

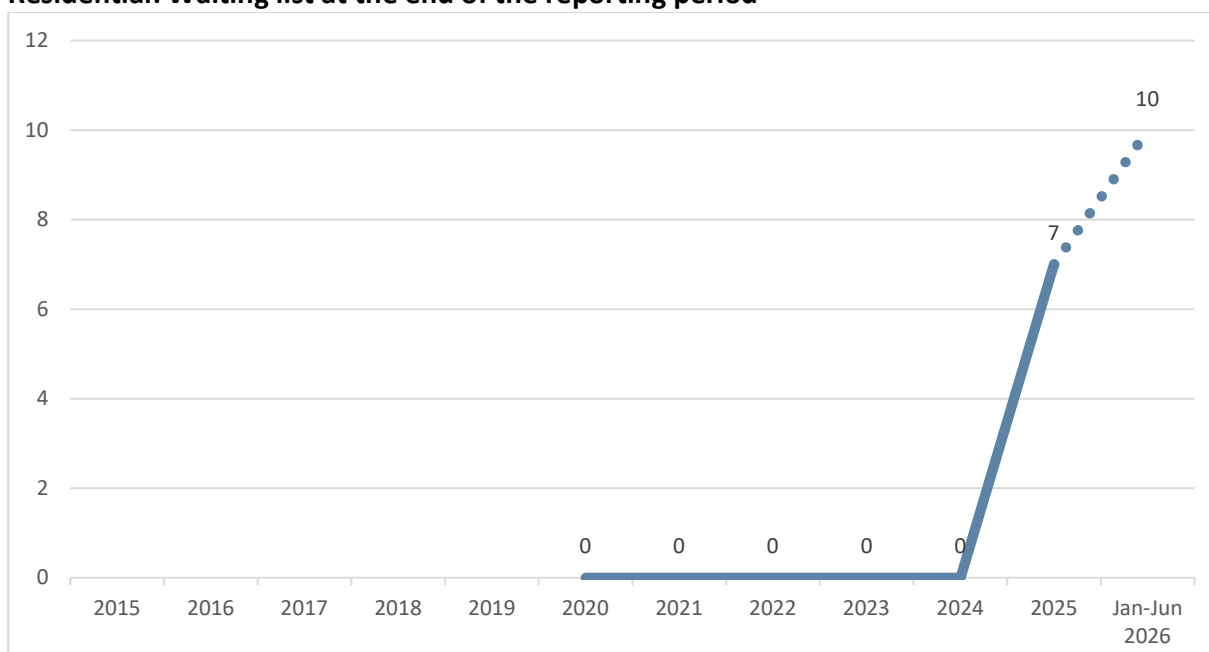


Figure 94: Only cases remaining on the waiting list at the end of the reporting period are included. At the end of June 2026, 10 cases remained on the waiting list.

Note: Waiting list cases are assessed as low risk, have no immediate needs, or are awaiting the next available appointment or programme; they are monitored and supported at reduced intensity.

Residential: Referrals, cases opened (new & re-contact), and cases closed, by year

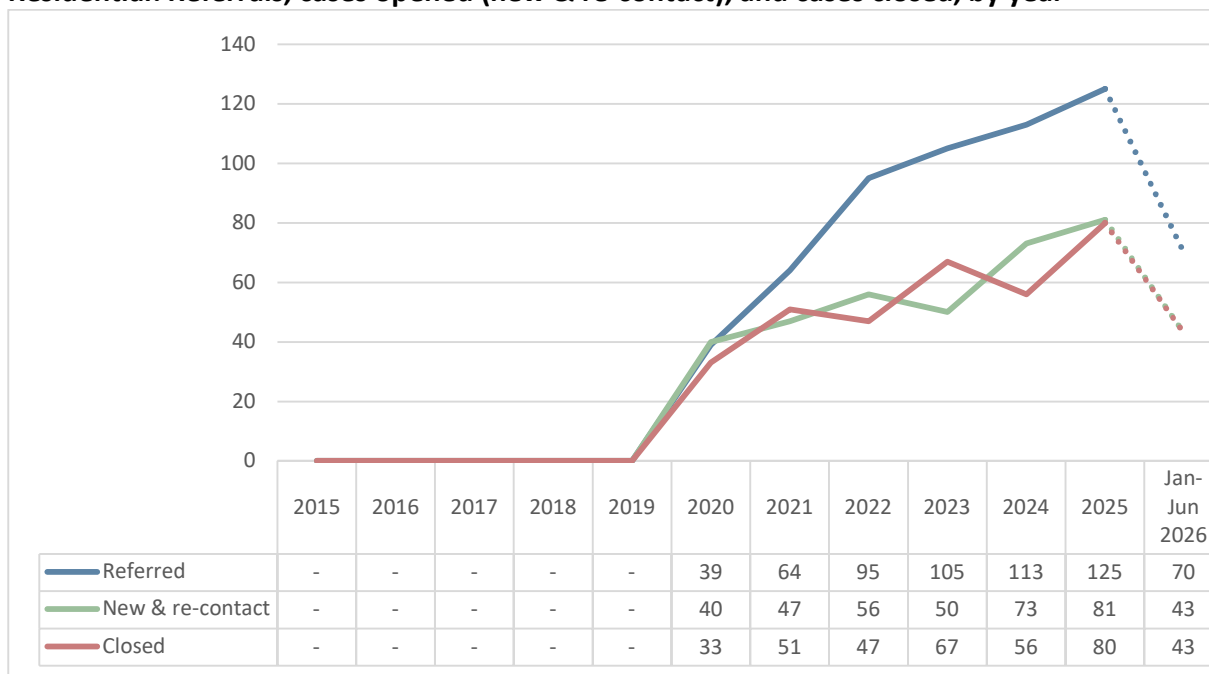


Figure 95: In Jan-Jun 2026, 70 cases were referred, 43 new & recontact cases opened, and 43 cases closed.

Note: Cases may be referred, opened, or closed throughout the year (see Glossary). Opened cases include both new and re-contact cases (see Figure 92 for breakdown).

A total of **43** cases were opened between January and June 2026.

Note: Further breakdowns regarding cases opened by demographics can be found in Appendix A.

Residential: Cases opened (new & re-contact) by age category and gender January - June 2026						
	Male	Female	X	Unborn	Not specified	Total
≤17	0	1	0	-	0	1
18-19	0	0	0	-	0	0
20-24	0	0	0	-	0	0
25-29	0	0	0	-	0	0
30-34	4	6	0	-	0	10
35-39	7	4	0	-	0	11
40-44	7	1	0	-	0	8
45-49	3	2	0	-	0	5
50-54	0	0	0	-	0	0
55-59	1	0	0	-	0	1
≥60	5	2	0	-	0	7
Not specified	0	0	0	-	0	0
Total	27	16	0	-	0	43

Figure 96: Service users aged 35 to 39 accounted for the highest proportion of cases opened (26%; 11).

Note: Gender is recorded at referral or first contact and may be updated over time, based on formal documentation and/or the individual's self-identified pronouns. Age is calculated based on date of birth.

Appendix A

To compare yearly trends, new and re-contact cases opened are used, as they exclude cases carried over from previous years and provide an indication of incidence

Number of cases opened (new & re-contact) by gender and year

Gender is recorded at referral or first contact and may be updated over time, based on formal documentation and/or the individual's self-identified pronouns.

Addictions Community Service	2022	2023	2024	2025	Jan-Jun 2026
Male	315	397	368	411	247
Female	130	151	121	122	76
X	0	0	0	0	0
Unborn	0	0	0	0	0
Not specified	0	0	0	0	0
Total	445	548	489	533	323

Substance Misuse Out-Patient Unit	2022	2023	2024	2025	Jan-Jun 2026
Male	210	255	286	308	151
Female	58	60	73	78	48
X	0	0	0	0	0
Unborn	0	0	0	0	0
Not specified	0	0	0	0	0
Total	268	315	359	386	199

Substance Misuse Out-Patient Unit Social Work Unit*	2022	2023	2024	2025	Jan-Jun 2026
Male	-	58	55	59	24
Female	-	10	14	15	7
X	-	0	0	0	0
Unborn	-	0	0	0	0
Not specified	-	0	0	0	0
Total	-	68	69	74	31

Substance Misuse In-Patient Unit	2022	2023	2024	2025	Jan-Jun 2026
Male	121	95	170	124	114
Female	34	27	50	27	38
X	0	0	0	0	0
Unborn	0	0	0	0	0
Not specified	0	0	0	0	0
Total	155	122	220	151	152

Komunita' Santa Marija Addiction Residential Rehabilitation Programme	2022	2023	2024	2025	Jan-Jun 2026
Male	45	36	55	64	27
Female	11	14	18	17	16

X	0	0	0	0	0
Unborn	0	0	0	0	0
Not specified	0	0	0	0	0
Total	56	50	73	81	43

Sedqa	2022	2023	2024	2025	Jan-Jun 2026
Male	691	783	879	907	539
Female	233	252	262	244	178
X	0	0	0	0	0
Unborn	0	0	0	0	0
Not specified	0	0	0	0	0
Total	924	1035	1141	1151	717

Number of cases opened (new & re-contact) by age category and year

Age is calculated based on date of birth.

Addictions Community Service	2022	2023	2024	2025	Jan-Jun 2026
Unborn	0	0	0	0	0
<17	2	3	0	1	0
18-19	8	4	2	10	5
20-24	25	29	31	26	19
25-29	47	63	52	48	36
30-34	65	81	70	66	42
35-39	79	103	72	104	72
40-44	74	83	91	91	48
45-49	50	60	58	71	45
50-54	39	48	48	46	17
55-59	22	31	29	31	17
60+	34	43	36	39	22
Not specified	0	0	0	0	0
Total	445	548	489	533	323

Substance Misuse Out-Patient Unit	2022	2023	2024	2025	Jan-Jun 2026
Unborn	0	0	0	0	0
<17	1	3	2	3	4
18-19	3	1	3	5	3
20-24	13	17	21	8	12
25-29	24	38	28	47	19
30-34	36	48	53	46	14
35-39	47	48	63	67	43
40-44	54	48	69	68	38
45-49	41	50	46	55	28
50-54	20	30	29	35	14
55-59	14	19	20	24	14
60+	15	13	25	28	10
Not specified	0	0	0	0	0

Total	268	315	359	386	199
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<i>Substance Misuse Out-Patient Unit Social Work Unit</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>Jan-Jun 2026</i>
<i>Unborn</i>	-	0	0	0	0
<i><17</i>	-	0	0	0	0
<i>18-19</i>	-	0	0	0	0
<i>20-24</i>	-	1	6	1	0
<i>25-29</i>	-	9	3	8	3
<i>30-34</i>	-	14	13	8	1
<i>35-39</i>	-	11	9	12	8
<i>40-44</i>	-	13	15	17	10
<i>45-49</i>	-	6	12	9	3
<i>50-54</i>	-	8	5	5	3
<i>55-59</i>	-	4	3	12	2
<i>60+</i>	-	2	3	2	1
<i>Not specified</i>	-	0	0	0	0
Total	-	68	69	74	31

<i>Substance Misuse In-Patient Unit</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>Jan-Jun 2026</i>
<i>Unborn</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i><17</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>18-19</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>20-24</i>	3	1	8	1	1
<i>25-29</i>	11	8	7	10	7
<i>30-34</i>	26	18	22	16	12
<i>35-39</i>	36	28	40	36	33
<i>40-44</i>	38	29	57	26	40
<i>45-49</i>	16	18	40	27	26
<i>50-54</i>	11	10	20	13	14
<i>55-59</i>	9	4	18	13	13
<i>60+</i>	5	5	7	9	6
<i>Not specified</i>	0	1	1	0	0
Total	155	122	220	151	152

<i>Komunita' Santa Marija Addiction Residential Rehabilitation Programme</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>Jan-Jun 2026</i>
<i>Unborn</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i><17</i>	0	0	0	0	1
<i>18-19</i>	2	0	0	0	0
<i>20-24</i>	0	1	5	1	0
<i>25-29</i>	4	2	4	6	0
<i>30-34</i>	13	8	14	9	10
<i>35-39</i>	10	13	15	17	11
<i>40-44</i>	13	11	17	23	8

45-49	7	6	4	13	5
50-54	3	4	9	6	0
55-59	3	2	4	4	1
60+	1	3	1	2	7
Not specified	0	0	0	0	0
Total	56	50	73	81	43

Sedqa	2022	2023	2024	2025	Jan-Jun 2026
Unborn	0	0	0	0	0
<17	3	6	2	4	5
18-19	13	5	5	15	8
20-24	41	48	65	36	32
25-29	86	111	91	111	62
30-34	140	155	159	137	78
35-39	172	192	190	224	159
40-44	179	171	234	208	134
45-49	114	134	148	166	104
50-54	73	92	106	100	45
55-59	48	56	71	72	45
60+	55	64	69	78	45
Not specified	0	1	1	0	0
Total	924	1035	1141	1151	717

Number of cases opened (new & re-contact) by nationality and year

Nationality reflects the self-reported or documented status (e.g. identity card) of the service user during the reporting period.

Addictions Community Service	2022	2023	2024	2025	Jan-Jun 2026
Unborn	0	0	0	0	0
Maltese	370	450	410	423	237
Non-Maltese	75	98	79	110	86
Not specified	0	0	0	0	0
Total	445	548	489	533	323

Substance Misuse Out-Patient Unit	2022	2023	2024	2025	Jan-Jun 2026
Unborn	0	0	0	0	0
Maltese	221	237	300	303	147
Non-Maltese	47	78	59	83	52
Not specified	0	0	0	0	0
Total	268	315	359	386	199

Substance Misuse Out-Patient Unit Social Work Unit	2022	2023	2024	2025	Jan-Jun 2026
Unborn	-	0	0	0	0
Maltese	-	55	62	64	24
Non-Maltese	-	13	7	10	7
Not specified	-	0	0	0	0

Total	-	68	69	74	31
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Substance Misuse In-Patient Unit	2022	2023	2024	2025	Jan-Jun 2026
Unborn	0	0	0	0	0
Maltese	139	112	202	135	130
Non-Maltese	16	10	18	16	22
Not specified	0	0	0	0	0
Total	155	122	220	151	152

Komunita' Santa Marija Addiction Residential Rehabilitation Programme	2022	2023	2024	2025	Jan-Jun 2026
Unborn	0	0	0	0	0
Maltese	50	44	66	64	37
Non-Maltese	6	6	7	17	6
Not specified	0	0	0	0	0
Total	56	50	73	81	43

Sedqa	2022	2023	2024	2025	Jan-Jun 2026
Unborn	0	0	0	0	0
Maltese	780	843	978	925	551
Non-Maltese	144	192	163	226	166
Not specified	0	0	0	0	0
Total	924	1035	1141	1151	717

Number of cases opened (new & re-contact) by district of residence and year

District is based on self-reported residence within the reporting year. Shelter/institution (e.g., residential homes, centre of residential restorative services, or shelters), foreign residence, and homelessness are shown separately to avoid bias in district distribution.

Addictions Community Service	2022	2023	2024	2025	Jan-Jun 2026
Northern Harbour District	136	166	147	174	108
Southern Harbour District	110	133	133	137	63
Northern District	76	82	68	53	57
Southeastern District	59	84	70	77	36
Western District	42	53	43	33	25
Gozo district	4	7	5	11	3
Shelter/ institution/ other residence	5	2	8	9	10
Foreign residence	0	0	0	0	0
Homeless	2	3	3	5	5
Unborn	-	-	-	0	0
Not specified	11	18	12	34	16
Total	445	548	489	533	323

Substance Misuse Out-Patient Unit	2022	2023	2024	2025	Jan-Jun 2026
Northern Harbour District	86	99	111	118	67

Southern Harbour District	62	78	98	94	32
Northern District	34	43	54	40	39
Southeastern District	36	47	39	49	20
Western District	24	18	18	35	11
Gozo district	20	9	8	12	4
Shelter/ institution/ other residence	1	2	5	4	4
Foreign residence	0	0	1	0	0
Homeless	1	4	2	2	3
Unborn	-	-	-	0	0
Not specified	4	15	23	32	19
Total	268	315	359	386	199

<i>Substance Misuse Out-Patient Unit Social Work Unit</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>Jan-Jun 2026</i>
<i>Northern Harbour District</i>	-	17	15	18	11
<i>Southern Harbour District</i>	-	11	18	20	6
<i>Northern District</i>	-	8	9	6	4
<i>Southeastern District</i>	-	18	9	15	1
<i>Western District</i>	-	5	6	5	2
<i>Gozo district</i>	-	2	1	1	0
<i>Shelter/ institution/ other residence</i>	-	0	3	3	0
<i>Foreign residence</i>	-	0	0	0	0
<i>Homeless</i>	-	2	0	1	2
<i>Unborn</i>	-	-	-	-	0
<i>Not specified</i>	-	5	8	5	5
Total	-	68	69	74	31

Substance Misuse In-Patient Unit	2022	2023	2024	2025	Jan-Jun 2026
Northern Harbour District	46	39	55	34	53
Southern Harbour District	36	28	65	57	44
Northern District	24	23	29	14	16
Southeastern District	24	26	30	20	13
Western District	9	5	24	12	10
Gozo district	6	1	5	4	0
Shelter/ institution/ other residence	2	0	1	4	2
Foreign residence	0	0	0	0	0
Homeless	0	0	2	0	6
Unborn	-	-	-	0	0
Not specified	8	0	9	6	8
Total	155	122	220	151	152

Komunita' Santa Marija Addiction Residential Rehabilitation Programme	2022	2023	2024	2025	Jan-Jun 2026
Northern Harbour District	17	15	19	26	14
Southern Harbour District	17	10	28	25	11

Northern District	8	11	8	10	6
Southeastern District	6	11	6	8	3
Western District	5	1	8	3	3
Gozo district	1	0	1	2	0
Shelter/ institution/ other residence	0	1	1	2	2
Foreign residence	0	0	0	0	0
Homeless	0	0	1	1	0
Unborn	-	-	-	0	0
Not specified	2	1	1	4	4
Total	56	50	73	81	43

Sedqa	2022	2023	2024	2025	Jan-Jun 2026
Northern Harbour District	285	319	332	352	242
Southern Harbour District	225	249	324	313	150
Northern District	142	159	159	117	118
Southeastern District	125	168	145	154	72
Western District	80	77	93	83	49
Gozo district	31	17	19	29	7
Shelter/ institution/ other residence	8	5	15	19	18
Foreign residence	0	0	1	0	0
Homeless	3	7	8	8	14
Unborn	-	-	-	0	0
Not specified	25	34	45	76	47
Total	924	1035	1141	1151	717

Appendix B

Service descriptions

Service	Description
Primary Prevention	Provides members of society with information about substances and training programmes on topics such as healthy living, appreciation of one's abilities and self-determination.
Addictions Community Service	Provides, on a community level, assessment, outreach, advice, information, support, and aftercare to individuals and families affected by addiction.
Court Services	Assesses cases held at the drugs tribunal court and provides social work and psychological interventions with persons attending.
Substance Misuse Out-Patients Unit	Provides assessment, medical treatment, and psychosocial support to individuals experiencing substance misuse issues.
Substance Misuse Out-Patients Unit - Social Work	This service falls within the Substance Misuse Out-Patients Unit. The service provides specialised social work interventions and support to service users attending the Substance Misuse Out-Patients Unit.
Substance Misuse In-Patients Unit	Assists individuals to come off drugs in a safe and controlled residential environment and prepare them for subsequent stages of rehabilitation.
Komunita' Santa Marija Addiction Residential Rehabilitation Programme	Provides a therapeutic structure with emphasis on living as part of a community for 14 months. This time is divided into three phases which aim to accompany the resident from the initial stages of physical, mental, and emotional recovery to reintegration into society.

Glossary of terms

Variable	Definition
Cases worked with	Total number of service user cases that were new, re-contact, or known during the reporting period, including cases remaining on intake at period end. This does not represent the number of individuals, as one individual may have multiple cases in the same reporting period. For example, 1 individual may have re-contacted a service 3 times in the same year and this would mean 3 cases worked with in the same year.
Individuals worked with	Number of unique service users with at least one case worked with during the reporting period. Cases re-opened or re-referred for the same individual in the same reporting period are excluded. To demonstrate the difference, consider Person A, who started and stopped attending a service twice in the same year, making it equivalent to 2 cases, but 1 individual worked with.
Case type	Classification of cases worked with based on how the case starts the reporting period, including new, re-contact, known, or intake case.
New case	A case opened for the first time during the reporting period with no prior history with the service.
Re-contact case	A previously worked with case that is reopened during the reporting period. This also applies if it is re-opened after a new case was closed in the current reporting year.
Known case	A case that was opened in a previous reporting period and remains active during the current reporting period. This is also referred to as cases carried over from previous years.
Intake case	Cases referred to a service are initially placed on intake, where information is gathered to address immediate needs and determine next steps (e.g. assignment to a professional, placement on the waiting list, opening, or

	closure). A case is classified as intake if it remains at this stage at the end of the reporting period.
Waiting list	Cases moved from intake to waiting list where it is determined that the service user would benefit from the service, but it cannot be provided immediately. This may be due to capacity constraints, further assessment, or awaiting additional information from the service user. Cases on the waiting list continue to be monitored and receive support at reduced intensity.
Referred case	A case reported to the service by an external party or the service user themselves. A case may be referred for support more than once in a year. Some cases may be referred and placed on a waiting list or not taken up because the service was not appropriate for the person's needs.
Cases opened (new & re-contact case)	Cases that have been formally opened and allocated, including both new and re-contact cases.
Closed case	A case that has been formally terminated during the reporting period.
Case state	State of a case at the end of the reporting period (e.g. active, intake, on-hold, waiting list, not accepted/no longer required or closed). For example, a case may start the reporting period as a known active case but by the end of the reporting period, the case is closed so the case state is now reported as closed.
Active state	A case that is open and remains active at the end of the reporting period.
Closed state	A case that is open but has been closed by the end of the reporting period.
Intake state	A case that remains at the intake stage at the end of the reporting period.
On-hold state	An open case that remains on hold at the end of the reporting period. An on-hold case is an open case that is temporarily paused by either being pending or in a dormant state: - Pending: where activity is temporarily paused pending input or action from another service - Dormant: cases that must remain open but require little or no active intervention. This generally occurs when a case is awaiting uptake by another service.
Waiting list state	A case that was on the waiting list in the year and still on the waiting list at the end of the reporting period.
Not accepted/no longer required state	A case that was on intake or the waiting list during the reporting period but was closed by the end of the reporting period. Such cases are typically closed following assessment which indicated that the service is not appropriate, the alleged issues were not confirmed, or the service user no longer requires or declines the service.
Intervention	An action undertaken with or on behalf of a service user, including activities such as assessments, psychotherapy, and case conferences, aimed at supporting and empowering the service user.
Global/family cases	A grouping of one or more service user cases worked with under a single global case, particularly when work is carried out with families. A global/family case may consist of a single service user case or multiple service user cases identified as part of the same family. - 1 service user case: One individual who attends in the year on their own without any other family member, or - 2 or more service users' cases: Several individuals identified as part of the same family attending in the year.
Gender	Recorded at referral or first contact and may be updated over time based on formal documentation and/or the individual's self-identified pronouns.
Age	Calculated based on the service user's date of birth.
Nationality	Based on self-reported or official documentation (e.g. identity card) of the service user during the reporting period.

District of residence	Based on reported residence. Non-standard categories (e.g. shelter, foreign residence, homelessness) are recorded separately.
Ghost cases	Cases recorded as active or at intake but are actually inactive with no contact or recorded activity for a set period of time and therefore are not actively worked with. These cases may remain open in the system and can lead to an overestimation of service activity until identified and closed administratively as per individuals service policy.
Primary problem	Service users may present a complex range of issues, but the main issue is recorded, as identified by the service user or the professional.
Not specified	A variable that cannot be specified since the information is not available or the service user was unwilling to provide the information.
Other	Treatment, issue or location not elsewhere specified.

Maltese districts

District	Towns
Northern Harbour District	Birkirkara, Gzira, Hamrun, Msida, Pembroke, Pieta, Qormi, San Giljan, San Gwann, Santa Venera, Sliema, Swieqi, Ta Xbiex.
Southern Harbour District	Birgu, Bormla, Fgura, Floriana, Isla, Kalkara, Luqa, Marsa, Paola, Santa Lucija, Tarxien, Valletta, Xaghjra, Zabbar.
Southeastern District	Birzebbugia, Ghaxaq, Gudja, Kirkop, Marsaskala, Marsaxlokk, Mqabba, Qrendi, Safi, Zejtun, Zurrieq.
Western District	Attard, Balzan, Dingli, Iklin, Lija, Mdina, Mtarfa, Rabat, Siggiewi, Zebbug.
Northern District	Gharghur, Mellieha, Mgarr, Mosta, Naxxar, San Pawl il Bahar.
Gozo and Comino	Rabat, Fontana, Ghajnsielem, Gharb, Ghasri, Kercem, Munxar, Nadur, Qala, San Lawrenz, Sannat, Xaghra, Xewkija, Zebbug, Comino.
Homeless	Not residing within any residence.
Shelter/institution	Resides in a residential home (e.g., elderly home), shelter (e.g., Ghabex or YMCA), Centre of Residential Restorative Services (CoRRS) or medical facility (e.g., Mount Carmel Hospital).
Foreign residence	Resides in a foreign country and is in Malta for a short stay.



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