

### **Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) in Humans 2018**

CJD became a notifiable disease in December 1996 and since then there has been a total of 89 cases of CJD notified in Ireland. No data on the prevalence of CJD in humans was available for 2018. The most recent data available is for 2017 where nine cases were reported. All cases in 2017 were sporadic CJD cases. One case was in the age group 45-54 years, one case was in the 55-64 years age group and the remaining seven cases were in the  $\geq 65$  years age group. Six cases were female and three cases were male.

Variant CJD (vCJD) is specified as a separate notifiable disease. No data on the prevalence of vCJD in humans was available for 2018 or 2017. The most recent data available from 2016 reported no new cases. The last known reported cases of vCJD are from 2006 when 4 cases were notified.

### **References:**

**HPSC:** Health Protection Surveillance Centre. Annual Epidemiological Report 2018.  
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