

Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) in Humans 2015

CJD became a notifiable disease in December 1996 and since then there has been a total of 75 cases of CJD notified in Ireland. There were five notifications in 2015 compared to 2014 when two cases were notified. All cases in 2015 were sporadic CJD cases. One of the cases was in the age group 45-54 years, two were in the age group 55-64 years and two were in the age group ≥ 65 years. Three cases were female and two were male.

Variant CJD (vCJD) is specified as a separate notifiable disease. No cases of vCJD were reported in 2015. There have been no cases of vCJD since 2006 when four cases were reported.

Source of data:

HPSC: Health Protection Surveillance Centre. Annual Epidemiological Report 2015.

<http://www.hpsc.ie/AboutHPSC/AnnualReports/File,15956,en.pdf>