

Giardiasis

In 2008, there were 71 cases of giardiasis notified, a slight increase on the number notified in 2007 (n=62) and in 2006 (n=64).

Cases ranged in age from 1-86 years (mean age=34 years, median age=33 years), with more males (n=39) affected than females (n=32).

Eight cases were reported associated with foreign travel: the countries of infection reported were India (n=3), Mexico (n=1), Nepal (n=1), Russian federation (n=1), Tunisia (n=1) and Turkey (n=1). Five cases were reported as being acquired in Ireland, and for the remaining 58 cases, country of infection was unknown or not specified.

In 2008, there were three small family outbreaks reported with six persons ill in total. Two outbreaks were related to foreign travel.

Yersiniosis

In 2008, there were three cases of yersiniosis, compared to six in 2007 and one in 2006.

All three cases were in the age group 45-64 years; two were female.

One case was reported as *Y. enterocolitica* and two as *Yersinia* species.

Foodborne Intoxication

Notifications of foodborne intoxications in Ireland are uncommon. In 2008, there was one case of *Clostridium perfringens* (type A) food-borne disease, one case of staphylococcal food poisoning and one case of foodborne botulism notified.

Six notifications of botulism notified in 2008 were wound botulism.¹

¹Barry et al. 2009. Botulism in Injecting Drug Users, Dublin, Ireland, 2008. <http://www.hpsc.ie/hpsc/EPI-Insight/Volume102009/File,3376,en.pdf>