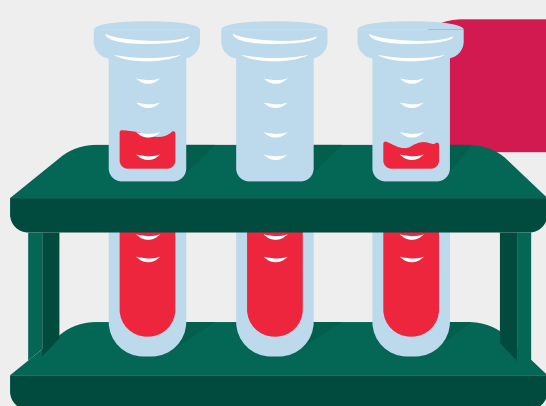
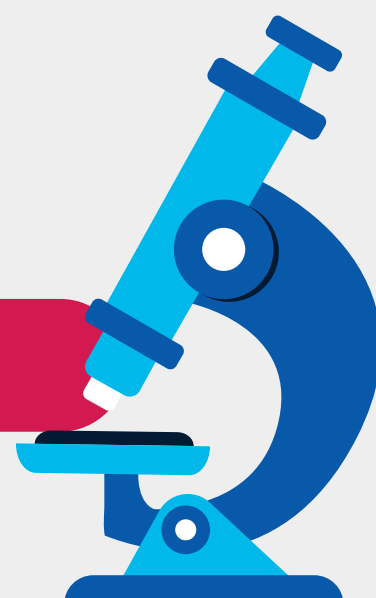


National Serosurveillance Programme



What is it?

The National Serosurveillance Programme (NSP) is Ireland's national serosurveillance programme.



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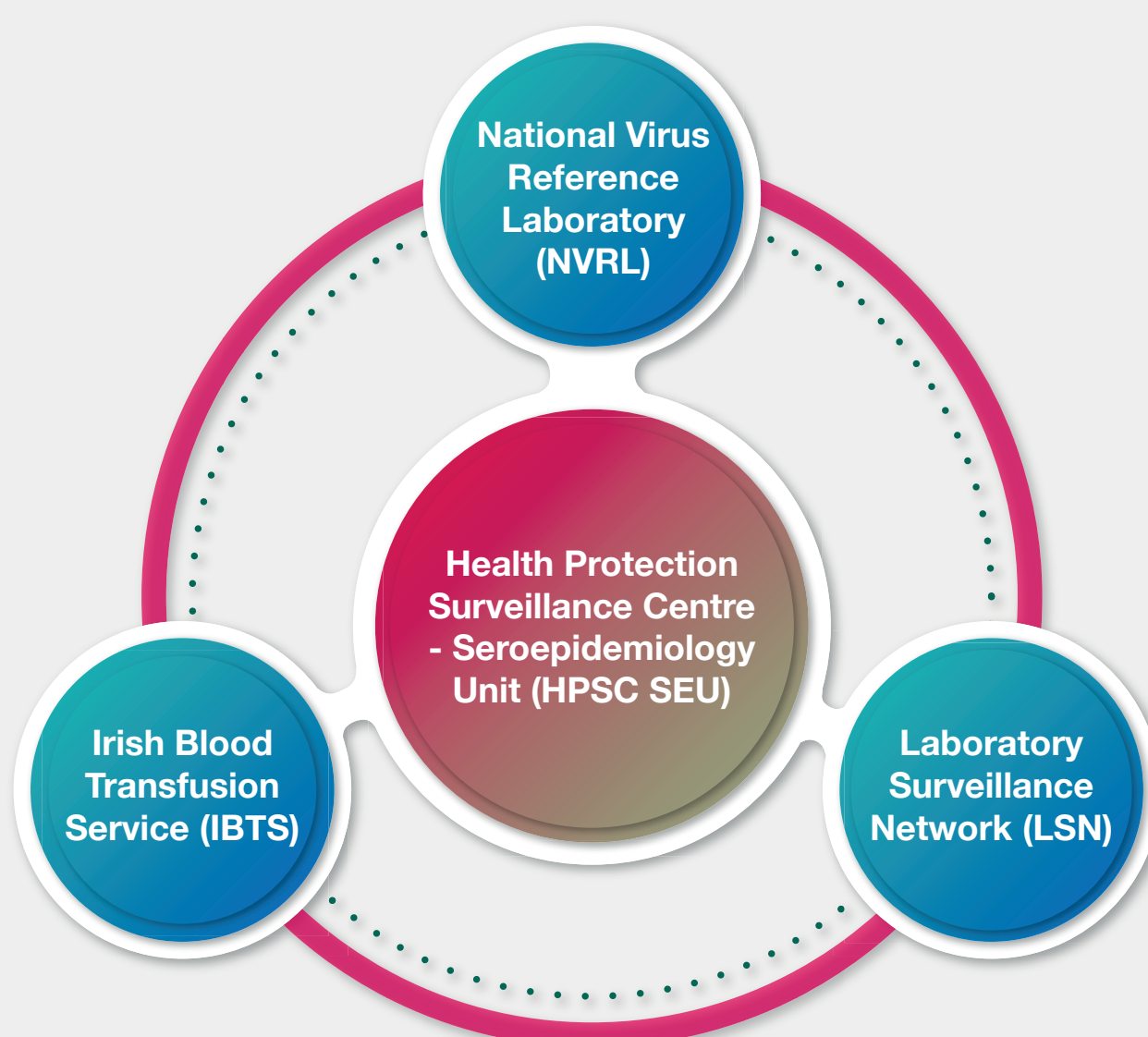
Serosurveillance is estimating the level of infection and immunity against infection across the community. This is done by the testing of left-over blood samples (after blood tests have been completed) just before the sample is discarded. Samples used are all anonymised. Individuals cannot be identified.



Why is the NSP important?

It measures overall levels of infection by age group in the population. Even if the infection didn't cause symptoms, it helps us plan public health actions and vaccination programmes.

Who is part of the NSP?



Laboratory Surveillance Network (LSN)

Anonymous samples are collected from a network of hospital laboratories around the country and sent securely to the National Virus Reference Laboratory in UCD to be tested. These are the current members of the LSN:

