

## 6.3 Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease

### Summary

Number of cases, 2007: 3

Number of cases, 2006: 6

Three cases of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) were notified in 2007 compared to six cases in 2006. All three cases in 2007 were aged greater than 54 years and two cases were female. All three were reported as sporadic CJD.

In total, 41 cases of CJD were notified since CJD was first specified as a notifiable disease in December 1996, giving an average of approximately four notifications each year. Figure 1 shows the 41 CJD notifications by age group. Over 80% (n=34) of the cases were aged greater than 54 years. Of the 41 cases, 22 were male and 19 were female. Thirty-eight cases were sporadic

CJD, two were familial CJD and one was iatrogenic CJD.

Variant CJD (vCJD) is specified as a separate notifiable disease. No cases of vCJD were notified in 2007.

Four cases of vCJD were notified since vCJD became notifiable in December 1996. A summary of these four cases was provided in the 2006 HPSC annual report.

Data presented in this summary are based on notifications from HSE Areas and from the Irish National Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease Surveillance Unit. The figures were extracted from the Computerised Infectious Disease Reporting (CIDR) system on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2008 and may differ slightly from those published previously due to ongoing updating of notification data on CIDR.

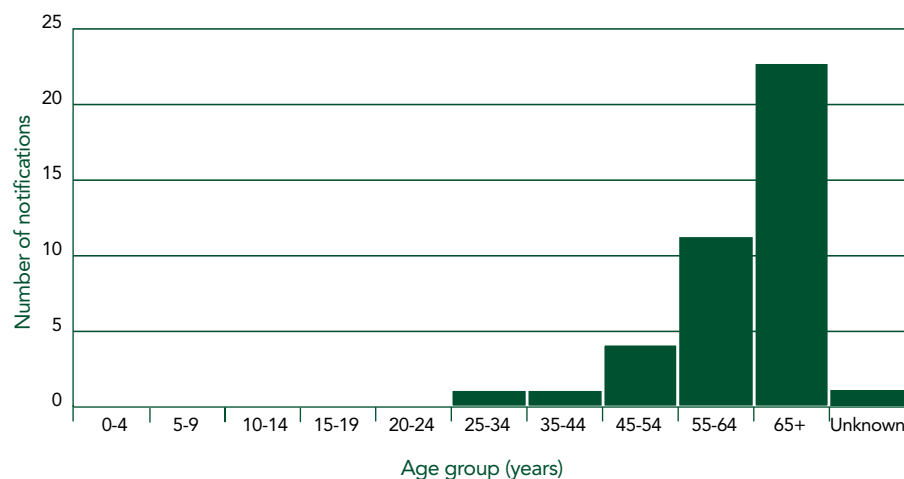


Figure 1. Number of CJD notifications (n=41) from December 1996 to 2007 by age group