



Briefing Note

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Event: National outbreak of *Salmonella* Enteritidis (t5.9411) in England and Scotland

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Incident Response Plan (IRP) Level Routine

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Summary:

The Gastrointestinal Infections, Food Safety and One Health Division (GIFSOH), alongside public health agencies of Devolved Administrations, Food Safety Authorities and the Animal & Plant Health Agency, are investigating a cluster of *Salmonella* Enteritidis following increased case reporting.

As of 8th June 2026, a total of 27 confirmed cases of *S. Enteritidis* t5.9411 have been reported, resident in England (n=26) and Scotland (n=1). All confirmed cases were linked through routine surveillance as genetically related through Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) at the 5-SNP single linkage clustering level (5-SNP address designation: 1.2.3.18.5849.9411.%).

Sample dates range from 11th August 2025 and 22nd May 2026, with a notable increase in cases in April and May 2026. Cases range in age from 0 to 90 years, with a median age of 28 years. 56% (n=15) of cases are female and 44% (n=12) are male.

Cases in England are resident in 6 regions: most cases are resident in London (n=12) and Yorkshire and Humber (n=8), with the remaining cases resident in East of England, East Midlands, North West and West Midlands.

Based on available data, 8 cases have been admitted to hospital and one reported blood in stool. One case in this outbreak is deceased. Three cases in this cluster have

reported travel outside the UK during their incubation period; 1 case to Poland, 1 case to Czech Republic and 1 case where travel destination is unknown.

Background and Interpretation:

S. Enteritidis is the most common serovar in the UK and it has previously been associated with outbreaks linked to a variety of vehicles, included poultry and eggs. A regional investigation by London colleagues has identified a food business linking 11 cases, 9 of which reported eating dishes made with raw or lightly cooked eggs.

Implications and Recommendations for UKHSA Regions:

GIFSOH and Field Service colleagues are undertaking targeted questionnaires for cases in this cluster.

HPTs are asked to share this briefing note with Directors of Public Health and Environmental Health Teams.

Further information on *Salmonella* can be found on the NHS website ([Diarrhoea and vomiting - NHS](#)) and UKHSA website ([Salmonella: guidance, data and analysis - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#))

Implications and Recommendations for UKHSA sites and services:

UKHSA sites and services should continue to report *Salmonella* results (including all serovars and subspecies) for national surveillance following normal procedures and should promptly refer samples to the Gastrointestinal Bacteria Reference Unit (GBRU) for confirmation and further characterisation (through WGS) as detailed below.

The UKHSA Food, Water & Environmental Microbiology Services (FWEMS) may be asked to examine food and environmental samples taken as part of the outbreak investigation.

Implications and recommendations for Local Authorities:

Local authority environmental health teams may also be asked to contact businesses to trace products if those businesses are in their area, or potentially undertake sampling and testing in conjunction with UKHSA's FWEMS if a suspected vehicle is identified.

Instructions for Cascade:

This briefing note is intended to be cascaded to the following stakeholders:

- UKHSA Private Office Groups who cascade onwards within Groups
- UKHSA Health Protection in Regions Directorate:
 - UKHSA Field Services
 - UKHSA Health Protection Teams including UKHSA Regional Deputy Directors
- UKHSA Lab Management Teams
- UKHSA Regional Communications
- DHSC CMO
- OHID Regional Directors of Public Health
- National NHSE EPRR
- NHSE National Operations Centre

- **Regional Deputy Directors** to cascade to Directors of Public Health and Local Authority Environmental Health teams