



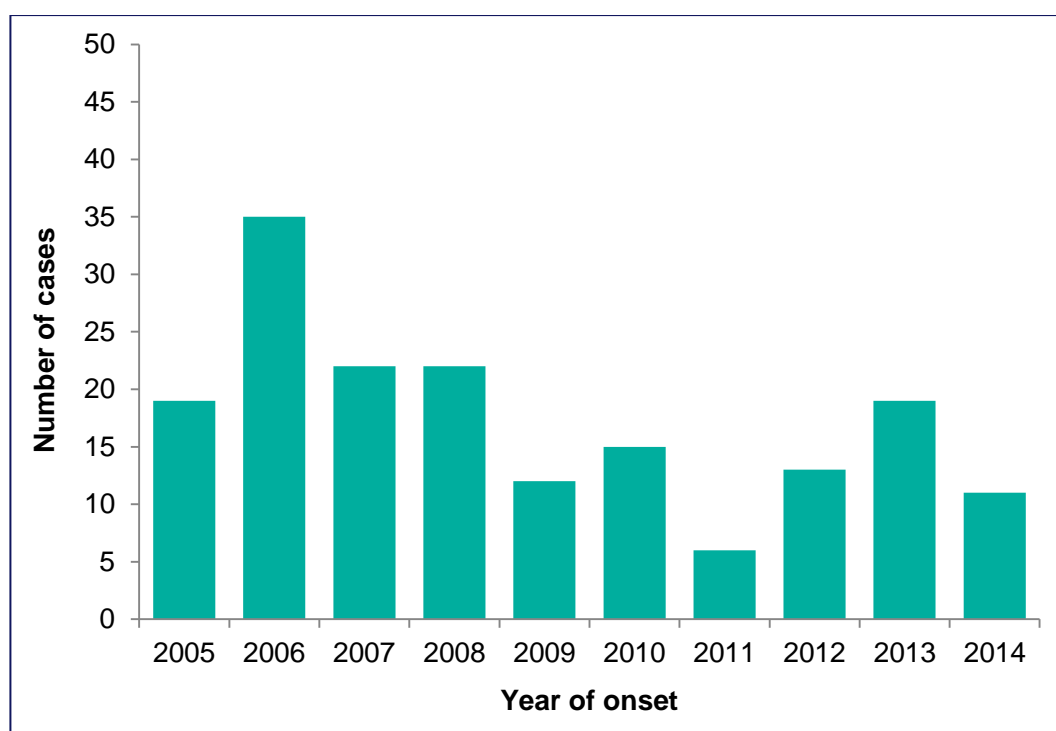
## Local Summary of Legionnaires' disease in Residents of England and Wales, 2014

### South Midlands and Hertfordshire

This report provides a short summary of Legionella activity in residents of South Midlands and Hertfordshire, with particular emphasis on cases with onset of symptoms during 2014. Data for years 2012 and 2013 and in some tables and graphs, for years 2005 to 2013, are presented for comparative purposes.

For wider analysis of Legionella activity across England and Wales along with case definitions and a detailed methodology, please refer to the annual report, Legionnaires' disease in England and Wales; 2014, available on the Public Health England website at; <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/legionnaires-disease-in-england-and-wales-2014>

**Figure 1:** Number of cases of legionellosis (confirmed and presumptive) in residents of South Midlands and Hertfordshire by year of onset of symptoms; 2005 – 2014



**Table 1:** Number of cases of legionellosis (confirmed and presumptive) in residents of South Midlands and Hertfordshire by disease type and year of onset; 2012 – 2014

	Number of confirmed (presumptive*) cases			
	2012	2013	2014	Total (2012 - 2014)
<b>Legionnaires' disease</b>	13	17 (1)	11	<b>42</b>
<b>Non-pneumonic Legionellosis</b>	-	1	-	<b>1</b>
<b>Pontiac fever</b>	-	-	-	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>43</b>

\* presumptive cases with only a single high titre or PCR result

**Table 2:** Number and population rate per million of confirmed cases of Legionnaires' disease in residents of South Midlands and Hertfordshire by year of onset; 2012 – 2014

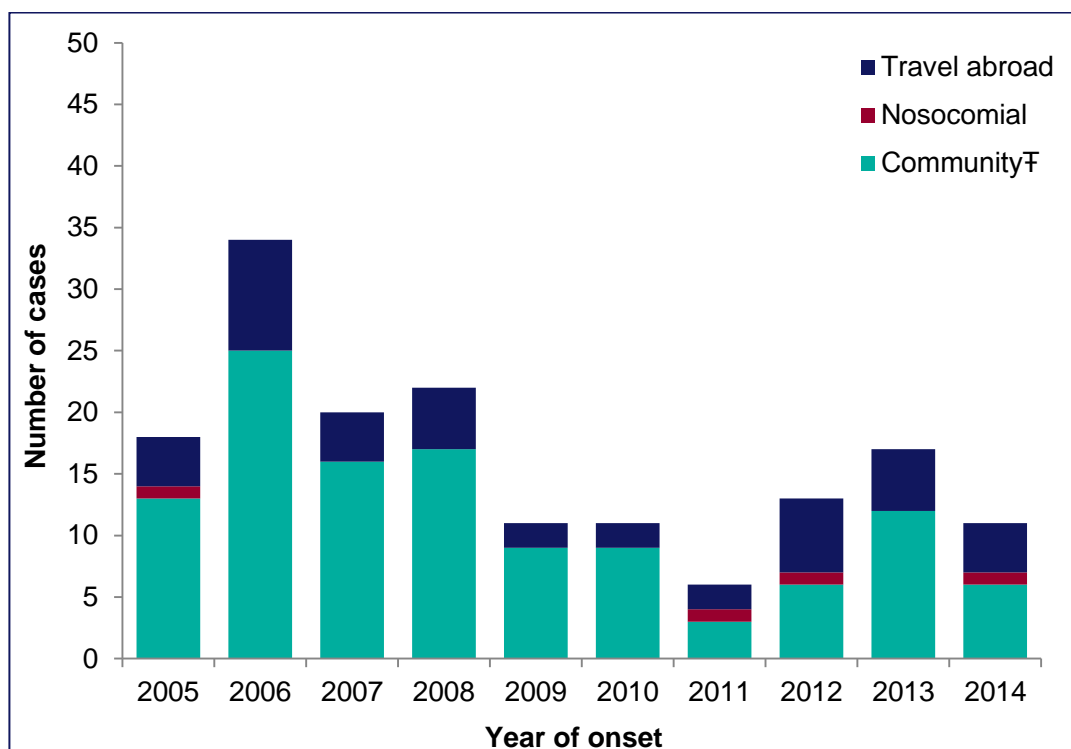
Region	2012		2013		2014		Total (2012 - 2014)	
	n	Rate	n	Rate	n	Rate	n	Rate
<b>South Midlands and Hertfordshire</b>	13	4.75	17	6.21	11	4.02	<b>41</b>	<b>4.99</b>
<b>National</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>5.40</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>5.03</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>5.84</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>5.42</b>

**Table 3:** Number and proportion of confirmed Legionnaires' disease cases in residents of South Midlands and Hertfordshire by likely exposure category; 2012 – 2014

Category	2012	2013	2014	Total	National Total (2012 - 2014)
<b>Community<sup>‡</sup></b>	6 (46.2)	12 (70.6)	6 (54.5)	<b>24 (58.5)</b>	<b>546 (59.2)</b>
<b>Nosocomial</b>	1 (7.7)	-	1 (9.1)	<b>2 (4.9)</b>	<b>22 (2.4)</b>
<b>Travel abroad</b>	6 (46.2)	5 (29.4)	4 (36.4)	<b>15 (36.6)</b>	<b>354 (38.4)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>922</b>

<sup>‡</sup> includes travel UK cases

**Figure 2:** Number of confirmed Legionnaires' disease cases<sup>°</sup> in residents of South Midlands and Hertfordshire by year of onset and category; 2005 – 2014



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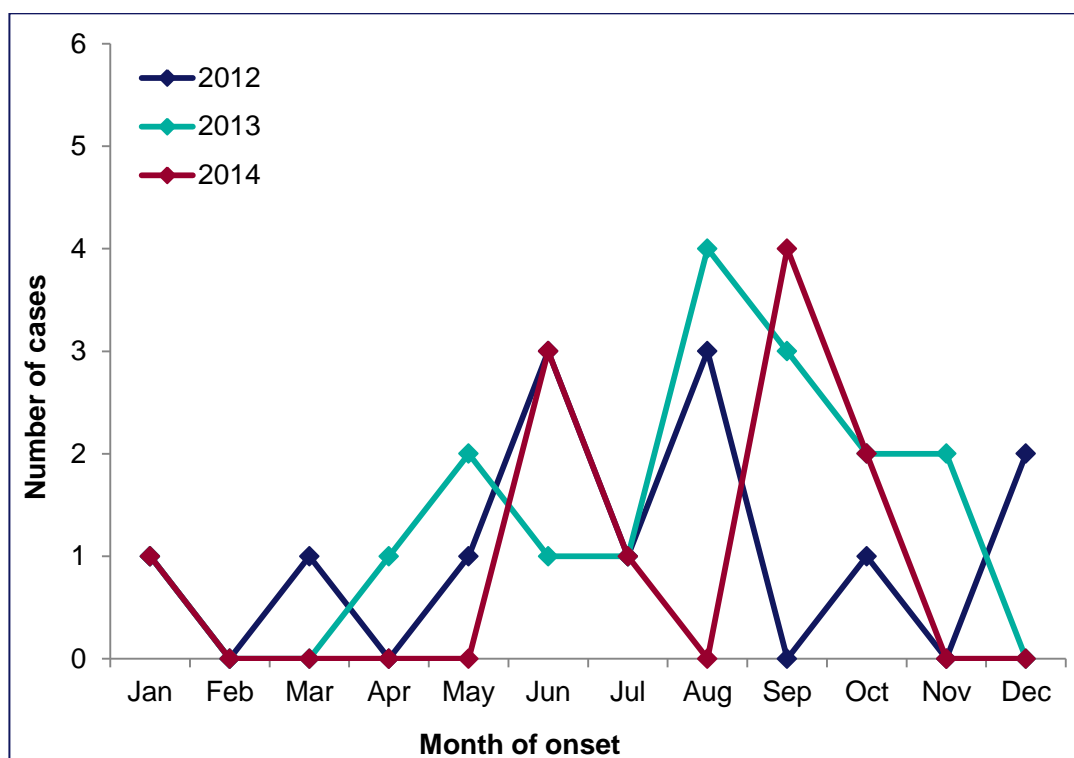
<sup>°</sup> confirmed LD case: diagnosis by culture, urinary antigen or serology with a four-fold rise (FFR) and evidence of pneumonia

**Table 4:** Number and proportion of confirmed Legionnaires' disease cases in residents of South Midlands and Hertfordshire by age group and gender, with age specific case-fatality rates; 2012 – 2014

Age Groups	Number (%) of cases			No. Deaths	Age Specific CFR (95%CI)
	Female	Male	Total (2012-2014)		
Under 50 years	1 (14.3)	6 (85.7)	7 (17.1)	-	0.0 (0.0 - 41.0 <sup>‡</sup> )
50-59 years	3 (25.0)	9 (75.0)	12 (29.3)	-	0.0 (0.0 - 26.5 <sup>‡</sup> )
60-69 years	5 (35.7)	9 (64.3)	14 (34.1)	3	21.4 (4.7 - 50.8)
70 years & over	2 (25.0)	6 (75.0)	8 (19.5)	1	12.5 (4.7 - 50.8)
<b>Total</b>	<b>11 (26.8)</b>	<b>30 (73.2)</b>	<b>41 (100.0)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9.8 (2.7 - 23.1)</b>

<sup>‡</sup> one-sided, 97.5% confidence interval

**Figure 3:** Number of confirmed Legionnaires' disease cases in residents of South Midlands and Hertfordshire by month and year of onset; 2012 – 2014



**Table 5:** Legionnaires' disease cases in residents of South Midlands and Hertfordshire by diagnostic test and year of onset; 2012 - 2014~

	2012	2013	2014	Total (2012 - 2014)	National Total (2012 - 2014)
<b>Case Numbers<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>922</b>
<b>Culture</b>	1 (7.7)	6 (35.3)	3 (27.3)	<b>10 (24.4)</b>	<b>211 (22.9)</b>
<b>Urine</b>	13 (100.0)	16 (94.1)	11 (100.0)	<b>40 (97.5)</b>	<b>905 (98.2)</b>
<b>Serology (SHT)</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Serology (FFR)</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>PCR</b>	-	8 (47.1)	3 (27.3)	<b>11 (26.8)</b>	<b>246 (26.7)</b>

~ this table shows the investigations carried out on each confirmed case

<sup>†</sup> please note that some cases have more than one diagnostic test carried out, therefore the sum of diagnostic tests does not equal the annual 'case number'.

**Table 6:** Number of confirmed Legionnaires' disease cases in residents of South Midlands and Hertfordshire by Local Authority (Upper-Tier) and year of onset; 2012 – 2014

Local Authority	2012	2013	2014	Total (2012 - 2014)
Bedford UA	2	-	-	2
Central Bedfordshire UA	-	1	-	1
Corby	1	1	4	6
Dacorum	-	3	-	3
Daventry	-	1	-	1
East Hertfordshire	-	1	-	1
East Northamptonshire	1	2	1	4
Hertsmere	2	-	-	2
Kettering	-	-	1	1
Milton Keynes	1	3	2	6
Northampton	2	-	1	3
South Midlands and Hertfordshire	-	1	-	1
South Northamptonshire	-	-	1	1
St Albans	2	1	-	3
Three Rivers	1	1	1	3
Wellingborough	-	1	-	1
Welwyn Hatfield	1	1	-	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>41</b>

**Table 7:** Number and type of outbreaks/clusters with associated number of South Midlands and Hertfordshire cases of Legionnaires' disease; 2012 – 2014

	2012		2013		2014		Total (2012 - 2014)	
	OB	Cases	OB	Cases	OB	Cases	OB	Cases
Community	-	-	2 <sup>+</sup>	6	-	-	2	6
Nosocomial	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Travel UK	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2<sup>+</sup></b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>

(+) one or more outbreak spanning two or more years between 2012 - 2014 years; therefore only counted once

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