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Imported malaria cases in the United Kingdom in 2019

Public Health England publishes 2019 imported UK malaria cases

Public Health England (PHE) has published details of malaria cases imported into the United Kingdom (UK) in 2019 [1]. A total of 1,719 imported malaria cases were reported in the UK in 2019 compared with 1,683 in 2018. [1].

A total of fifteen malaria deaths were reported in the UK for 2019. This is an increase compared to the previous 10 years (annual average of six deaths). Fourteen deaths in 2019 were from falciparum malaria acquired in Africa. The remaining death was in a returned traveller with vivax malaria acquired in Southern Asia. Where antimalarial medication to prevent infection was obtained, 675 out of 775 (87%) imported malaria cases had not taken chemoprophylaxis [1].

The full report: [Malaria imported into the United Kingdom 2019: Implications for those advising travellers](#) is available from PHE.

Resources

- [Insect and tick bite avoidance](#)
- [Malaria in brief](#)
- [PHE Malaria prevention guidelines for travellers from the UK](#)

References

1. [Public Health England. Malaria imported into the United Kingdom: 2019. Implications for those advising travellers. 2 June 2021 \[Accessed 3 June 2021\]](#)