



23 January 2018

Year: 2018 Week: 03

**Syndromic
surveillance national
summary:**

Reporting week: 15 to 21 January 2018

During week 3 there were no further overall increases in influenza-like indicators across syndromic surveillance systems. While GP influenza-like illness consultations and NHS 111 cold/flu calls decreased in adults there were increases in children, particularly the 5-14 years age group.

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**Remote Health
Advice:**

NHS 111 cold/flu calls decreased during week 3. Of note, calls decreased across all adult age groups however there were further increases in children aged 5-14 years (figures 2 & 2a).

Across other respiratory calls, including cough, difficulty breathing and sore throat there were also increases in children, particularly those aged 5-14 years (figure 4a, 5a, 6a).

[Click to access the Remote Health Advice bulletin](#)

GP In Hours:

During week 3, there were small decreases in GP consultations for influenza-like illness (all ages; figure 2). Rates in adults decreased, however there were increases in children, most notably in the 5 to 14 years age group (figure 2a).

[Click to access the GP In Hours bulletin](#)

**Emergency
Department:**

Respiratory and acute respiratory infection attendances continued to decrease during week 2 (figures 7 & 8); there were no further increases in ED attendances for influenza-like illness (figure 12). Attendances for asthma/wheeze/difficulty breathing increased, particularly in the 1-4 and 5-14 years age groups (figures 15 & 16).

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GP Out of Hours:

GP consultations for influenza-like illness (all ages) stabilised during week 3 (figure 3), however, while consultations in adults decreased, there were increases in children, especially those aged 5-14 years (figure 3a).

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**RCGP Weekly
Returns Service:**

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Syndromic surveillance summary notes

- Key messages are provided from each individual system.
- The different syndromic surveillance systems in operation within PHE access data from different areas of the national health care system.
- Each system is able to monitor a different selection of syndromic indicators based upon a different case mix of patients.
- Access to the full version of each syndromic surveillance bulletin is available through the Syndromic Surveillance website found at: (<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/syndromic-surveillance-systems-and-analyses>); reports will be made available on Thursday afternoons.
- Further weekly and annual reports are available from the RCGP Research and Surveillance web pages: <http://www.rcgp.org.uk/clinical-and-research/our-programmes/research-and-surveillance-centre.aspx>

Syndromic surveillance systems

Remote Health Advice

A remote health advice syndromic surveillance system that monitors syndromic calls from remote health advice services e.g. NHS 111 each day across England

GP In-Hours Syndromic Surveillance System

A large UK-based general practitioner surveillance system monitoring daily consultations for a range of clinical syndromic indicators

Emergency Department Syndromic Surveillance System (EDSSS)

A sentinel ED network across England monitoring daily attendances and presenting symptoms/diagnoses

GP Out-of-Hours Syndromic Surveillance System (GPOOHS)

A syndromic surveillance system monitoring daily GP out-of hours activity and unscheduled care across England using a range of clinical syndromic indicators

RCGP Weekly Returns Service (RCGP WRS)

A sentinel GP surveillance network covering England and Wales monitoring weekly consultations for a range of clinical indicators. This surveillance system is coordinated by the RCGP Research and Surveillance Centre

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 - TPP, ResearchOne and participating SystmOne GP practices
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