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Year: 2019 Week: 01

**Syndromic
surveillance national
summary:**

Reporting week: 31 December to 6 January 2019

During week 1 there were further small increases in GP consultations and ED attendances for influenza-like illness and NHS 111 cold/flu calls, however all remain in line with seasonally expected levels.

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**Remote Health
Advice:**

There were further small increases in NHS 111 cold/flu calls during week 1 in line with seasonally expected levels (figure 2).

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

GP In Hours:

During week 1, GP consultations for a number of respiratory indicators, including influenza-like illness continued to increase but rates remain at, or below, expected levels (figures 1, 2 & 5). There were further increases in asthma consultations, which remain above expected levels (figure 10).

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

**Emergency
Department:**

During week 1 there were increases in ED attendances for influenza-like illness (figure 7), although other respiratory indicators decreased slightly (figures 4, 5, 6 & 8).

[Click to access the EDSSS bulletin](#)

GP Out of Hours:

There were further small increases in GP out-of-hours contacts for influenza-like illness (figure 3) during week 1, in line with seasonal expectations.

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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 national 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 SystemOne GP practices

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