



28 July 2014

Year: 2014 Week: 30

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## Syndromic indicators at a glance:

Number of contacts and percentage of Read coded contacts.

## 1: Total out-of-hours contacts:

Daily total number of out-of-hours and unscheduled contacts and 7 day average (adjusted for bank holidays).



## Key messages

Data to: 27 July 2014

Heatstroke consultations continued at an increased level during week 30 (figure 11), in line with recent warm weather.

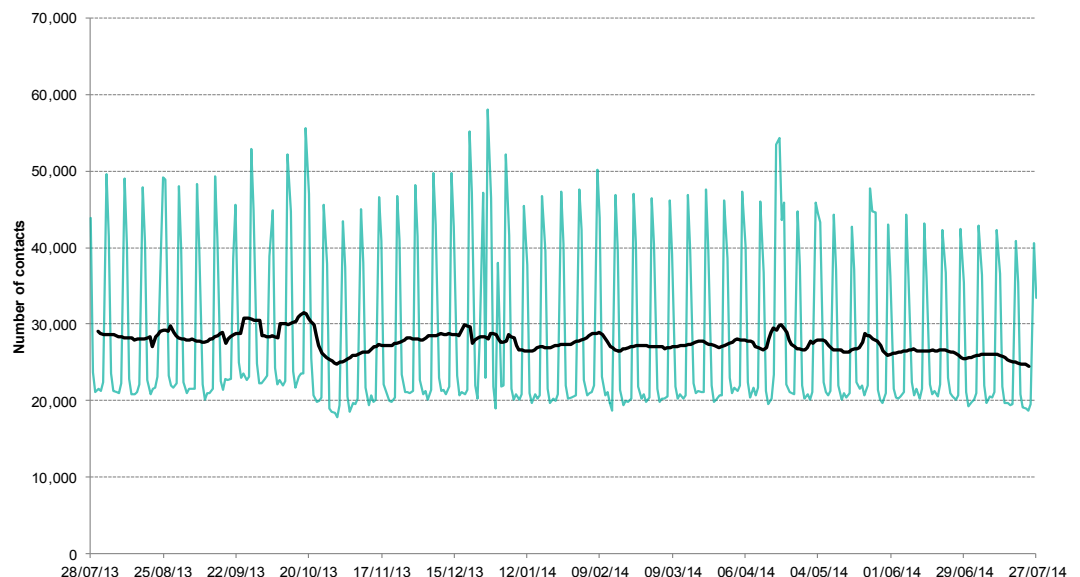
A Heat-Health Watch system operates in England from 1 June to 15 September each year. As part of the Heatwave Plan for England, the PHE Real-time Syndromic Surveillance team will be routinely monitoring the public health impact of hot weather using syndromic surveillance system during this period.

Heat-health watch level (current reporting week): level 1 **Summer preparedness**

<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/heathealth/>

Key indicator	No. of contacts	% Week 30	% Week 29	Trend*
All OOH contacts, all causes	171,211			
Acute respiratory infection	9,134	10.30	11.45	↓
Influenza-like illness	87	0.10	0.13	↔
Bronchitis/bronchiolitis	85	0.10	0.10	↔
Difficulty breathing/wheeze/asthma	1,548	1.75	1.89	↔
Gastroenteritis	4,106	4.63	4.60	↔
Diarrhoea	1,123	1.27	1.21	↔
Vomiting	1,405	1.58	1.61	↔
Myocardial infarction	796	0.90	0.92	↔
Pharyngitis	67	0.08	0.11	↓
Heatstroke	35	0.04	0.03	↑

\*Trend: reports on the trend seen over previous weeks in the percentage of Read coded contacts.

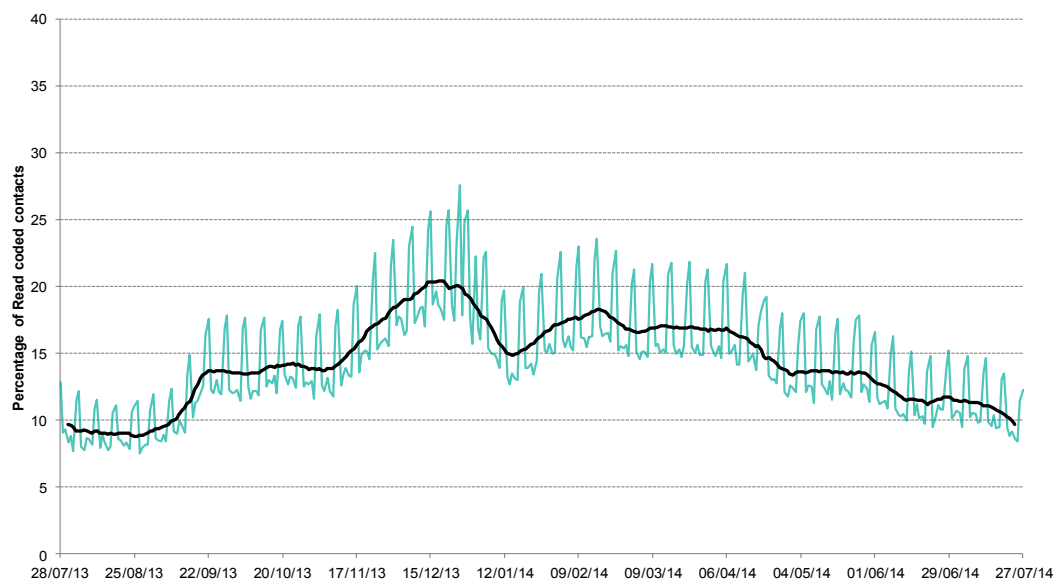


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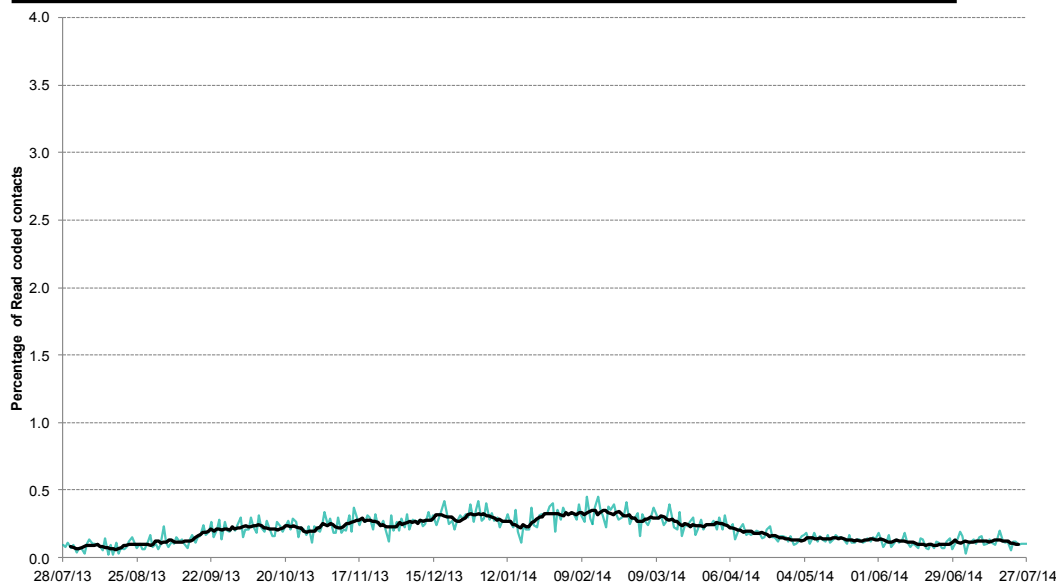
**2: Acute Respiratory Infection daily contacts.**

Shown as a percentage of the total contacts with a Read code and as a 7 day average\*.



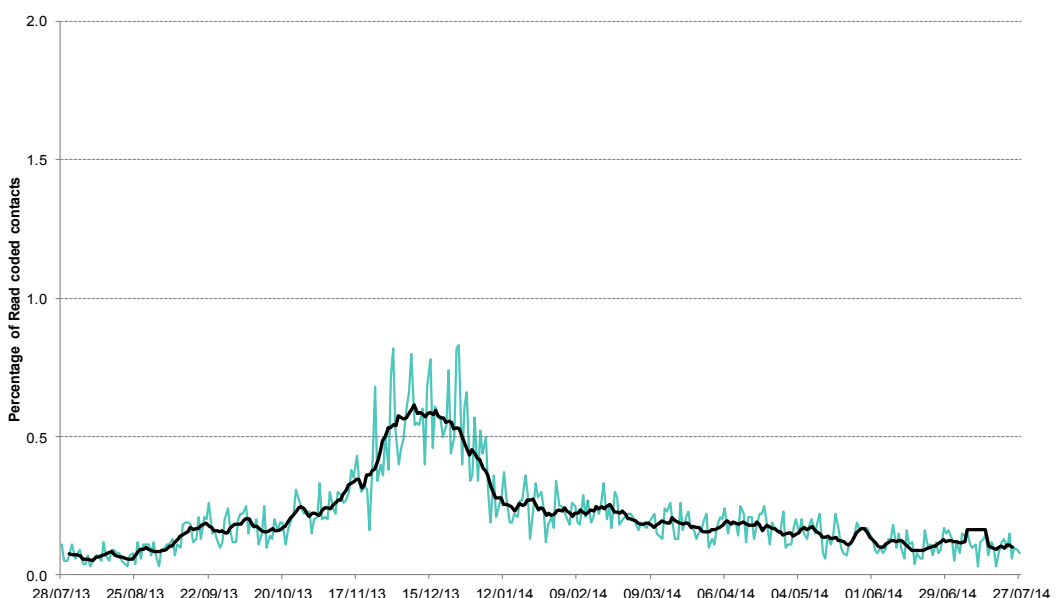
**3: Influenza-like illness daily contacts.**

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**4: Bronchitis/ bronchiolitis daily contacts.**

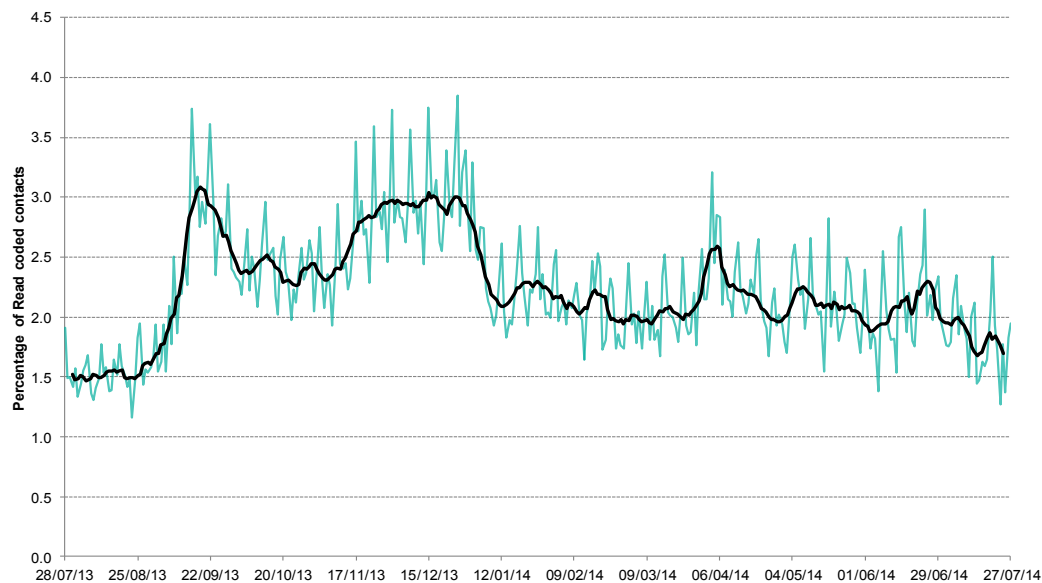
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\*7-day moving average adjusted for bank holidays.

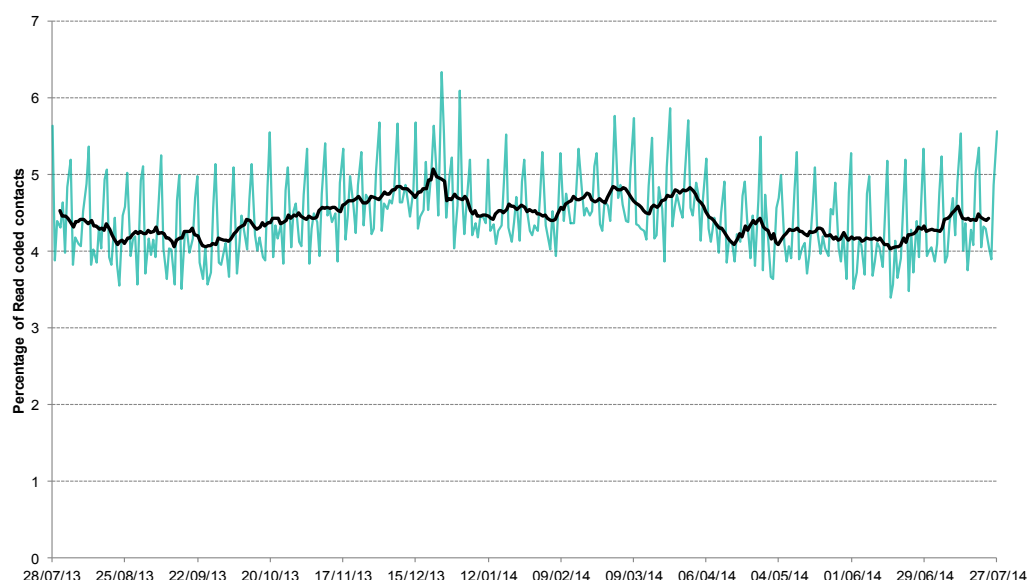
**5: Difficulty breathing/  
wheeze/asthma daily  
contacts.**

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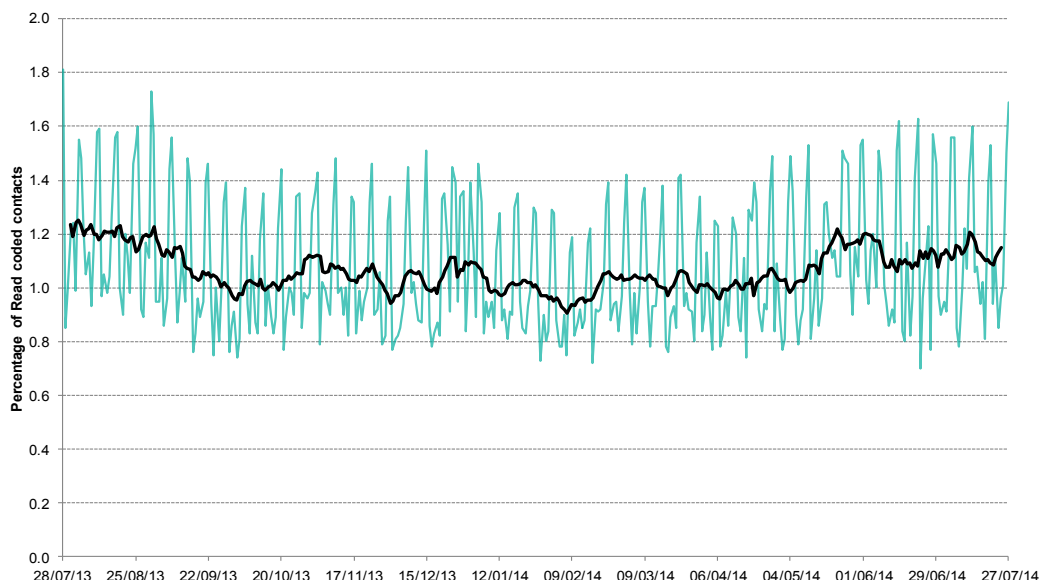
**6: Gastroenteritis daily  
contacts.**

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**7: Diarrhoea daily  
contacts.**

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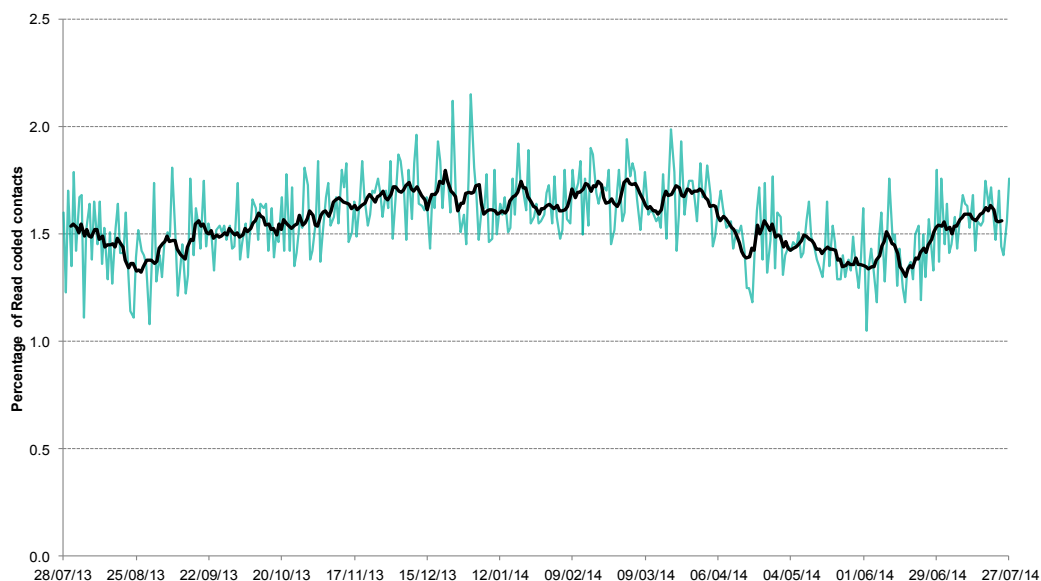
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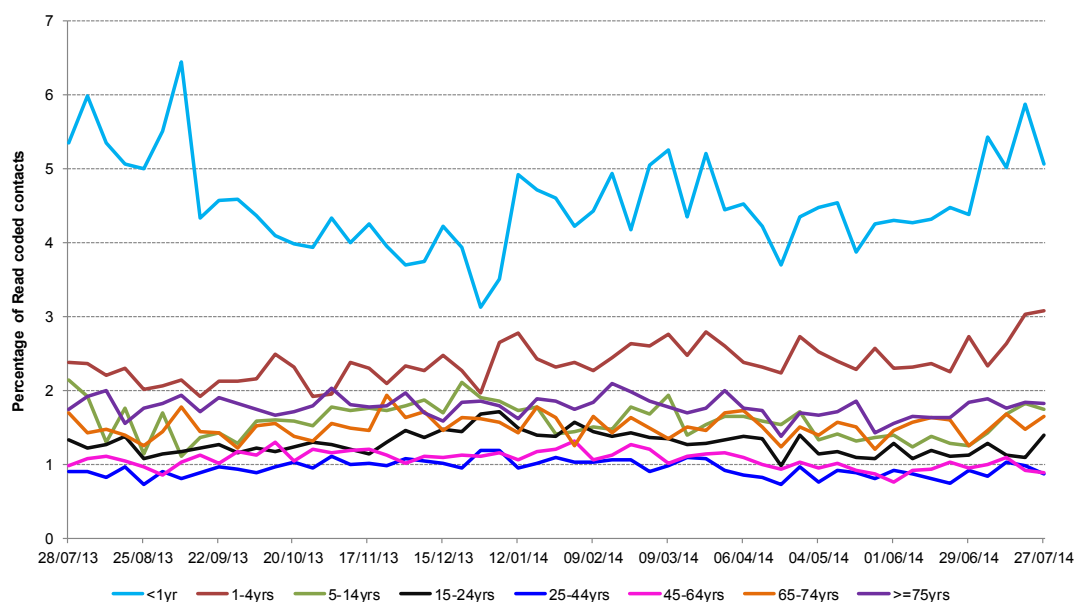
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**8: Vomiting daily contacts.**

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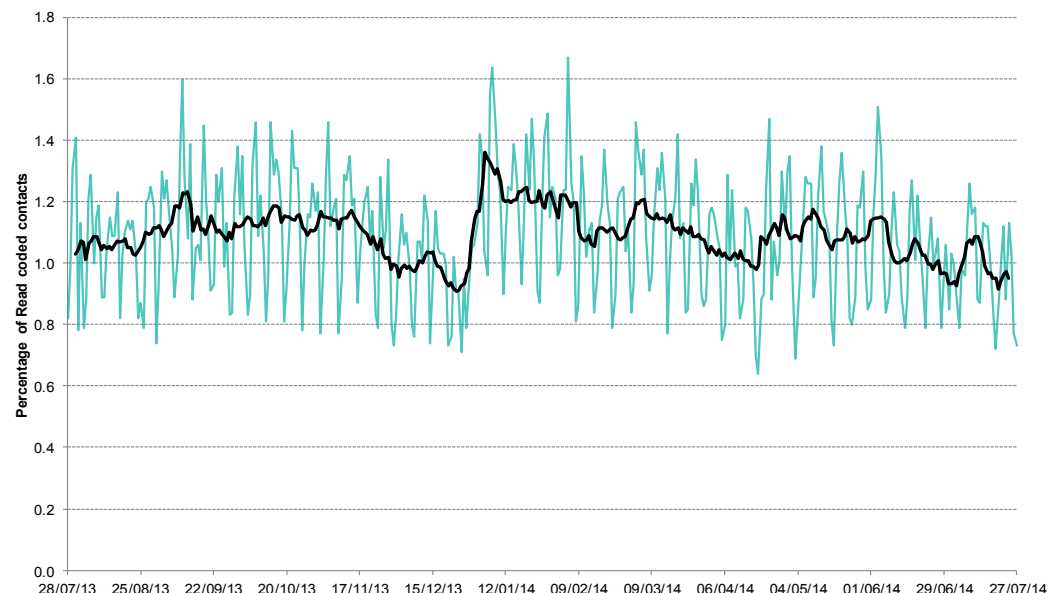


**8a: Vomiting weekly contacts by age group.**



**9: Myocardial Infarction daily contacts.**

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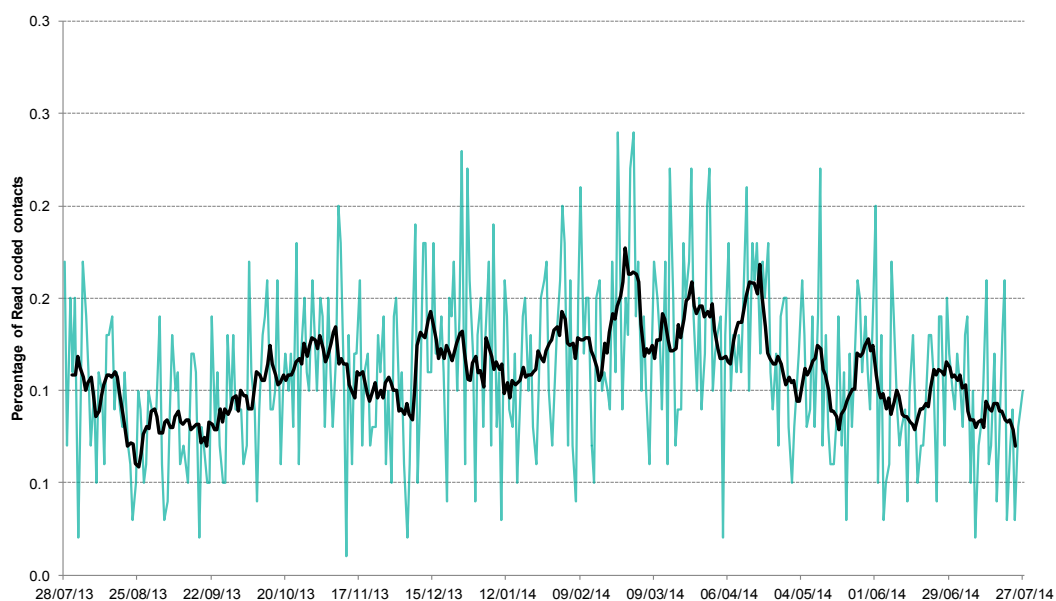
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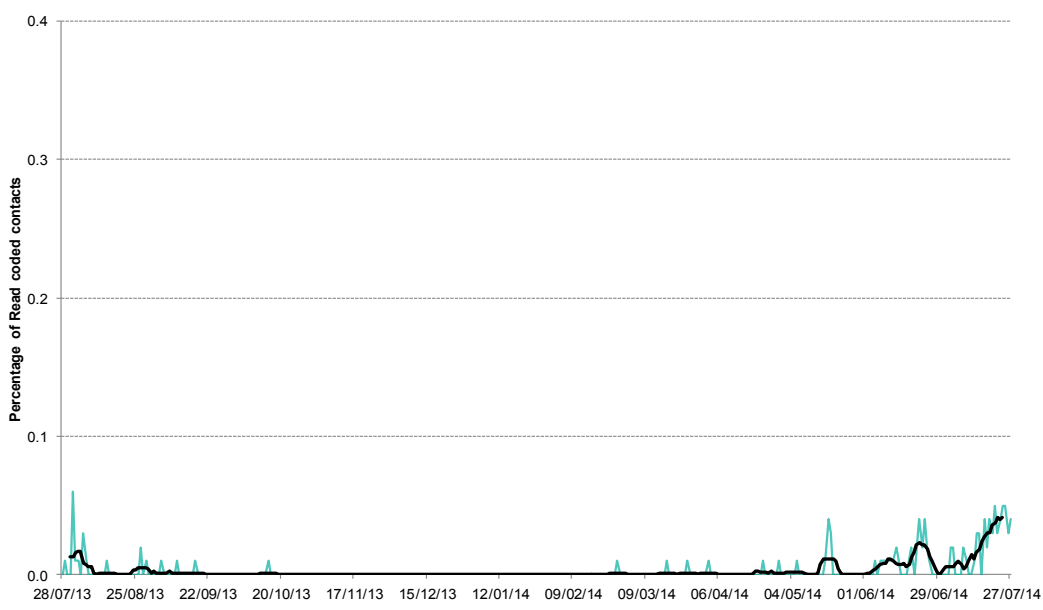
**10: Acute pharyngitis and persistent sore throat.**

Shown as a percentage of the total contacts with a Read code and as a 7 day average\*.



**11: Heatstroke and sunstroke.**

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**12: Intentionally left blank.**

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## Notes and caveats:

- This bulletin presents data from the Public Health England (PHE) GP Out-of-hours\Unscheduled Care Surveillance System (GP OOHSS).
- Fully anonymised data from GP out-of-hours (OOH) and unscheduled care service providers in England are being transferred to the PHE for analysis and interpretation by the PHE Real-time Syndromic Surveillance Team (ReSST).
- This new system supplements existing PHE syndromic surveillance systems by monitoring data on general practitioner consultations outside of routine surgery opening times (evenings, weekends and bank holidays) and unplanned contacts within NHS primary care.
- The key indicators presented within this bulletin are derived by grouping selected Read coded consultations.

## Further information:

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The GP Out-of-Hours Surveillance System Bulletin can also be downloaded from the PHE Real-time Syndromic Surveillance website which also contains more information about syndromic surveillance:

<http://www.hpa.org.uk/Topics/InfectiousDiseases/InfectionsAZ/RealtimeSyndromicSurveillance/>

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