



15 September 2015

Year: 2015 Week: 37

**Syndromic  
surveillance national  
summary:**

## Reporting week: 7 September to 13 September 2015

There were increases in difficulty breathing/wheeze and asthma across all systems during week 37, particularly in children. This increase often coincides with the return to school after the summer holidays.

**Remote Health  
Advice:**

There were increases in cough and difficulty breathing calls during week 37 (figures 4, 5), particularly in the 1-4 and 5-14 years age groups (figure 4a, 5a). An increase usually occurs at this time of year, coinciding with the return to school after the summer holidays.

**Click to access the Remote Health Advice bulletin** [\[intranet\]](#) [\[internet\]](#)

**GP In Hours:**

There continue to be slight increases in selected respiratory indicators during week 37 including upper respiratory tract infection, pharyngitis, asthma and wheeze consultations (figures 1, 3, 10,11).

**Click to access the GP In Hours bulletin** [\[intranet\]](#) [\[internet\]](#)

**Emergency  
Department:**

There has been an increase in the number of respiratory attendances during week 37, including acute respiratory infections, bronchitis and asthma/wheeze or difficulty breathing (figures 7, 8, 10 & 15).

**Click to access the EDSSS bulletin** [\[intranet\]](#) [\[internet\]](#)

**GP Out of Hours:**

There were increases in GP out of hours consultations for difficulty breathing/wheeze/asthma during week 37 (figure 5), particularly in the 1-4 and 5-14 years age groups (figure 5a). An increase usually occurs at this time of year, coinciding with the return to school after the summer holidays.

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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/research-and-surveillance-centre.aspx>

## Syndromic surveillance systems

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### 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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