

PHE Syndromic Surveillance Summary

Produced by the PHE Real-time Syndromic Surveillance team

25 October 2016 Year: 2016 Week: 42

Syndromic surveillance national summary:

Reporting week: 17 to 23 October 2016

During week 42 respiratory indicators continue to increase and are at seasonally expected levels.

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Remote Health Advice:

During week 42 calls for cough continued to increase, particularly for young children 0-4 years. These increases are within expected seasonal levels (figures 4 and 4a). There were further expected seasonal increases in the percentages of NHS 111 calls for diarrhoea and vomiting (figures 7 and 8). The calls for vomiting were particularly for children under 0-14 years (figure 8a).

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GP In Hours:

During week 42 GP consultations for respiratory conditions showed continued seasonal increases (figures 1, 1a, and 5).

There were also increases in gastroenteritis and vomiting, particularly in children under 5 years (figures 7, 8 and 8a).

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Emergency Department:

During week 42 attendances for respiratory conditions, including acute respiratory infection and bronchitis/bronchiolitis, continued to increase (figures 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11).

Attendances for gastroenteritis continue to increase in children under 5 years (figure 19).

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GP Out of Hours:

During week 42 there were further seasonal increases in consultations for acute respiratory infection (figure 2) and bronchitis (figure 4), and vomiting and gastroenteritis, particularly in children under 5 years (figure 7a and 9a)

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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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