



07 May 2015

Year: 2015 Week: 18

**Syndromic  
surveillance national  
summary:**

## Reporting week: 27 April to 04 May 2015

There were increases in respiratory indicators reported within the emergency department and GP out of hours surveillance systems during the bank holiday weekend.

**Remote Health  
Advice:**

The percentage of calls about diarrhoea and vomiting in the 1-4 years age group have continued to increase in week 18 (Figures 7a, 8a).

All respiratory indicators remained within seasonally expected levels.

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

**GP In Hours:**

GP consultations for allergic rhinitis decreased during week 18, remaining in line with seasonally expected levels (figure 14). Highest rates were reported in the 5-14 years age group (figure 14a).

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

**Emergency  
Department:**

There were increases in selected respiratory (including asthma/wheeze/ difficulty breathing; figure 15) and gastrointestinal indicators over the bank holiday weekend (2-4 May).

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

**GP Out of Hours:**

There were increases in GP out of hours consultations for acute respiratory infection (figure 2) and difficulty breathing/wheeze/asthma (figure 5) during the bank holiday weekend (2-4 May).

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

**RCGP Weekly  
Returns Service:**

[Click here to access reports from the RCGP website](#) [external link]

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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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  - Participating EDSSS emergency departments
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  - QSurveillance®; University of Nottingham; EMIS/EMIS practices; ClinRisk®
  - TPP, ResearchOne and participating SystmOne GP practices
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