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Year: 2014 Week: 35

**Syndromic  
surveillance national  
summary:**

## Reporting week: 25 August to 31 August 2014

Several systems showed small rises in respiratory indicators including asthma/wheeze/difficulty breathing, in line with seasonally expected levels.

**Remote Health  
Advice:**

Calls for difficulty breathing have increased slightly in week 35 (figure 5).

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

**GP In Hours:**

There has been a small rise in severe asthma consultations during week 35 (figure 9) in line with seasonally expected levels.

Levels of diarrhoea and vomiting remain stable, though slightly above the historical baseline (Figures 7,8).

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

**Emergency  
Department:**

There was an increase in attendances for respiratory indicators; this will be monitored over coming weeks.

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

**GP Out of Hours:**

There were continued small increases in the acute respiratory infection, difficulty breathing/wheeze/asthma and gastrointestinal indicators during week 35.

**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

### 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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