

PHE Syndromic Surveillance Summary

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Syndromic surveillance national summary:

Reporting week: 11 to 17 January 2016

Syndromic indicators for influenza across different systems have either increased slightly or remained stable and are currently within seasonally expected levels.

Remote Health Advice:

NHS 111 calls fever increased during week 2 particularly in children aged 1-4 years (figures 3 and 3a).

There was a continued small increase in vomiting, particularly noted in children aged <1 years (figure 8 and 8a).

NHS 111 cold/flu calls remained at seasonally low levels during week 2, (figure 2).

Click to access the Remote Health Advice bulletin [intranet] [internet]

GP In Hours:

GP consultation rates for influenza-like illness increased slightly during week 2 but remained within seasonally expected levels (figure 2). Rates of lower respiratory tract infection and pneumonia decreased during week 2, and remain within seasonally expected levels (figures 5 and 6).

Click to access the GP In Hours bulletin [intranet] [internet]

Emergency Department:

Attendances for influenza-like illness remained stable and at seasonally low levels during week 2 (figure 12).

Click to access the EDSSS bulletin [intranet] [internet]

GP Out of Hours:

Consultations for influenza-like illness remained stable during week 2(figure 3), with the highest consultation rates in the 25-44 years age group (figure 3a.)

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/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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