



31 August 2016

Year: 2016 Week: 34

**Syndromic  
surveillance national  
summary:**

## Reporting week: 22 to 28 August 2016

There were increases in GP consultations and NHS 111 calls for insect bites in week 34 and heatstroke consultations/calls remained slightly above baseline levels, both in line with recent warm weather.

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**Remote Health  
Advice:**

There were increases in insect bites in week 34 and heatstroke calls remain slightly above baseline levels, both in line with recent warm weather (figures 10 & 10a, 11 & 11a). There were also further small increases in fever calls in the <1 years age group (figure 3a).

[Click to access the Remote Health Advice bulletin](#)

**GP In Hours:**

GP consultations for insect bites increased slightly during week 34 (figures 23 & 23a) and heat stroke remained above baseline levels (figures 22 & 22a) in line with recent warm weather.

[Click to access the GP In Hours bulletin](#)

**Emergency  
Department:**

There was nothing of significance to report during week 34.

[Click to access the EDSSS bulletin](#)

**GP Out of Hours:**

GP out of hours consultations for diarrhoea decreased slightly during week 34, including small decreases in the <1 and 1-4 years age groups (figures 8 & 8a).

There was an increase in heatstroke consultations during week 34 (peaking Wed 24 August) in line with the warm weather (figure 11).

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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

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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
  - College of Emergency Medicine
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  - TPP, ResearchOne and participating SystemOne GP practices
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