



29 April 2015

Year: 2015 Week: 17

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## Syndromic indicators at a glance:

Number of contacts and percentage of Read coded contacts.

## 1: Total out-of-hours contacts:

Daily total number of out-of-hours and unscheduled contacts and 7 day average (adjusted for bank holidays).

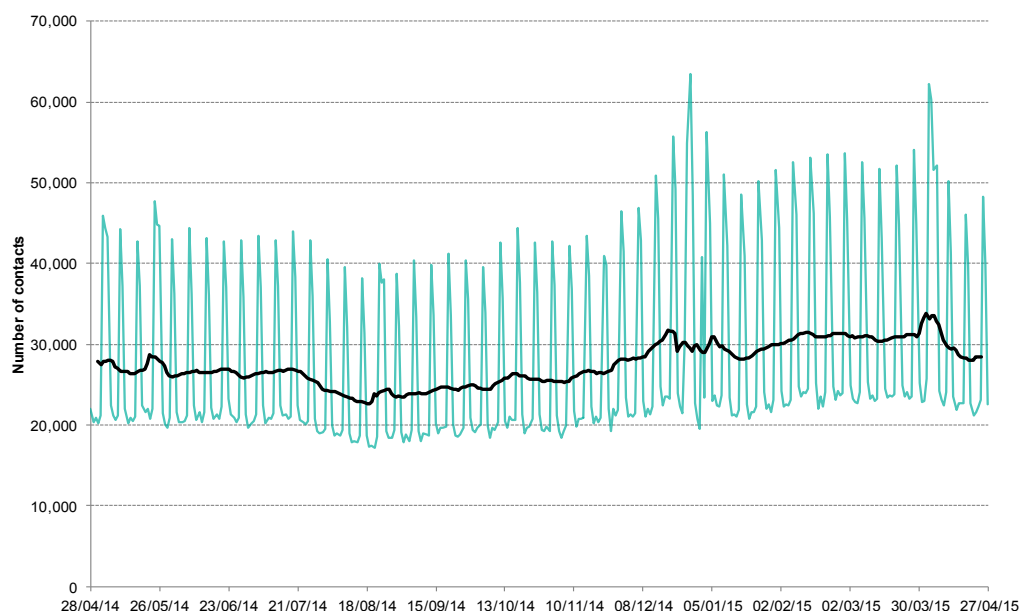
## Key messages

Data to: 27 April 2015

There have been slight rises in gastrointestinal syndromes for week 17 (Figures 7, 8, 9), mainly in the under 5 yrs age groups (Figures 7a, 8a, 9a).

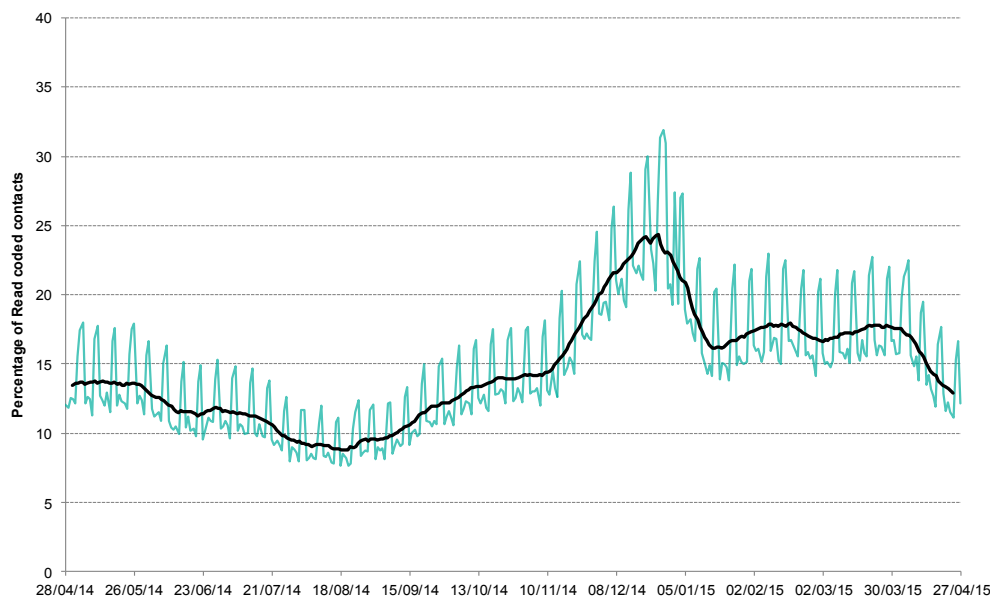
| Key indicator                      | No. of contacts | % Week 17 | % Week 16 | Trend* |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| All OOH contacts, all causes       | 198,901         |           |           |        |
| Acute respiratory infection        | 13,023          | 13.86     | 14.98     | ↓      |
| Influenza-like illness             | 181             | 0.19      | 0.22      | ↓      |
| Bronchitis/bronchiolitis           | 153             | 0.16      | 0.17      | ↔      |
| Difficulty breathing/wheeze/asthma | 1,932           | 2.06      | 1.91      | ↑      |
| Pharyngitis                        | 95              | 0.10      | 0.12      | ↓      |
| Gastroenteritis                    | 4,985           | 5.30      | 5.00      | ↑      |
| Diarrhoea                          | 1,202           | 1.28      | 1.20      | ↑      |
| Vomiting                           | 1,629           | 1.73      | 1.66      | ↑      |
| Myocardial infarction              | 1,022           | 1.09      | 1.08      | ↔      |

\*Trend: reports on the trend seen over previous weeks in the percentage of Read coded contacts.



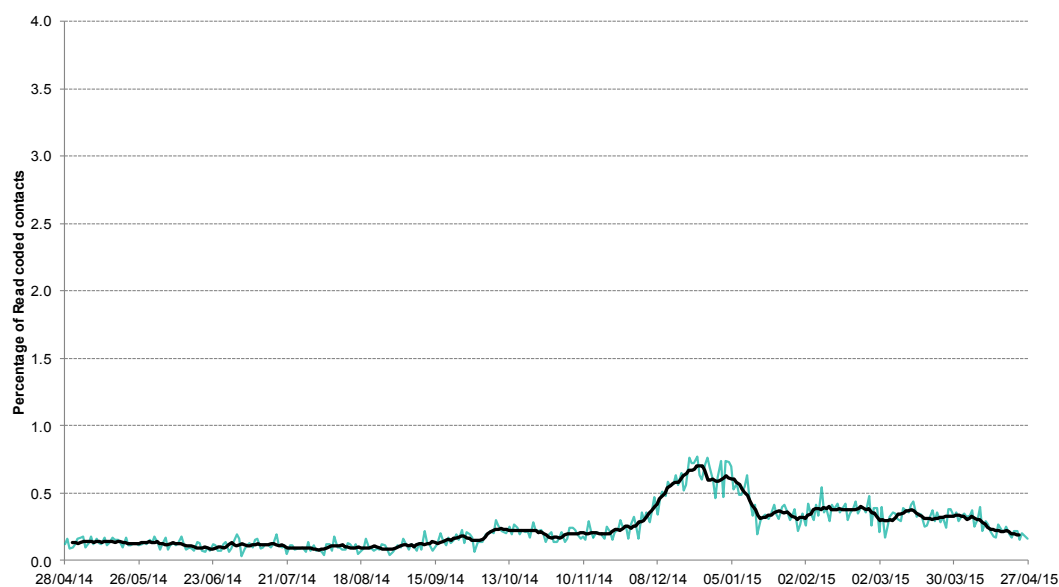
**2: Acute Respiratory Infection daily contacts.**

Shown as a percentage of the total contacts with a Read code and as a 7 day average\*.



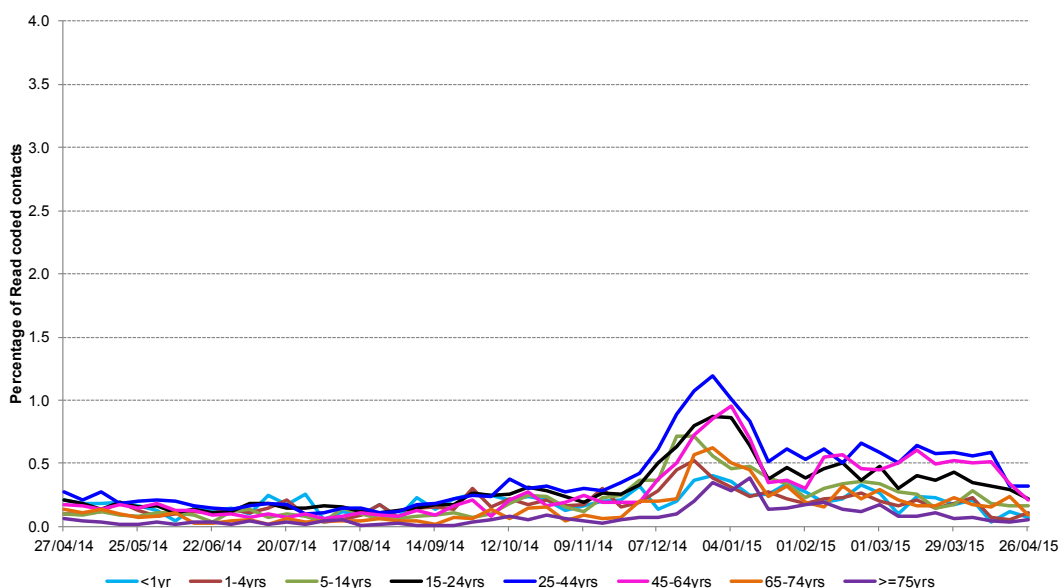
**3: Influenza-like illness daily contacts.**

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**3a: Influenza-like illness weekly contacts by age group.**

\*7-day moving average adjusted for bank holidays.

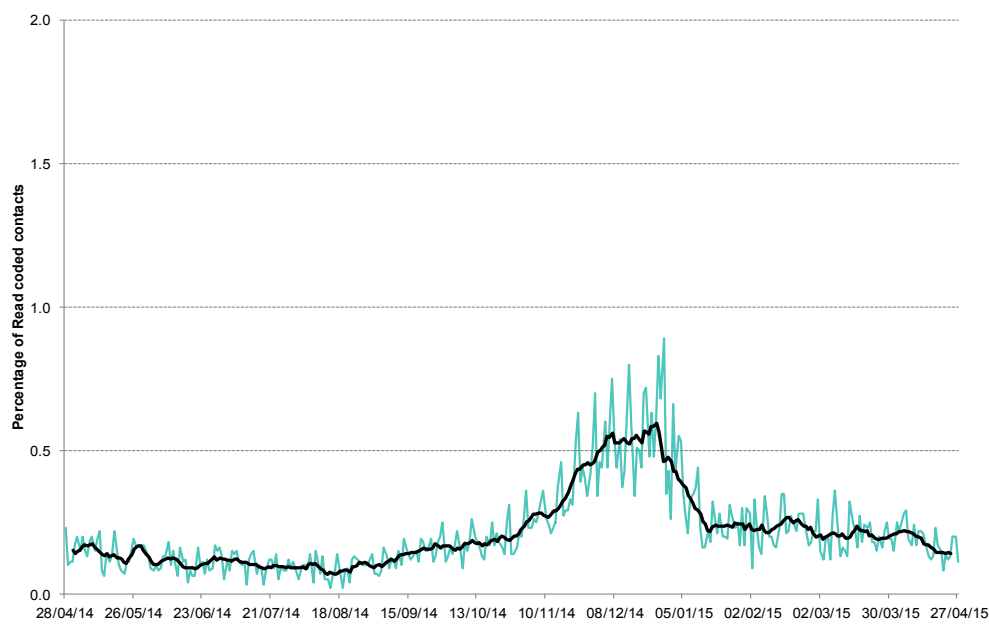


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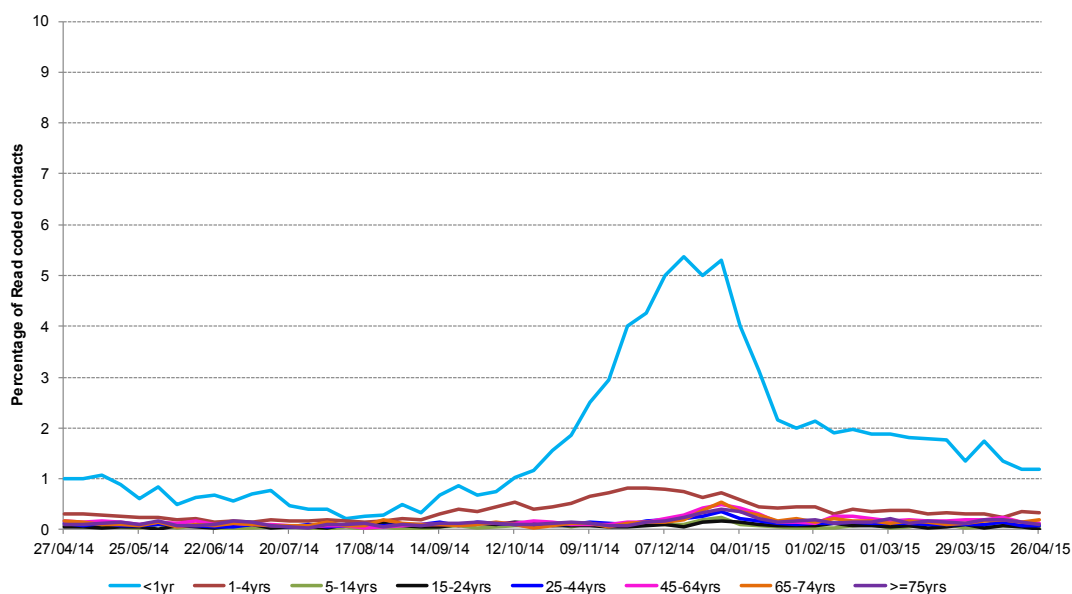
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**4: Bronchitis/  
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contacts.**

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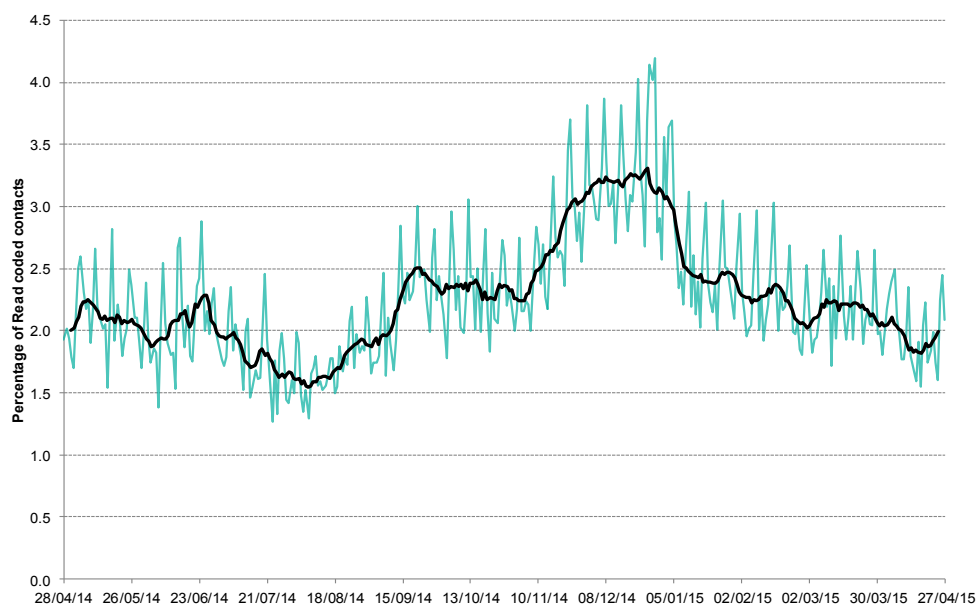


**4a: Bronchitis/  
bronchiolitis  
weekly contacts by  
age group.**



**5: Difficulty  
breathing/wheeze/  
asthma daily  
contacts.**

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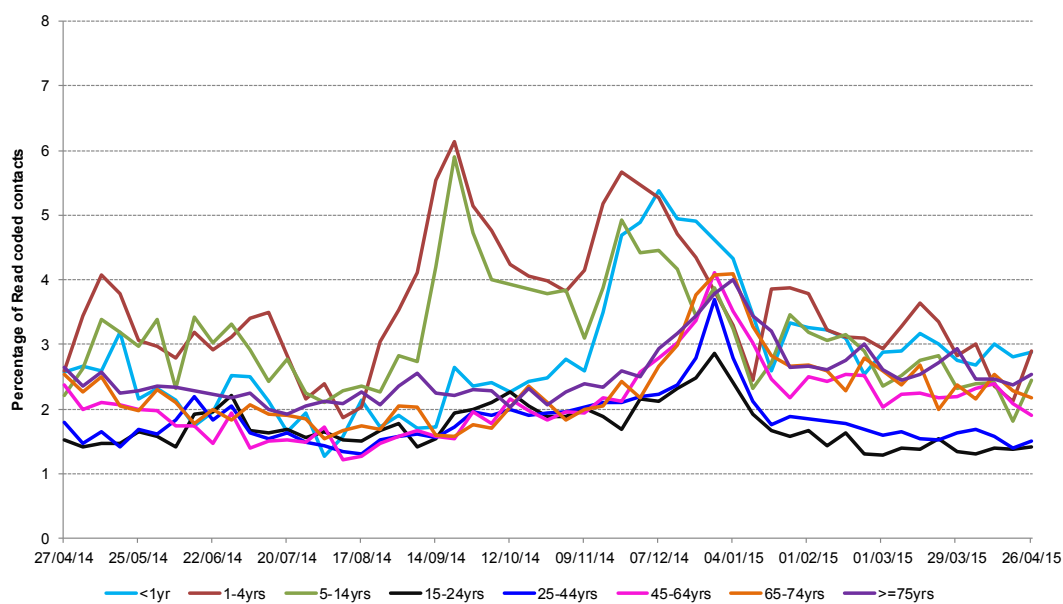
\*7-day moving average  
adjusted for bank  
holidays.

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**5a: Difficulty breathing/wheeze/asthma weekly contacts by age**

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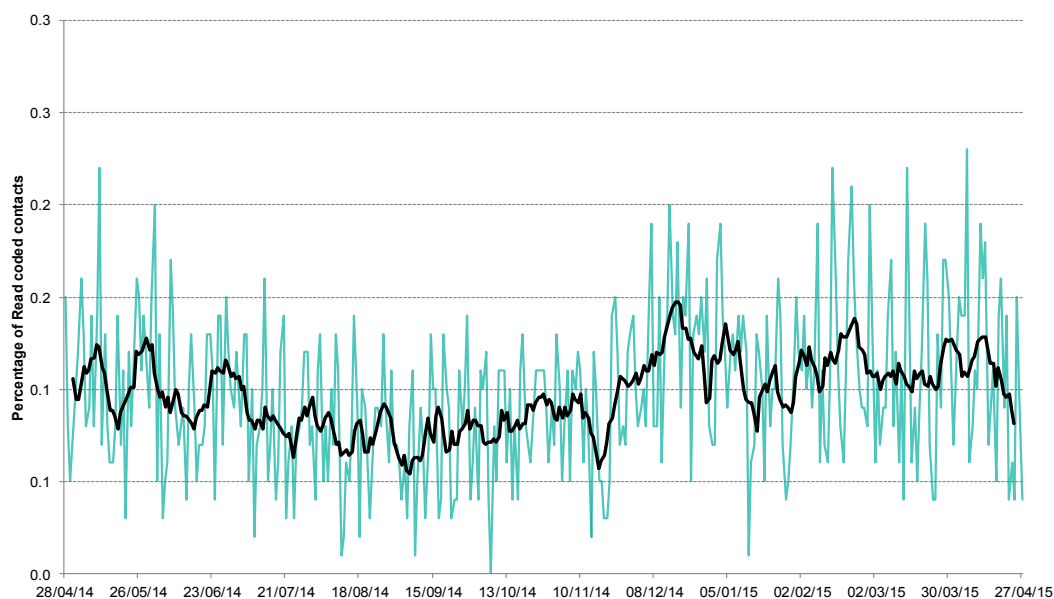
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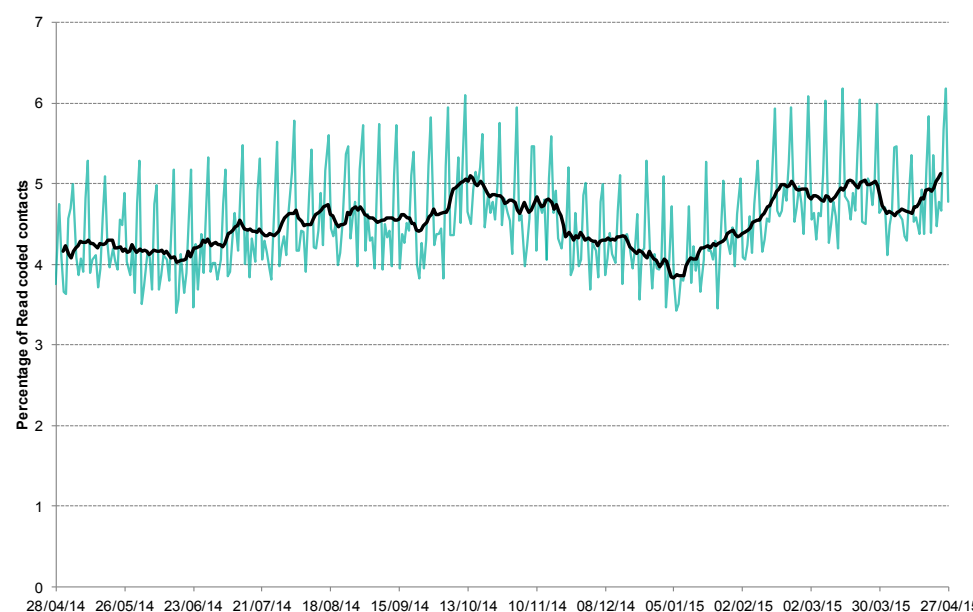
**6: Acute pharyngitis and persistent sore throat.**

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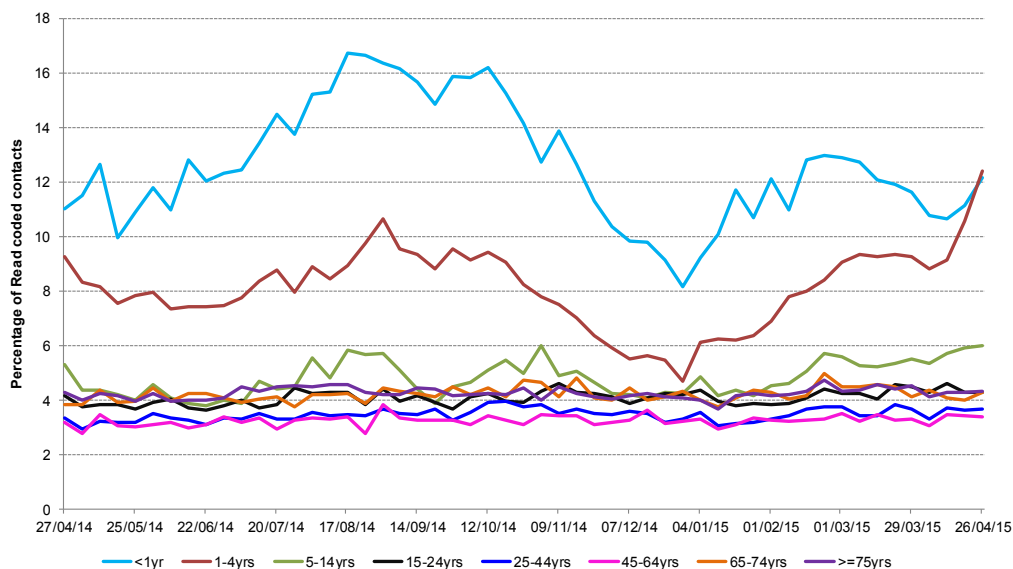
**7: Gastroenteritis daily contacts**

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**7a: Gastroenteritis weekly contacts by age group.**

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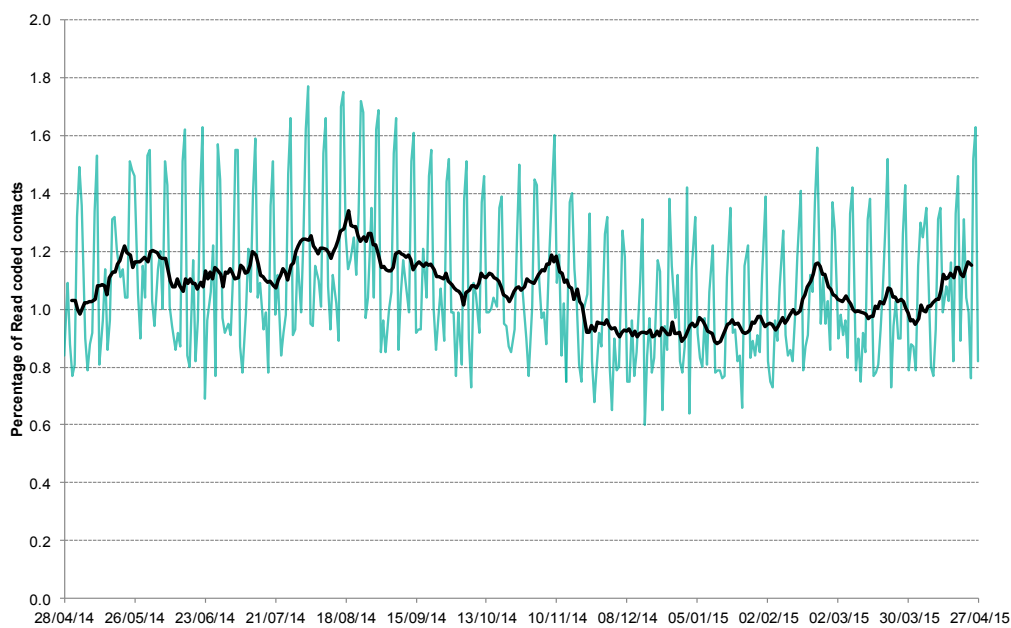


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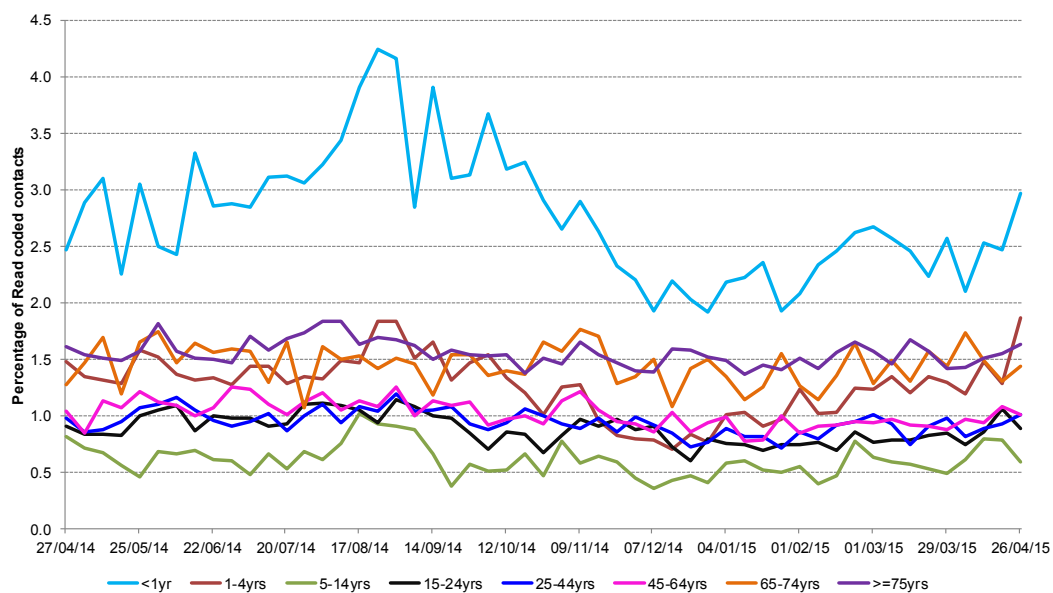
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**8: Diarrhoea daily contacts.**

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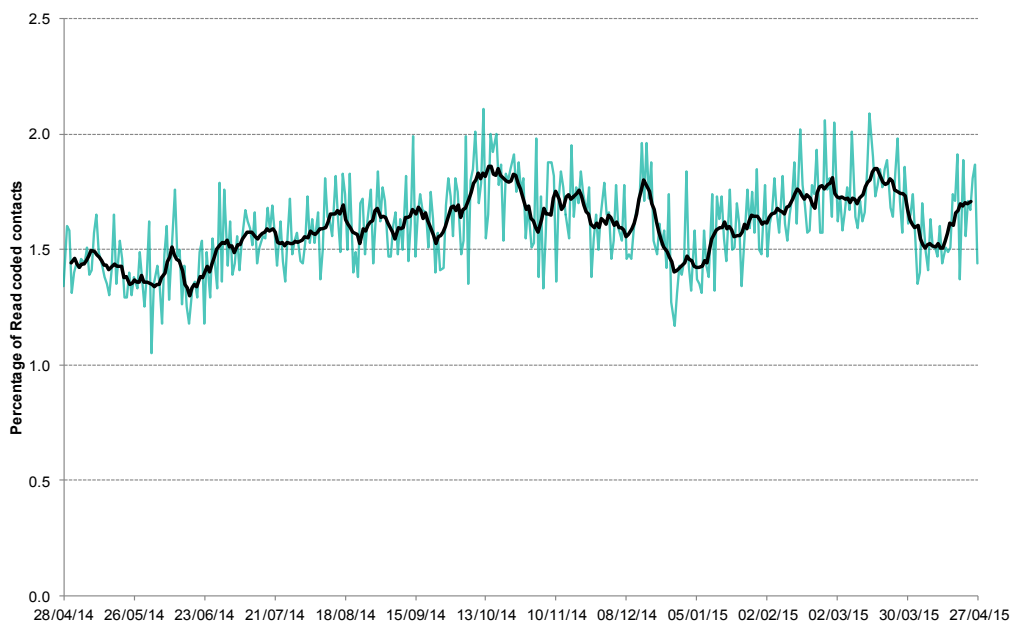


**8a: Diarrhoea weekly contacts by age group.**



**9: Vomiting daily contacts.**

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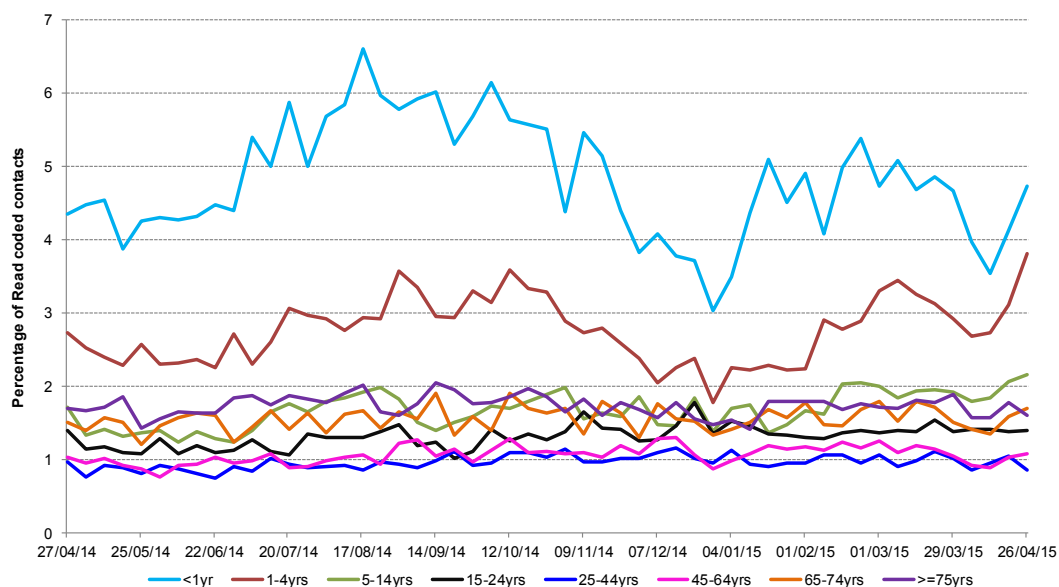


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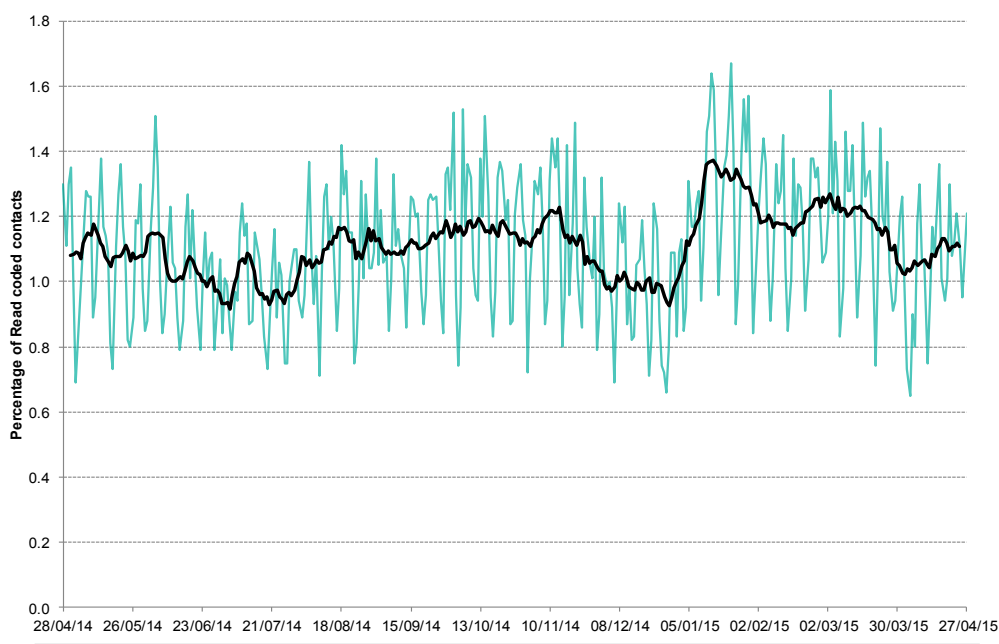
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**9a: Vomiting weekly contacts by age group.**



**10: Myocardial Infarction daily contacts.**

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## Notes and caveats:

- This bulletin presents data from the Public Health England (PHE) GP Out-of-hours\Unscheduled Care Surveillance System (GP OOHSS).
- Fully anonymised data from GP out-of-hours (OOH) and unscheduled care service providers in England are being transferred to the PHE for analysis and interpretation by the PHE Real-time Syndromic Surveillance Team (ReSST).
- This new system supplements existing PHE syndromic surveillance systems by monitoring data on general practitioner consultations outside of routine surgery opening times (evenings, weekends and bank holidays) and unplanned contacts within NHS primary care.
- The key indicators presented within this bulletin are derived by grouping selected Read coded consultations.
- GP OOH consultation data are analysed on a daily basis to identify national and regional trends. A statistical algorithm underpins each system, routinely identifying activity that has increased significantly or is statistically significantly high for the time of year. Results from these daily analyses are assessed by the ReSST, along with analysis by age group, and anything deemed of public health importance is alerted by the team.

## Further information:

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The GP Out-of-Hours Surveillance System Bulletin can also be downloaded from the PHE Real-time Syndromic Surveillance website which also contains more information about syndromic surveillance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/syndromic-surveillance-systems-and-analyses>

## Acknowledgements:

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