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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

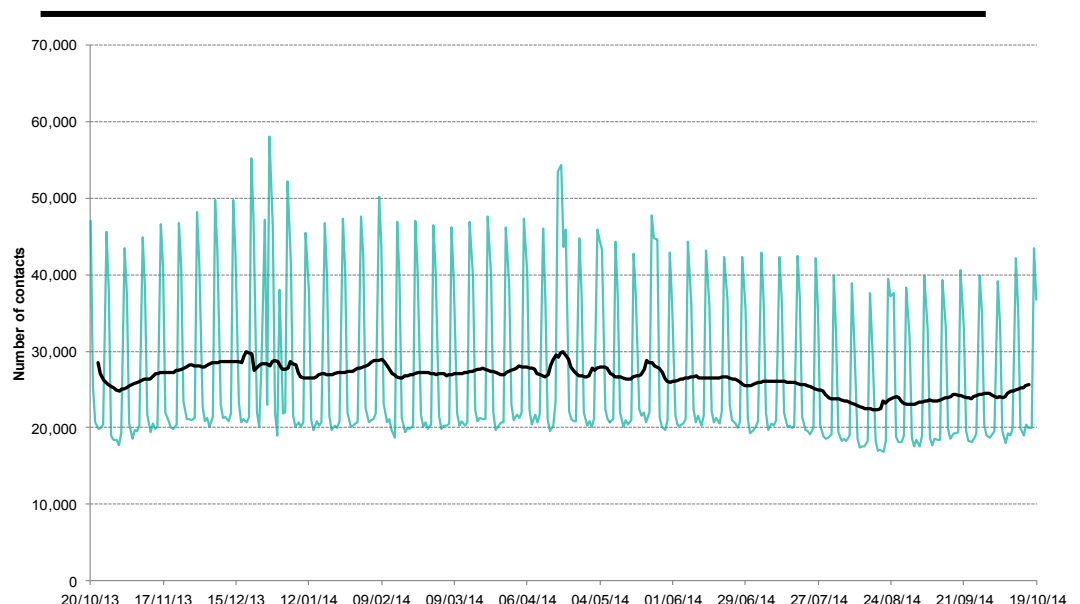
Data to: 19 October 2014

GP out of hours consultations for acute respiratory infection continue to rise in line with seasonally expected levels (figure 2).

Vomiting consultations in children aged less than 5 years remain at levels higher than at the same time last year (figure 10a).

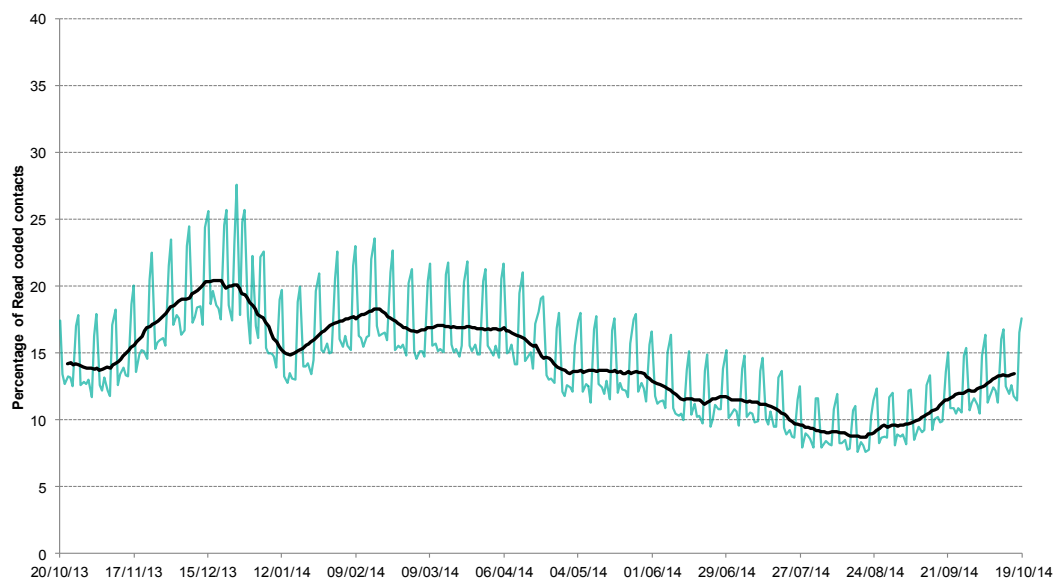
Key indicator	No. of contacts	% Week 42	% Week 41	Trend*
All OOH contacts, all causes	179,525			
Acute respiratory infection	13,719	14.50	14.07	↑
Influenza-like illness	214	0.23	0.23	↔
Bronchitis/bronchiolitis	177	0.19	0.19	↔
Difficulty breathing/wheeze/asthma	2,310	2.44	2.47	↔
Gastroenteritis	4,884	5.16	5.23	↔
Diarrhoea	1,131	1.20	1.19	↔
Vomiting	1,742	1.84	1.86	↑
Myocardial infarction	1,010	1.07	1.12	↔
Pharyngitis	88	0.09	0.08	↔

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



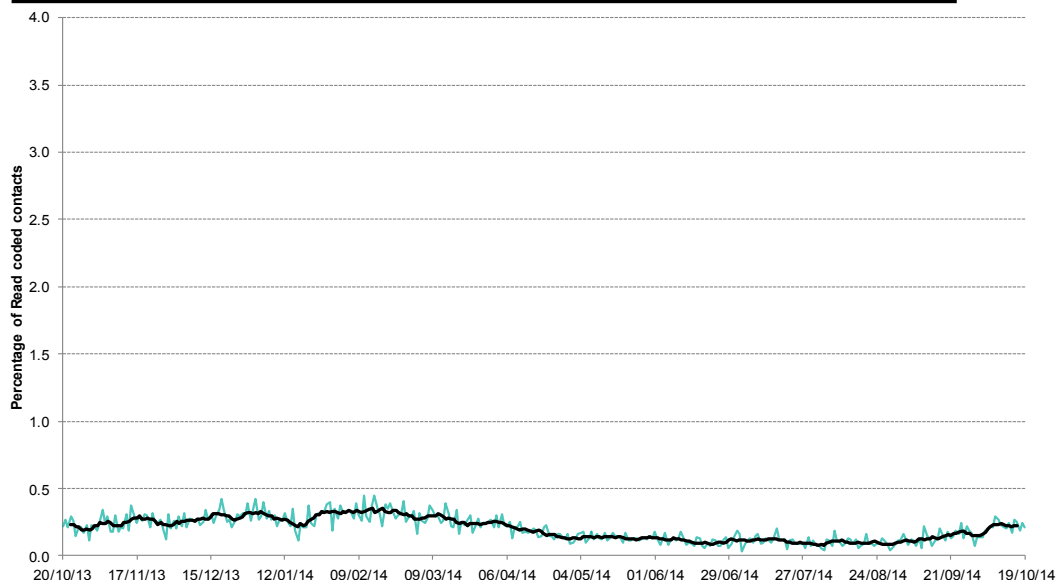
2: Acute Respiratory Infection daily contacts.

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



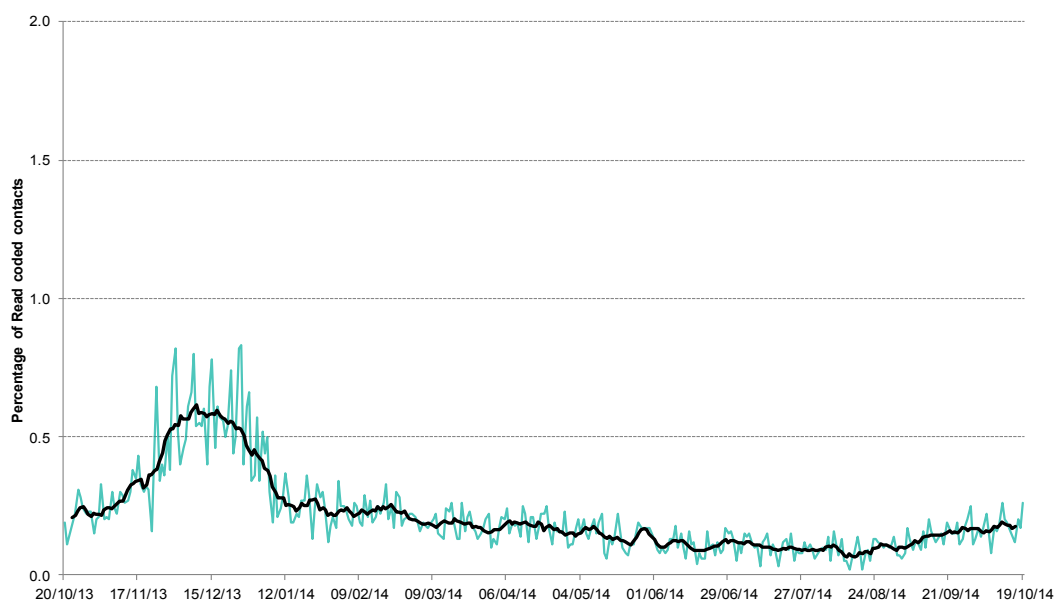
3: Influenza-like illness daily contacts.

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4: Bronchitis/ bronchiolitis daily contacts.

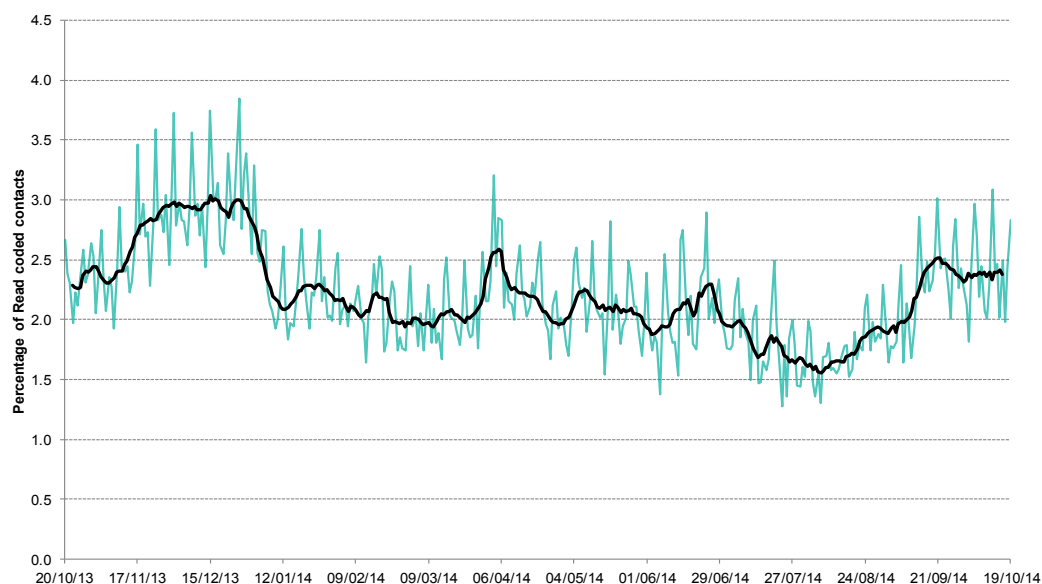
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*7-day moving average adjusted for bank holidays.

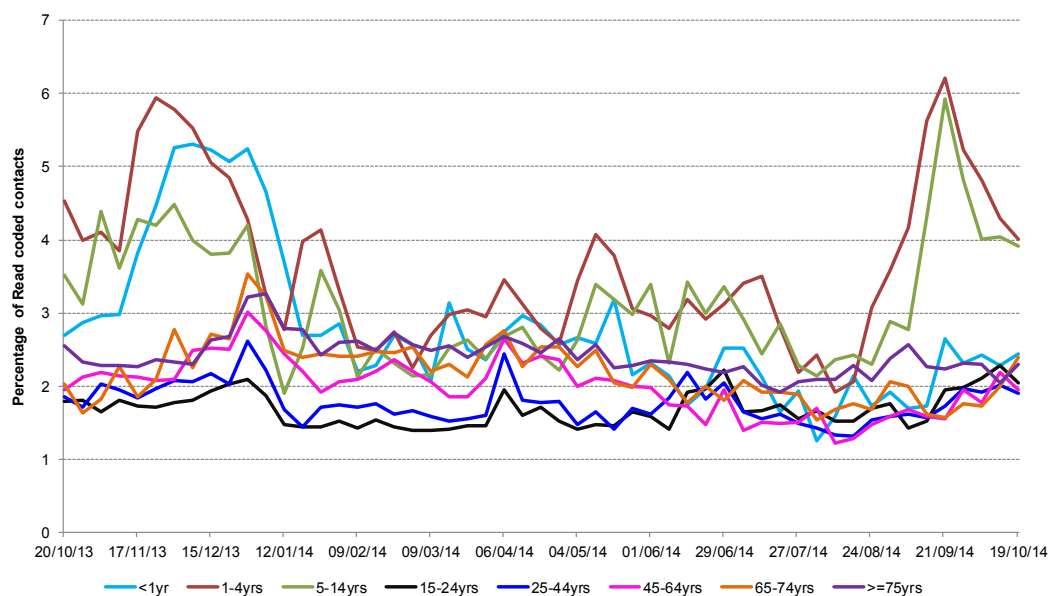
**5: Difficulty breathing/
wheeze/asthma daily
contacts.**

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**5a: Difficulty
breathing/wheeze/
asthma daily
contacts by age
group.**

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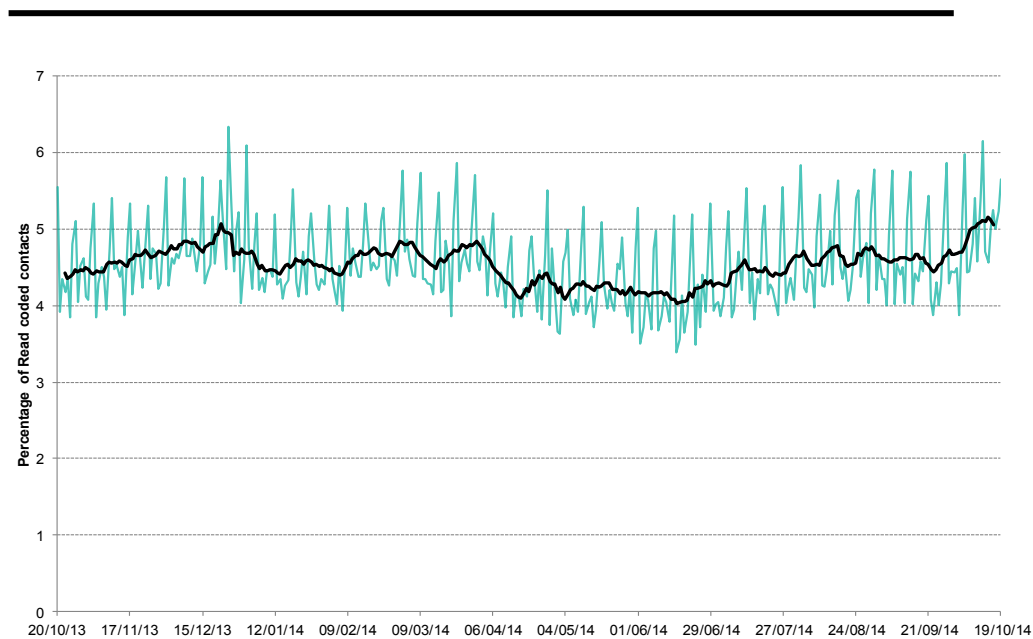
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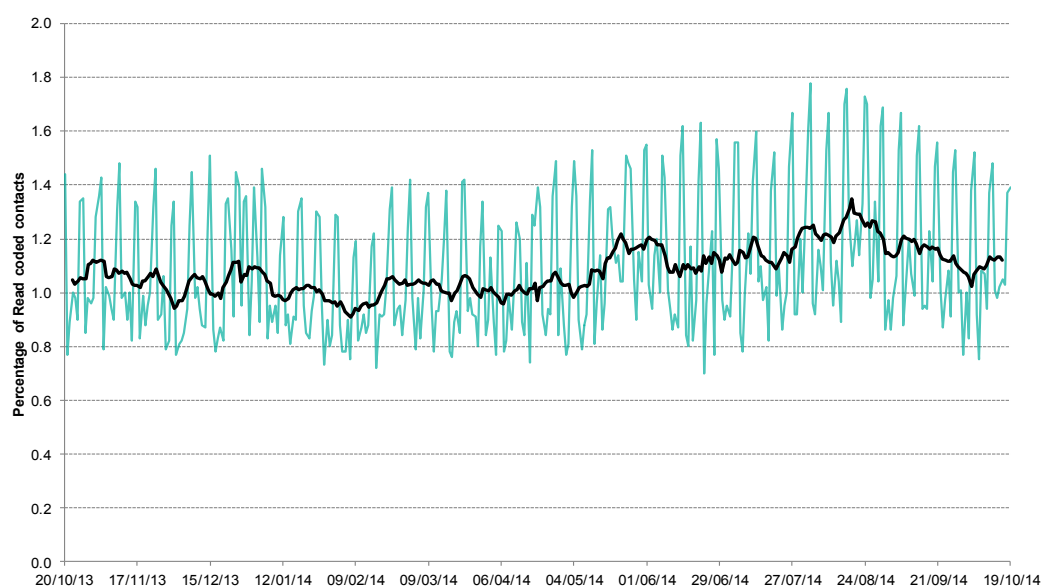
8: Gastroenteritis daily contacts.

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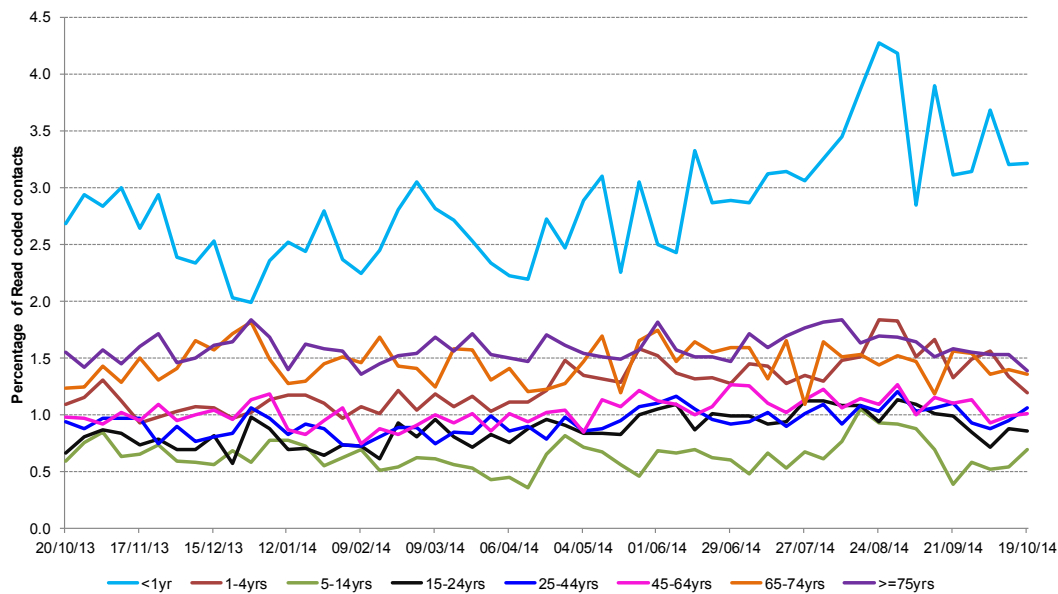
9: Diarrhoea daily contacts.

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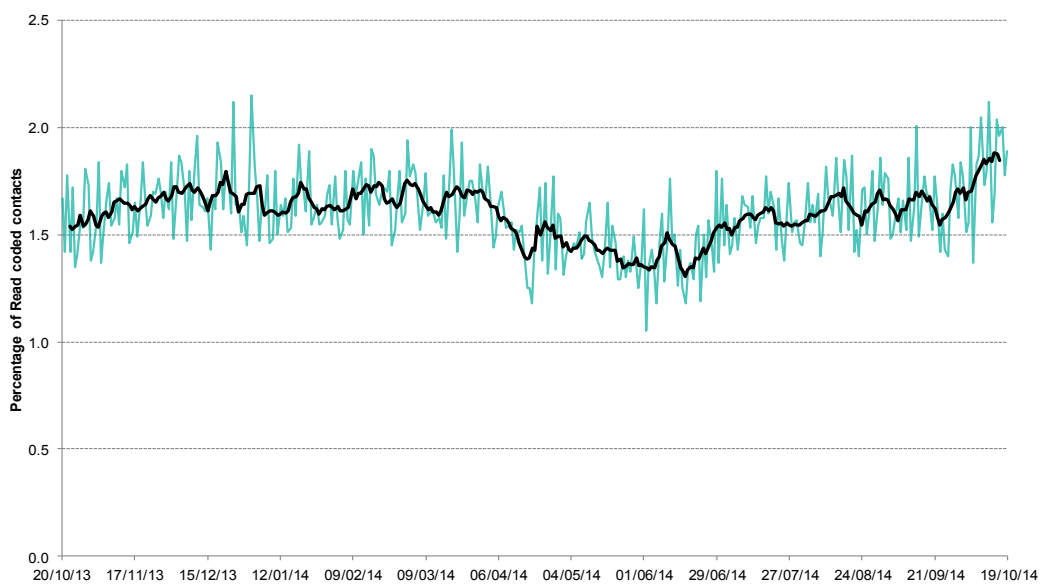
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9a: Diarrhoea weekly contacts by age group.



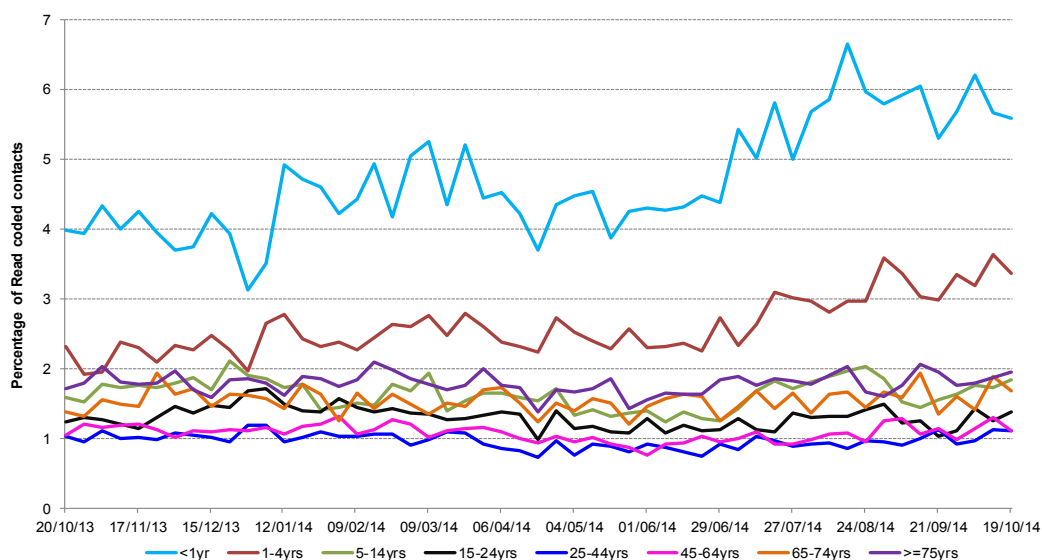
10: Vomiting daily contacts.

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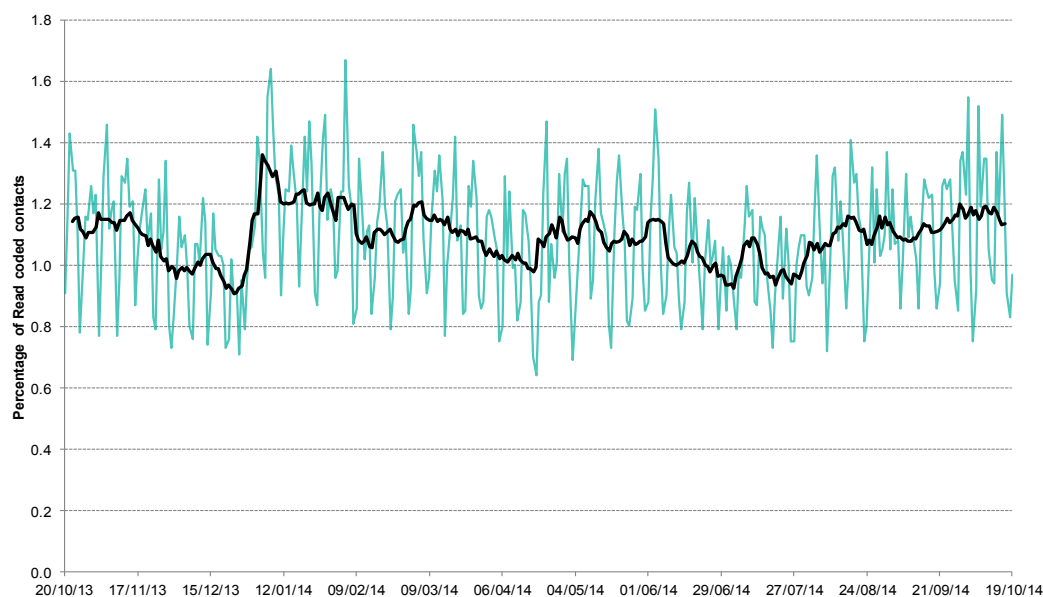
10a: Vomiting weekly contacts by age group.

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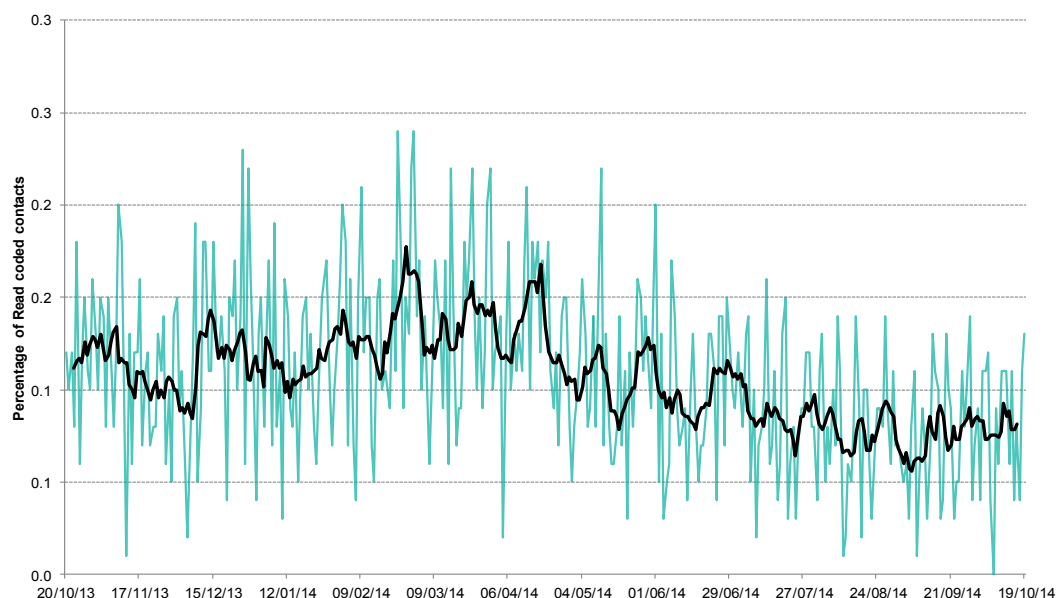
**11: Myocardial
Infarction daily
contacts.**

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

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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.

Further information:

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>

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