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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: 29 August 2016

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).

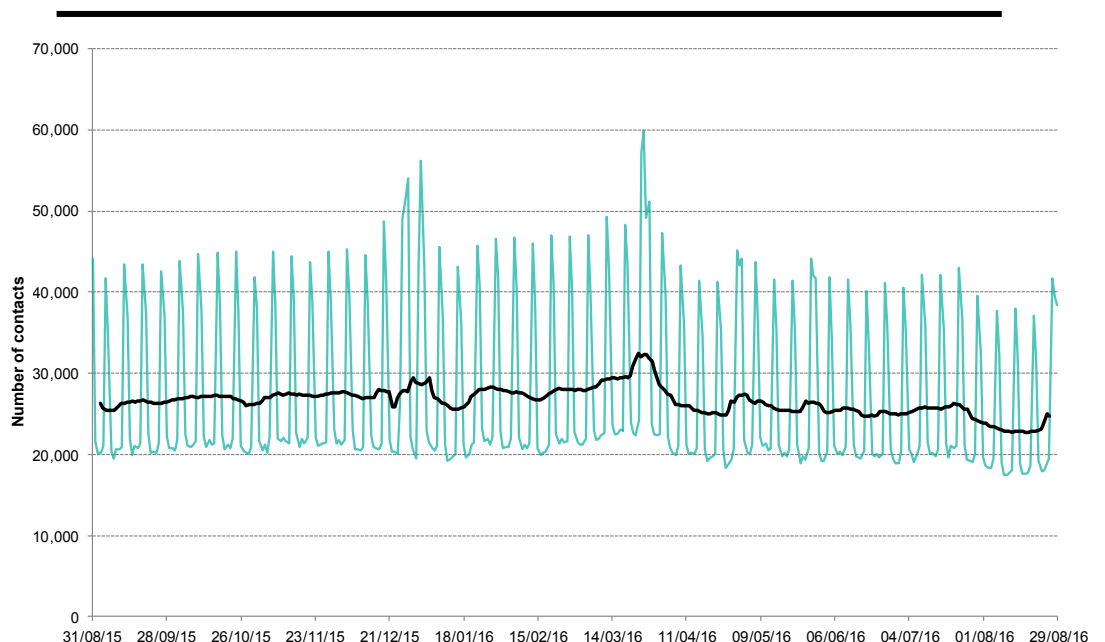
There was an increase in heatstroke consultations during week 34 (peaking Wed 24 August) in line with the warm weather (figure 11).

A Heat-Health Watch system operates in England from 1 June to 15 September each year. As part of the Heatwave Plan for England, the PHE Real-time Syndromic Surveillance team will be routinely monitoring the public health impact of hot weather using syndromic surveillance data during this period.

Heat-health watch level (current reporting week): **Level 1/3 Summer preparedness/Heat wave action**
<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/heat-health/>

Key indicator	No. of contacts	% Week 34	% Week 33	Trend*
All OOH contacts, all causes	174,756			
Acute respiratory infection	7,506	9.37	9.53	↓
Influenza-like illness	47	0.06	0.07	↔
Bronchitis/bronchiolitis	73	0.09	0.10	↔
Difficulty breathing/wheeze/asthma	1,287	1.61	1.62	↔
Pharyngitis	43	0.05	0.08	↓
Gastroenteritis	3,227	4.03	4.51	↔
Diarrhoea	969	1.21	1.29	↔
Vomiting	1,054	1.32	1.54	↔
Myocardial infarction	734	0.92	0.94	↔
Heatstroke	14	0.02	0.01	↑

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

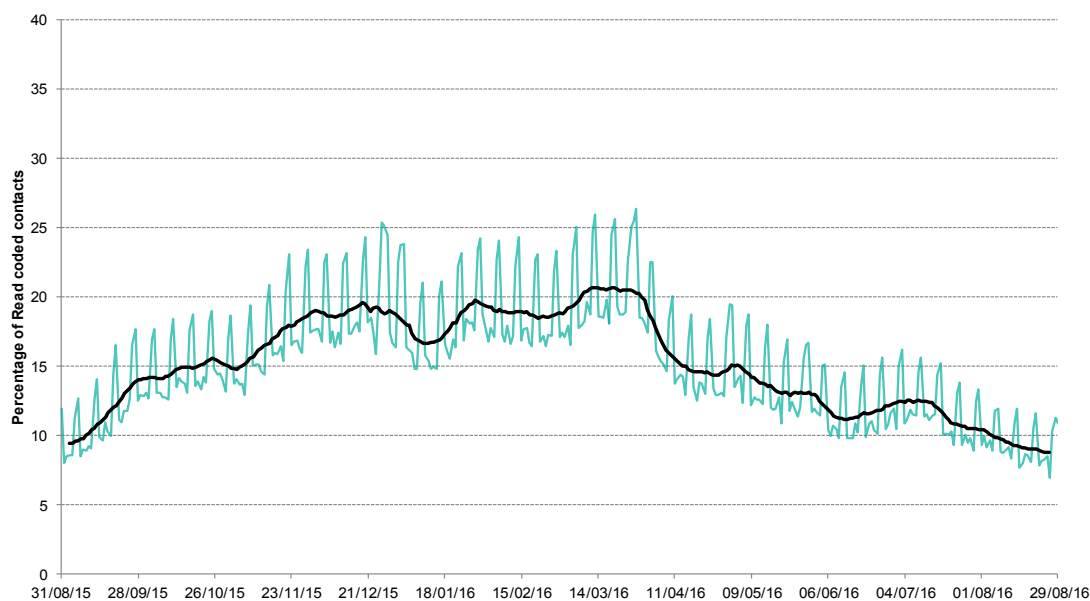


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2: Acute Respiratory Infection daily contacts.

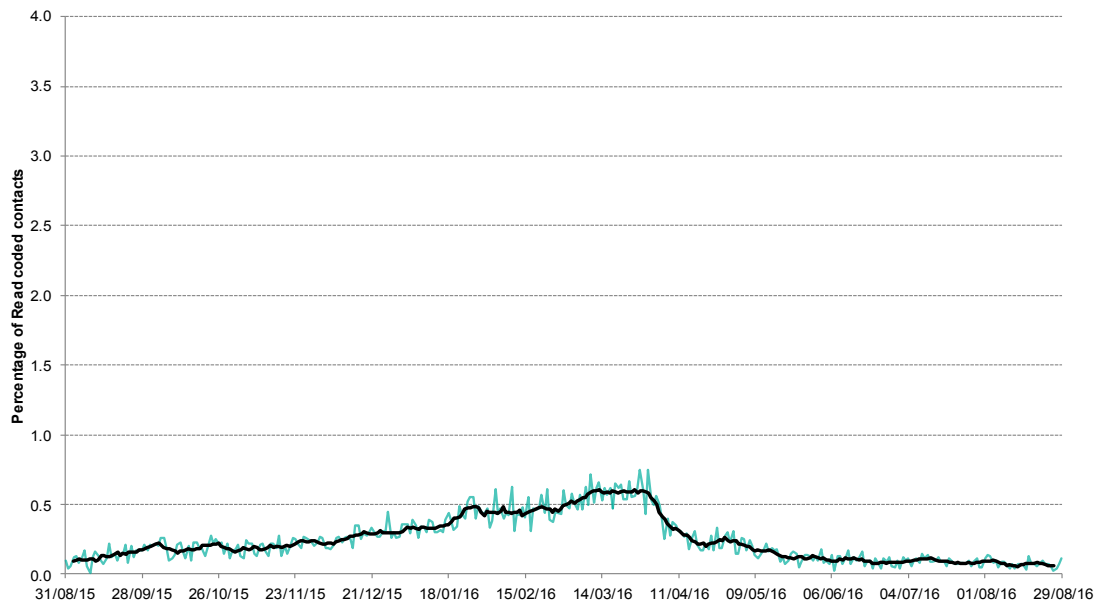
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3: Influenza-like illness daily contacts.

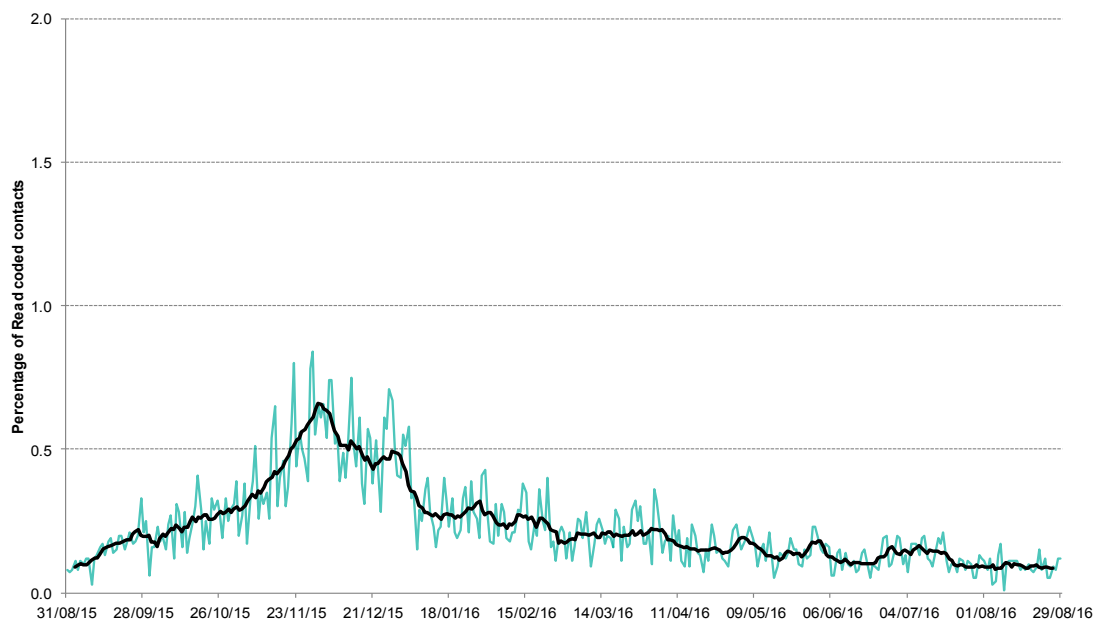
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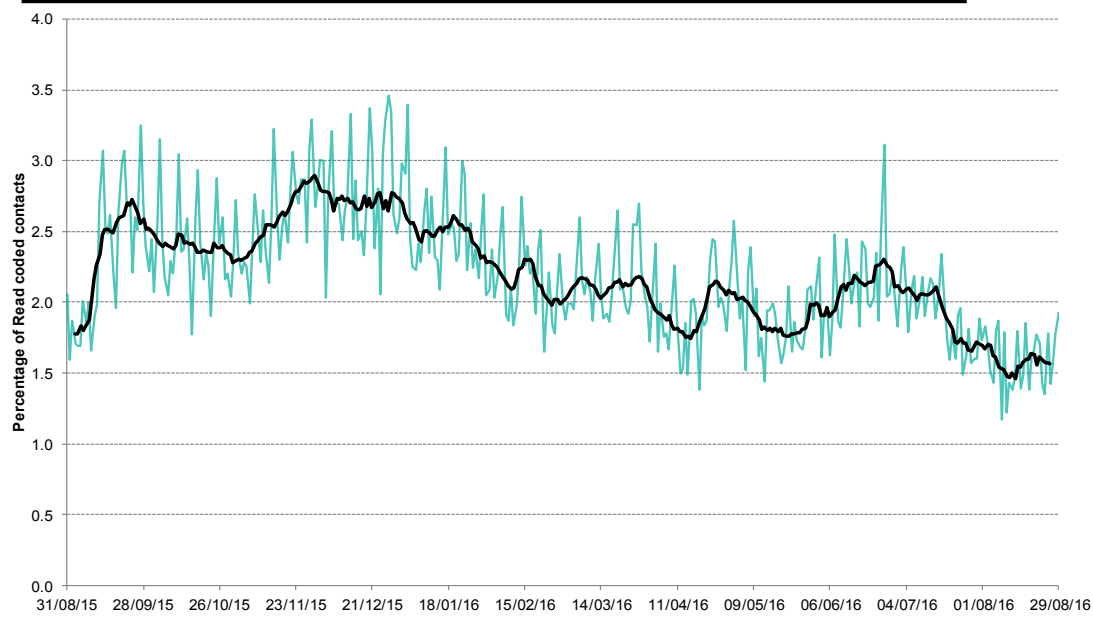
**4: Bronchitis/
bronchiolitis daily
contacts.**

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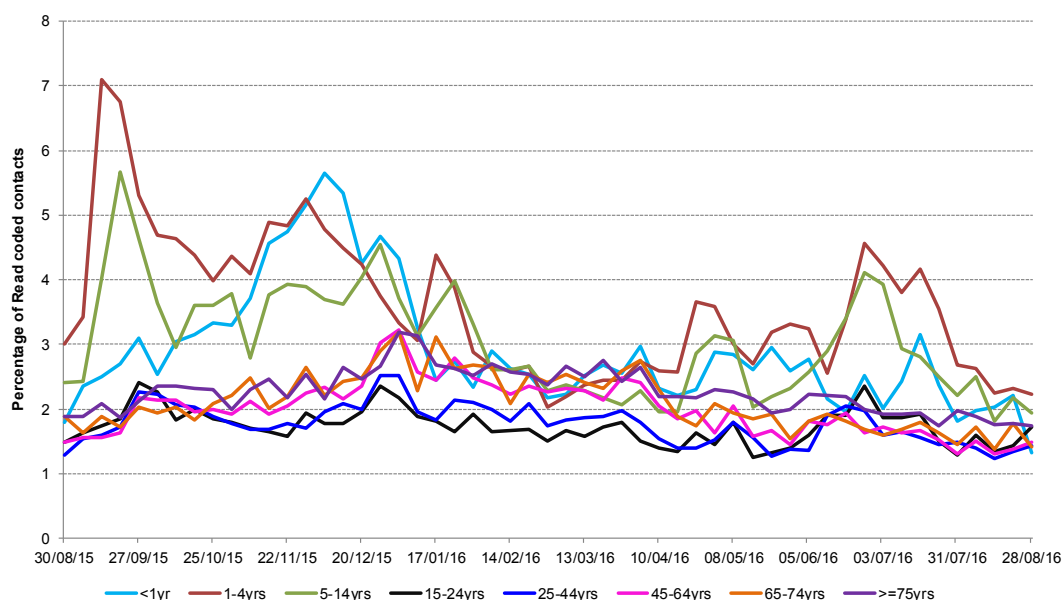


**5: Difficulty breathing/
wheeze/asthma daily
contacts.**

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



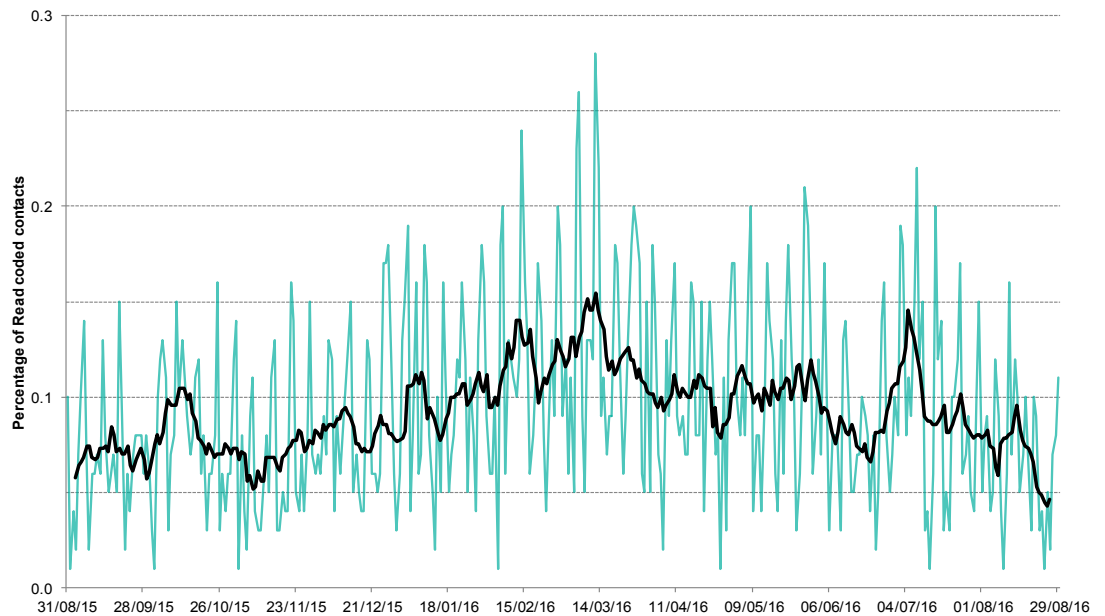
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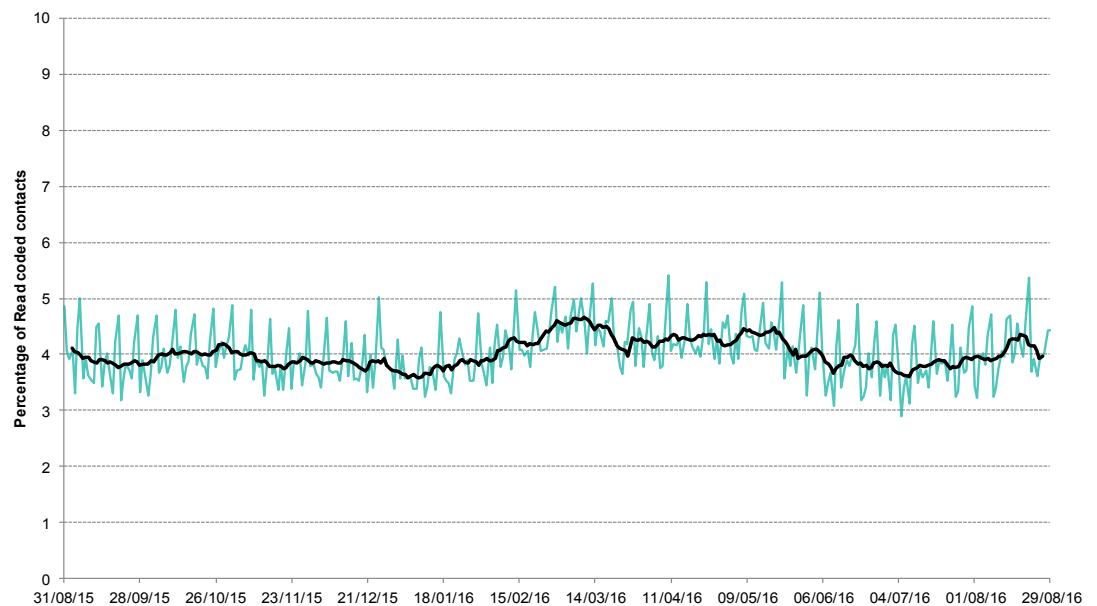
6: Acute pharyngitis and persistent sore throat.

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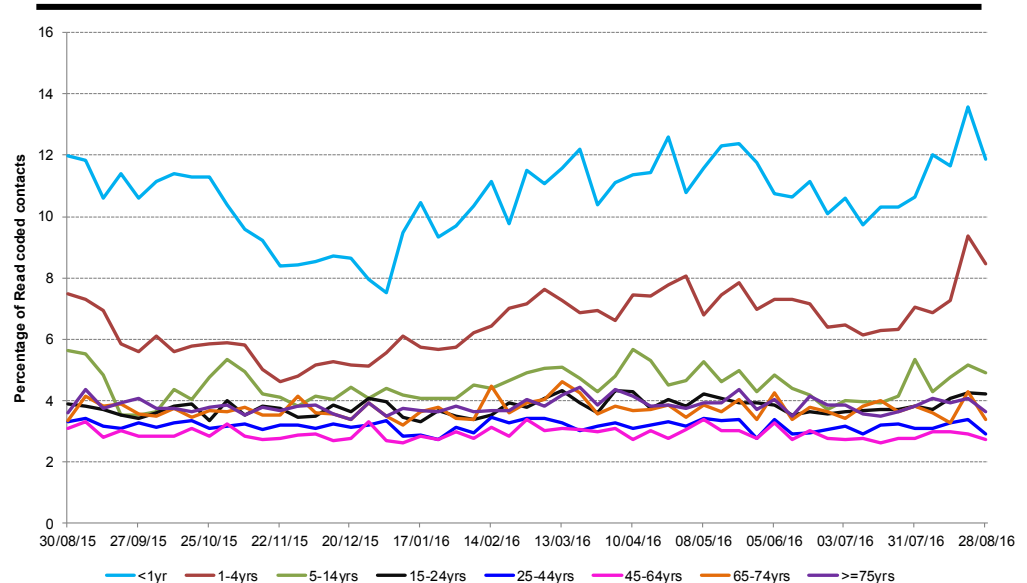


7: Gastroenteritis daily contacts

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7a: Gastroenteritis weekly contacts by age group.



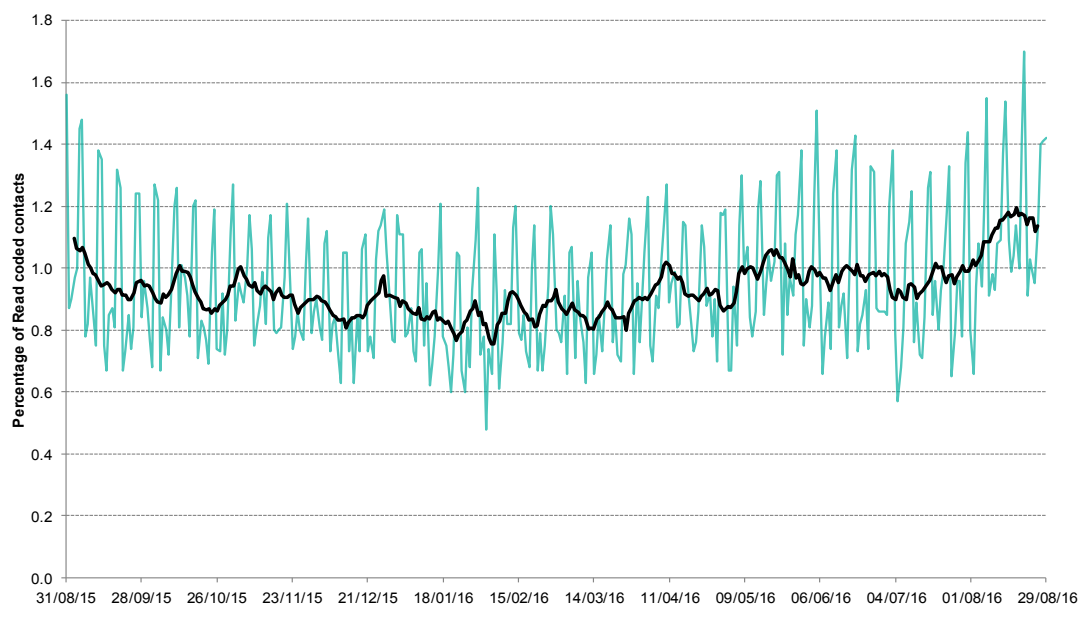
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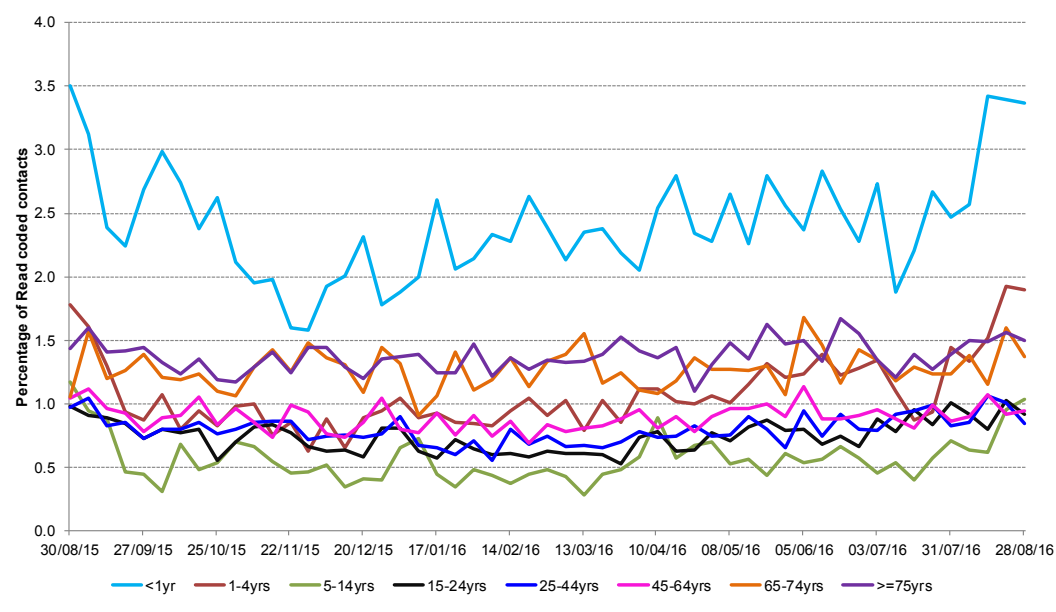
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8: Diarrhoea daily contacts.

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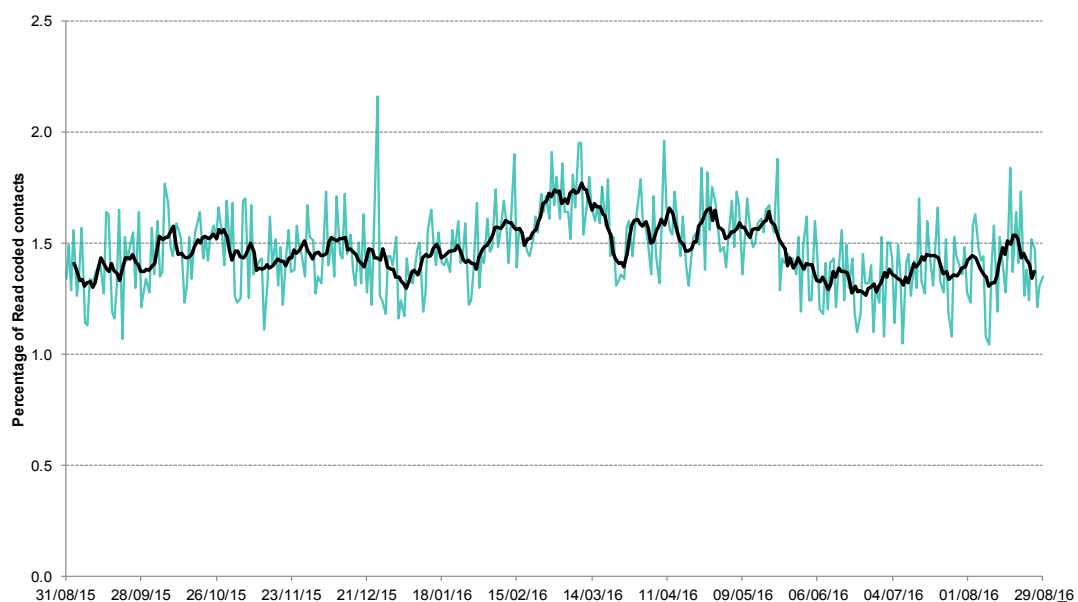


8a: Diarrhoea weekly contacts by age group.



9: Vomiting daily contacts.

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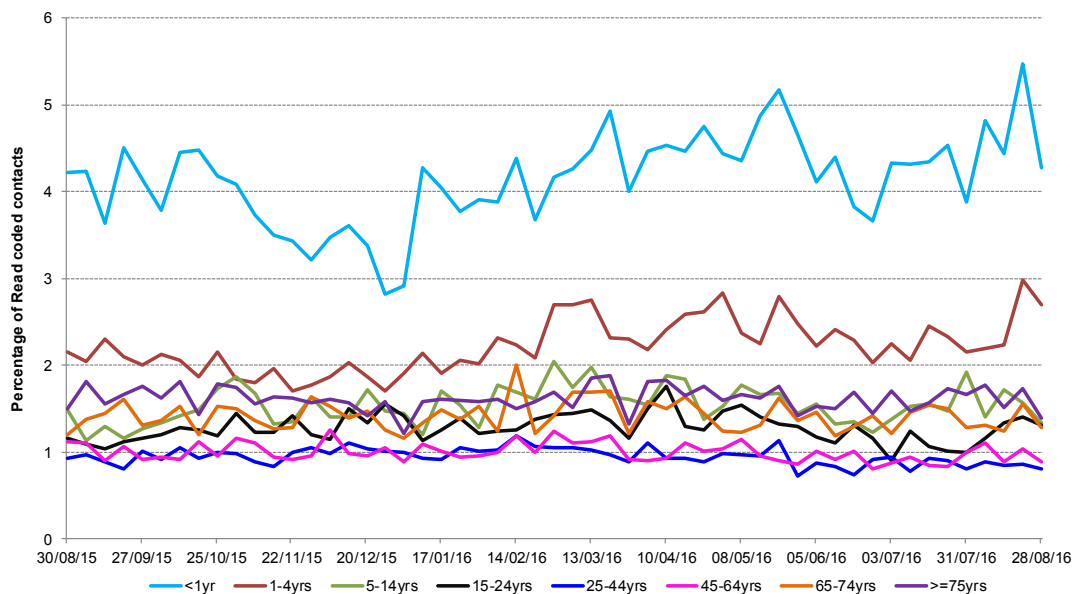


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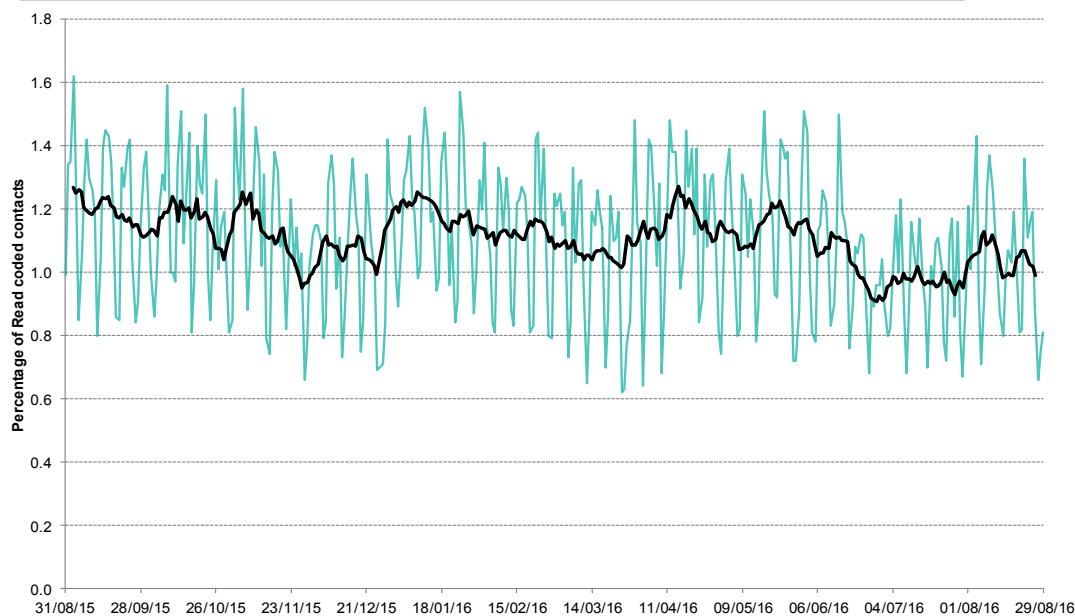
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9a: Vomiting weekly contacts by age group.



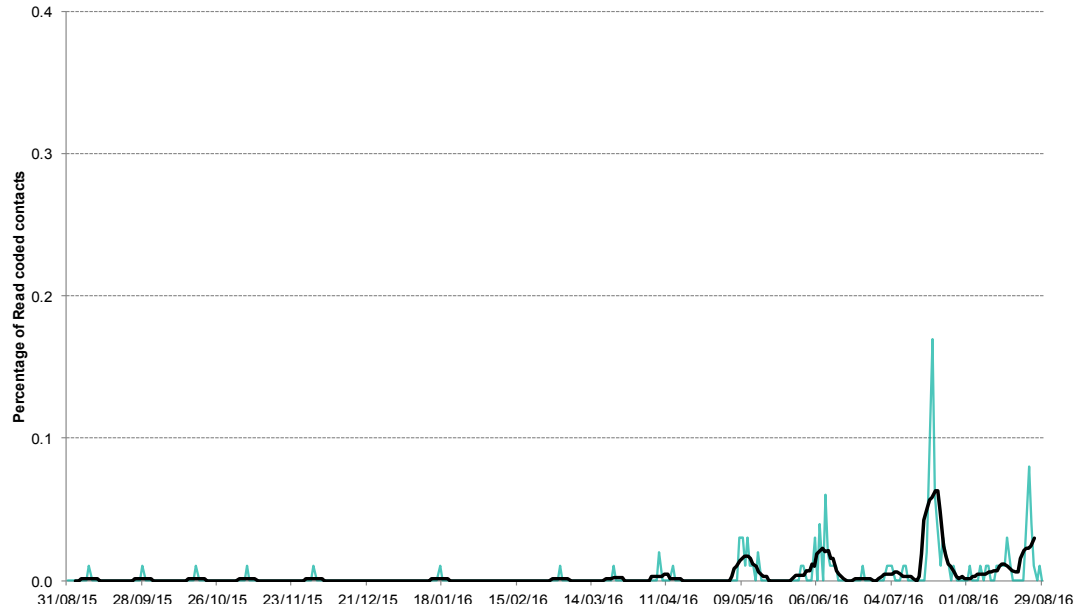
10: Myocardial Infarction daily contacts.

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11: Heatstroke 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:

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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