



05 December 2017

Year: 2017 Week: 48

**Syndromic  
surveillance national  
summary:**

## Reporting week: 27 November to 3 December 2017

During week 48 there were decreases in GP out of hours consultations and Emergency Department attendances for bronchitis/bronchiolitis and in NHS 111 calls for cough and difficulty breathing.

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**Remote Health  
Advice:**

During week 48 NHS 111 difficulty breathing and cough calls decreased, particularly in the under 5 years age group (figures 4, 4a, 5 & 5a).

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

**GP In Hours:**

During week 48 there were continued small increases in GP consultations for upper respiratory tract infection and lower respiratory tract infection, both within seasonally expected limits (figures 1 & 5).

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

**Emergency  
Department:**

During week 48 there was a small decrease in attendances for bronchitis/bronchiolitis (figure 10).

[Click to access the EDSSS bulletin](#)

**GP Out of Hours:**

Consultations for bronchitis/bronchiolitis decreased during week 48, mainly in children under 5 years (figures 4 & 4a).

[Click to access the GPOHSS bulletin](#)

**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

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

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