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Year: 2017 Week: 43

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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).

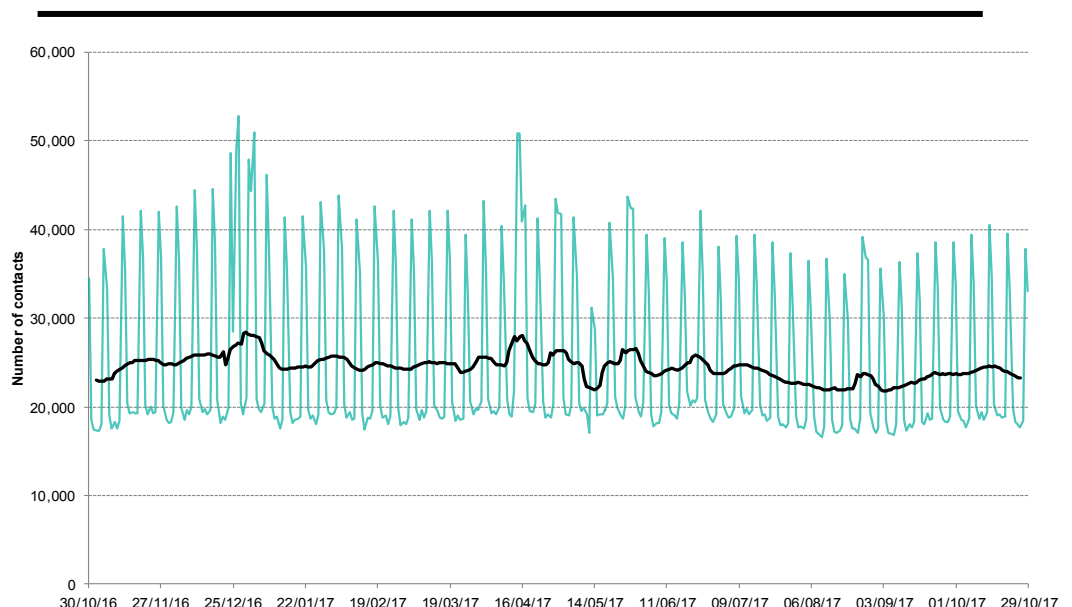
Key messages

Data to: 29 October 2017

There were further small increases in GP out of hours consultations for bronchitis/bronchiolitis during week 43: levels remain within seasonally expected limits (figure 4). The increases were recorded mainly in the <1 years age group (figure 4a), in line with recent small increases in laboratory reports for respiratory syncytial virus (RSV).

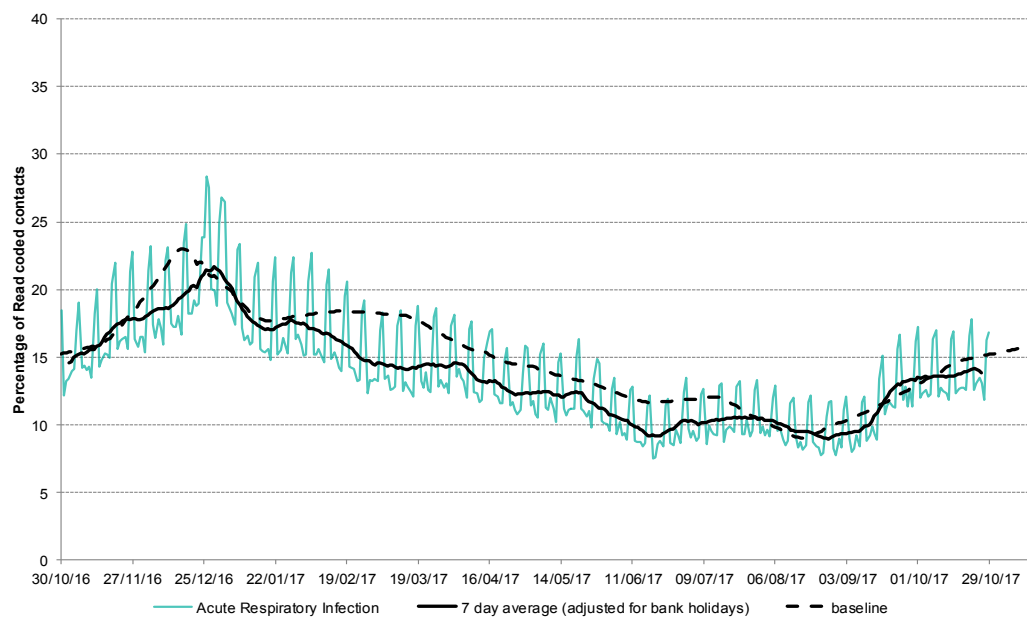
Key indicator	No. of contacts	% Week 43	% Week 42	Trend*
All OOH contacts, all causes	168,873			
Acute respiratory infection	11,727	14.58	14.73	↔
Influenza-like illness	144	0.18	0.17	↔
Bronchitis/bronchiolitis	232	0.29	0.25	↑
Difficulty breathing/wheeze/asthma	2,026	2.52	2.19	↓
Pharyngitis	76	0.09	0.08	↔
Gastroenteritis	3,321	4.13	3.95	↔
Diarrhoea	799	0.99	0.92	↔
Vomiting	1,259	1.57	1.54	↔
Myocardial infarction	762	0.95	1.04	↓

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

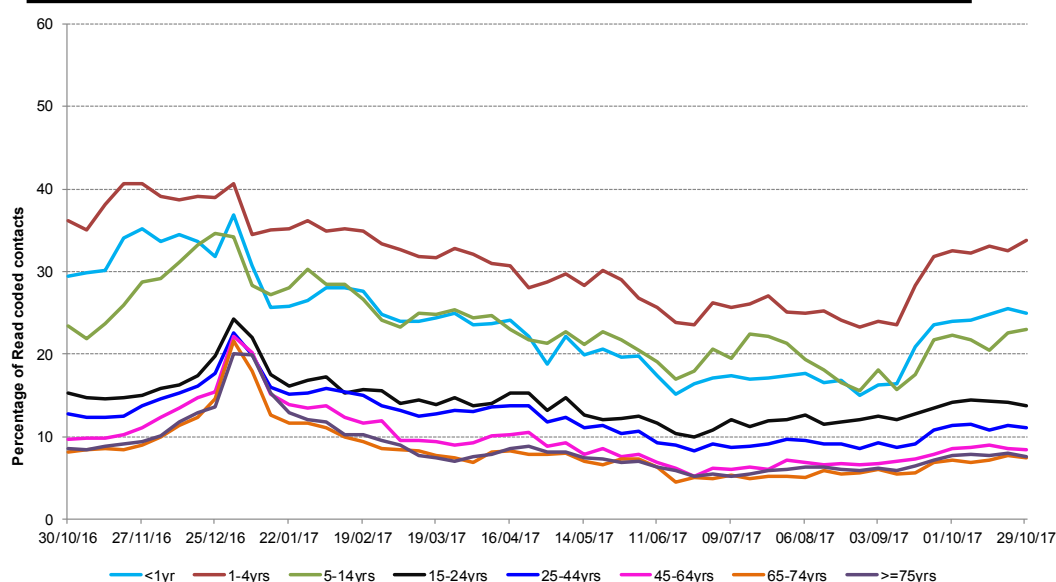


2: Acute Respiratory Infection daily contacts.

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

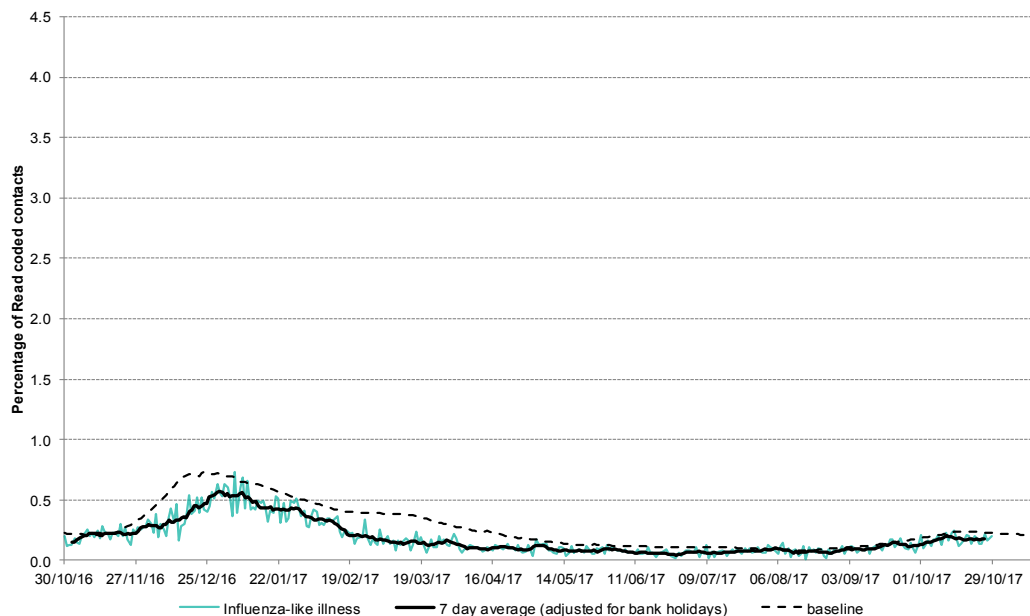


2a: Acute Respiratory Infection contacts by age group.



3: Influenza-like illness daily contacts.

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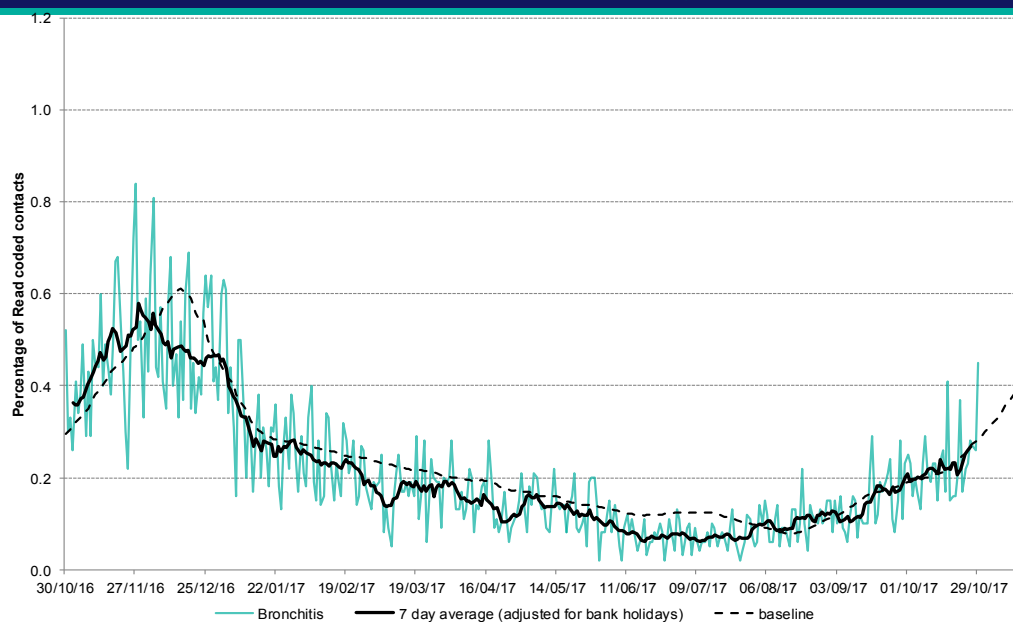
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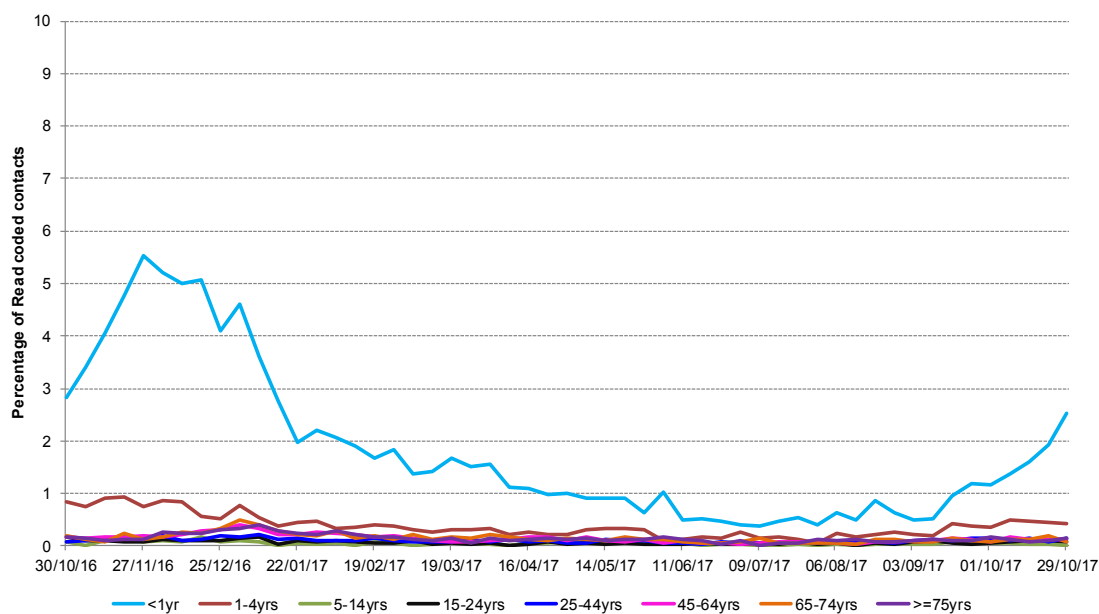
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**4: Bronchitis/
bronchiolitis daily
contacts.**

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

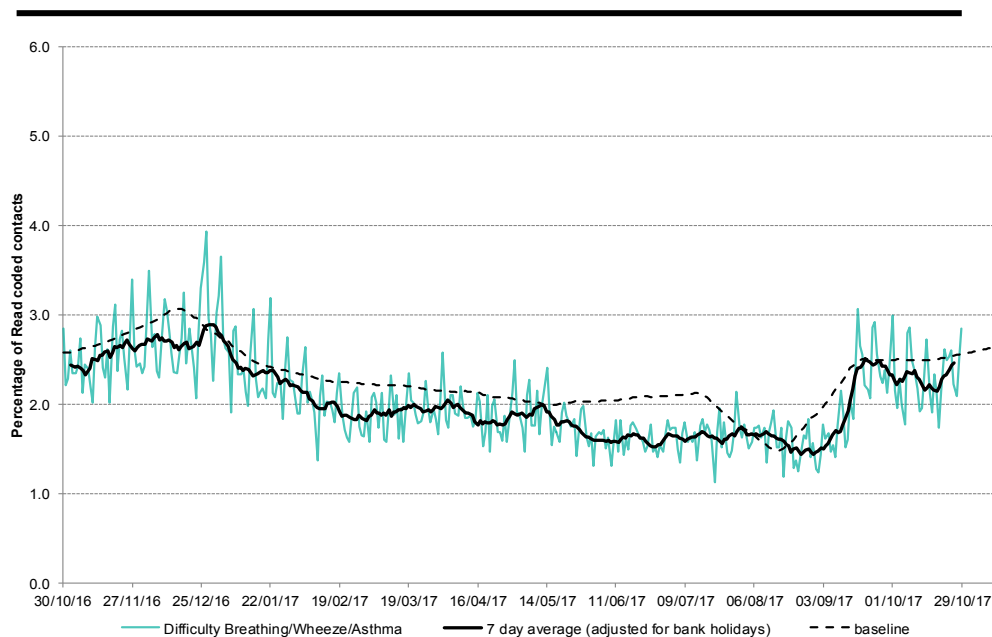


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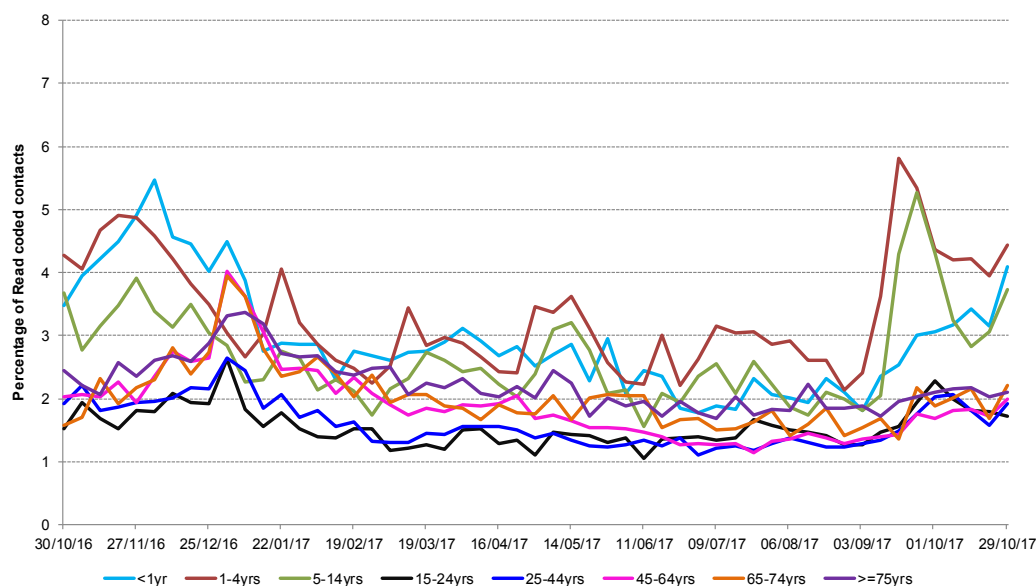
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**5: Difficulty breathing/
wheeze/asthma daily
contacts.**

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

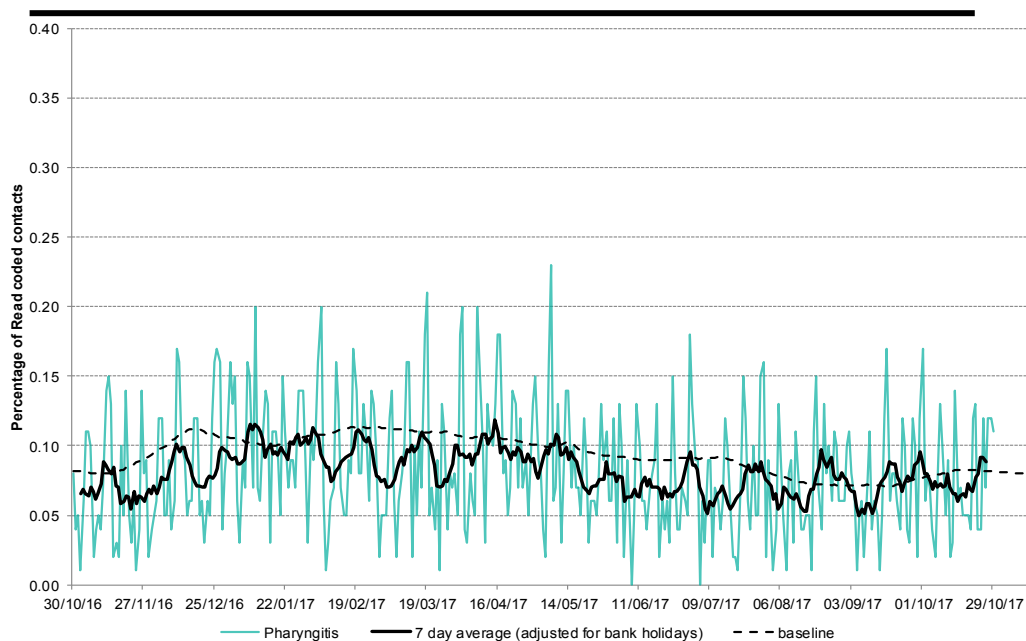


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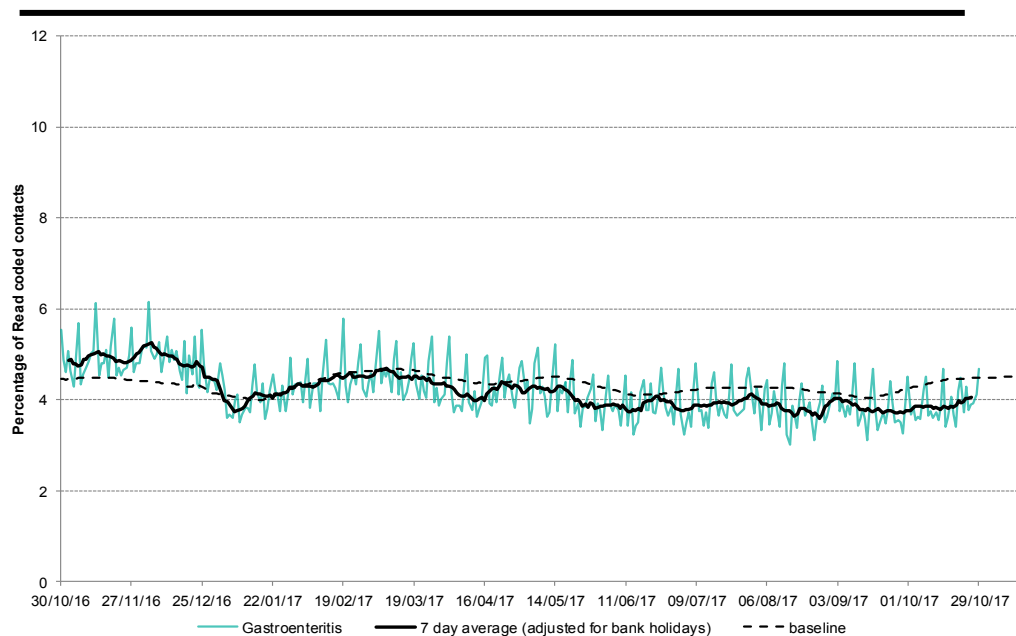
6: Acute pharyngitis and persistent sore throat.

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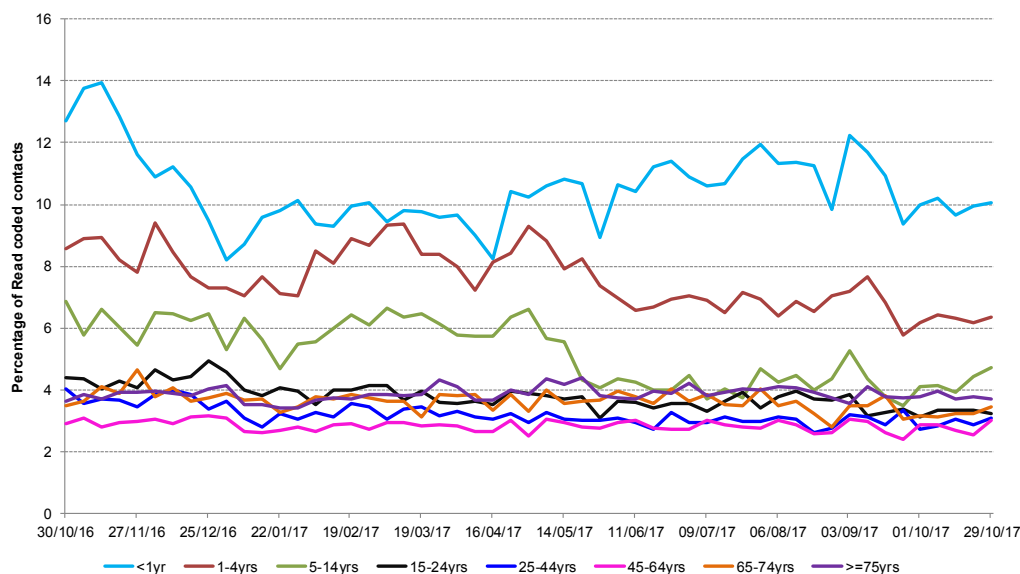
7: Gastroenteritis daily contacts

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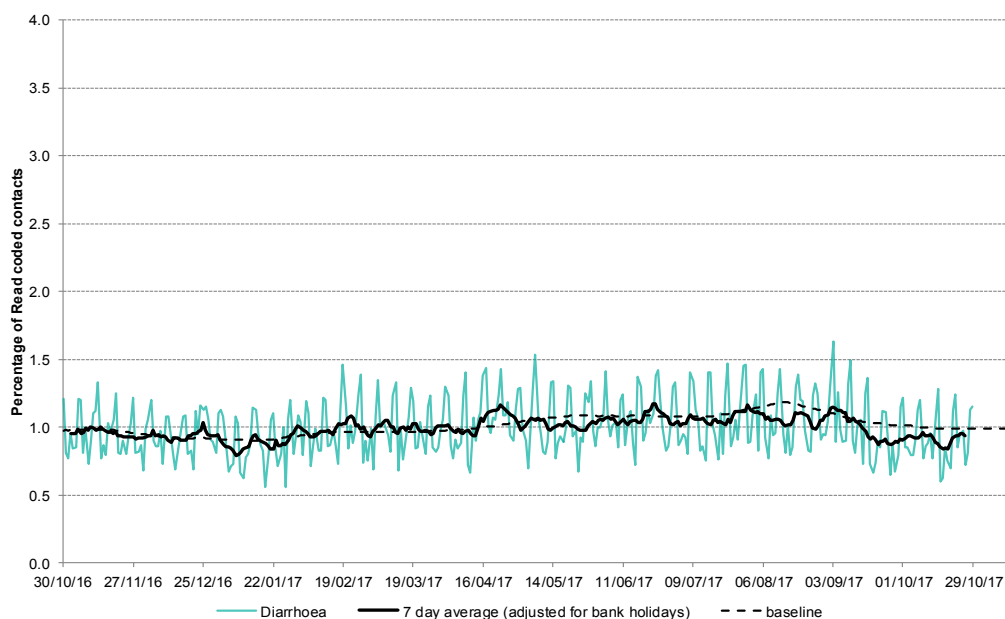
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7a: Gastroenteritis weekly contacts by age group.

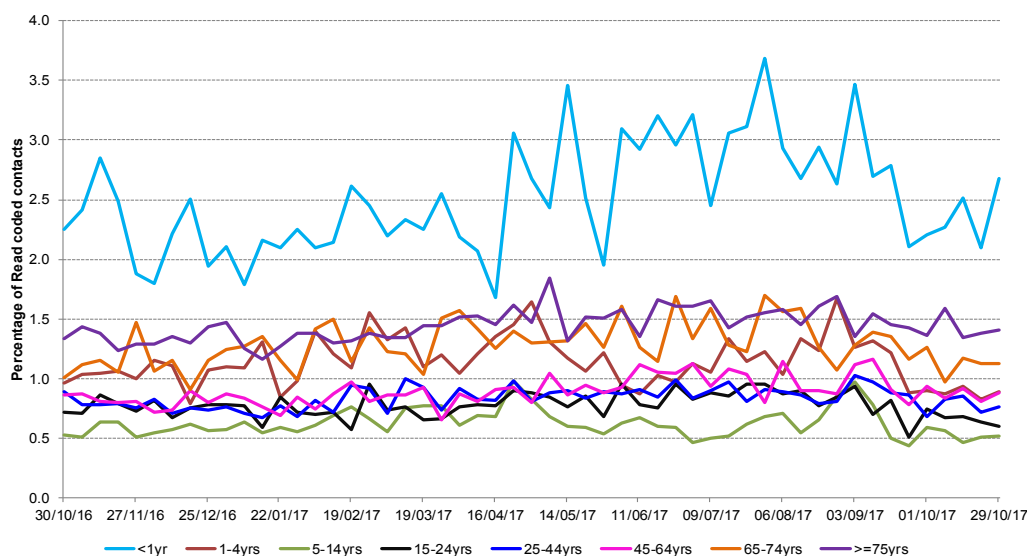


8: Diarrhoea daily contacts.

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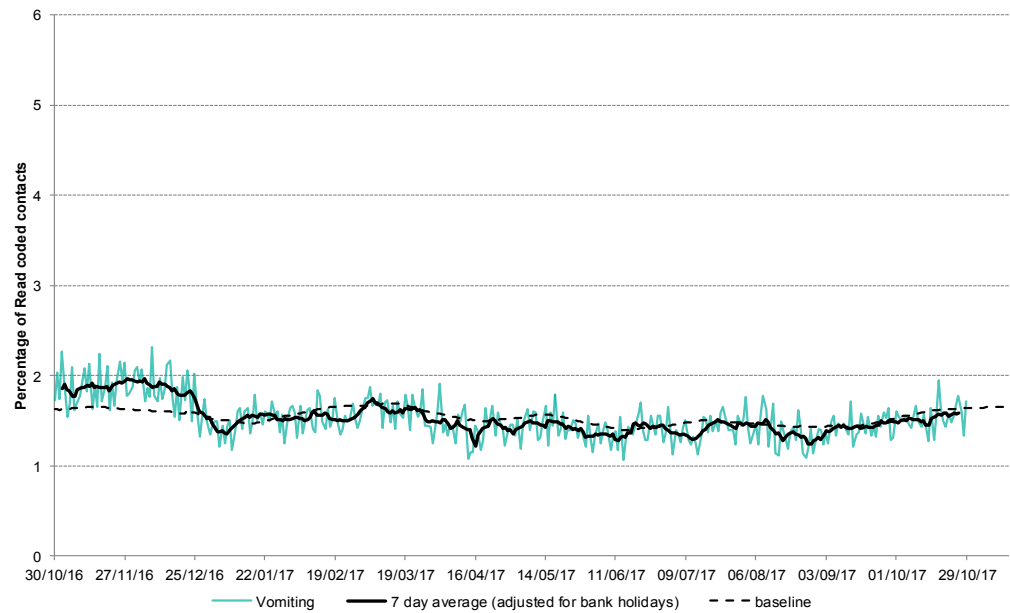
8a: Diarrhoea weekly contacts by age group.



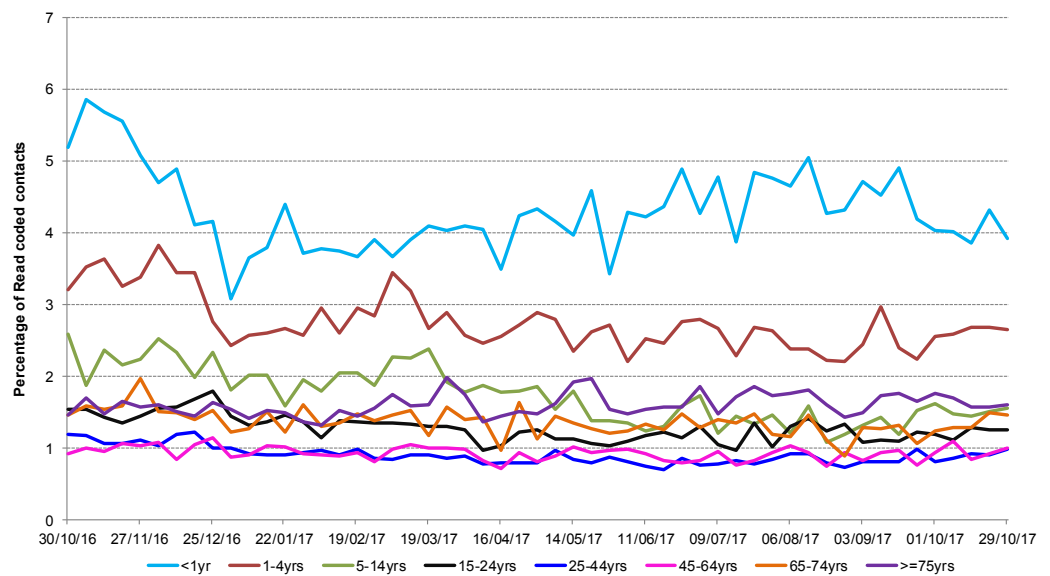
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9: Vomiting daily contacts.

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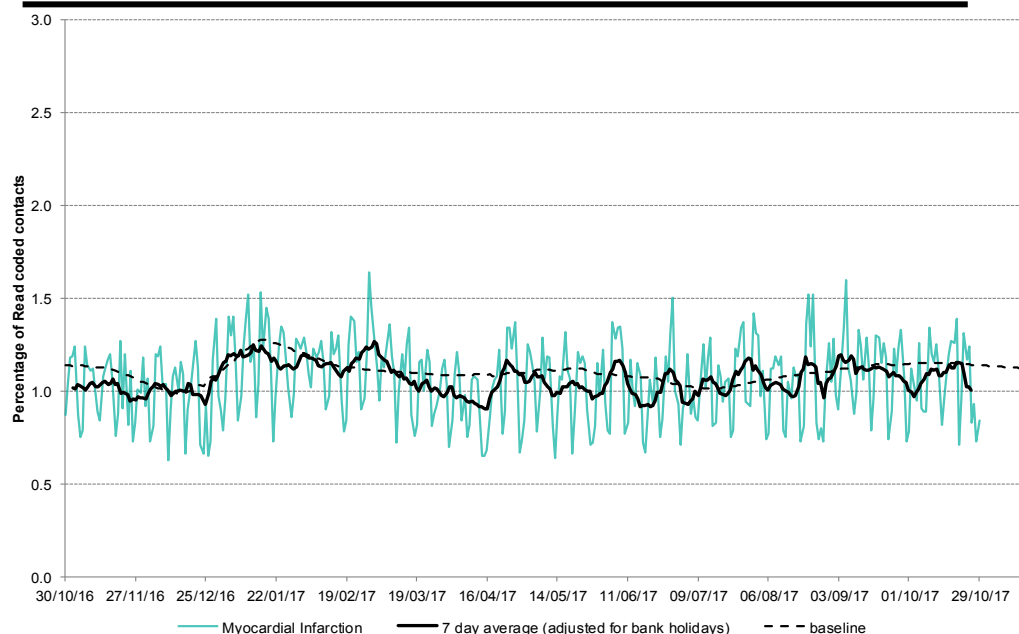


9a: Vomiting weekly contacts by age group.



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 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.
- Baselines represent seasonally expected levels of activity and are constructed from historical data. Furthermore, they take into account any known substantial changes in data collection, population coverage or reporting practices. Baselines are refreshed using the latest data on a regular basis.

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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