



04 December 2018

Year: 2018 Week: 48

**Syndromic
surveillance national
summary:**

Reporting week: 26 November to 2 December 2018

During week 48 there were further seasonally expected increases in respiratory conditions, including cold/flu calls and GP consultations for upper and lower respiratory tract infections. Bronchiolitis indicators remain high in line with laboratory reports for respiratory syncytial virus (RSV).

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**Remote Health
Advice:**

Cold/flu calls increased slightly in week 48 and are now at low intensity levels in line with seasonal expectations (Figures 2, 2b & 2c).

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GP In Hours:

During week 48 GP consultations for respiratory conditions including upper and lower respiratory tract infections, and asthma increased in line with seasonally expected levels (figures 1, 5 & 10).

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**Emergency
Department:**

During week 48 ED attendances for bronchiolitis decreased (figure 6).

[Click to access the EDSSS bulletin](#)

GP Out of Hours:

There was a continued increase in consultations for bronchitis/ bronchiolitis (figure 4), in line with recent increases in laboratory reports for respiratory syncytial virus (RSV).

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**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 national 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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 - TPP, ResearchOne and participating SystmOne GP practices
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