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Key messages

Data to: 01 December 2019

During week 48 ED attendances for influenza-like-illness continued to increase in children aged 5-14 years (figure 7a).

ED attendances for bronchiolitis also showed a further increase in young children aged under 1 year in line with seasonal increases in respiratory syncytial virus activity (figure 6a).

A Cold Watch System operates in England from 1 November to 31 March each year. As part of the Public Health England Cold Weather Plan for England the PHE Real-time Syndromic Surveillance Team will be monitoring the impact of cold weather on syndromic surveillance data during this period.

Cold weather alert level (current reporting week): **Level 1/2 Winter preparedness/Alert & readiness**
<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/coldweatheralert/>

Diagnostic indicators at a glance:

Further details on the syndromic indicators reported can be found on page 9.

Indicator	Current trend
Respiratory	no trend
Acute Respiratory Infection	no trend
Bronchiolitis	increasing
Influenza-like Illness	increasing
Pneumonia	no trend
Asthma	no trend
Gastrointestinal	decreasing
Gastroenteritis	decreasing
Cardiac	no trend
Myocardial Ischaemia	no trend

EDSSS weekly report statistics

Only Type 1 EDs meeting the weekly reporting criteria are included (see page 6 for details).

*max EDs included across full time period reported in charts, individual days may include fewer EDs.

Date	Total Attendances	Diagnoses Coded Number	%	Type 1 EDs Included
25/11/2019	30,255	20,699	68.4%	101
26/11/2019	29,211	19,671	67.3%	101
27/11/2019	28,112	18,881	67.2%	101
28/11/2019	27,410	18,259	66.6%	101
29/11/2019	24,907	17,027	68.4%	98
30/11/2019	23,199	16,024	69.1%	94
01/12/2019	24,815	17,041	68.7%	98
Total	187,909	127,602	67.9%	(max)* 101

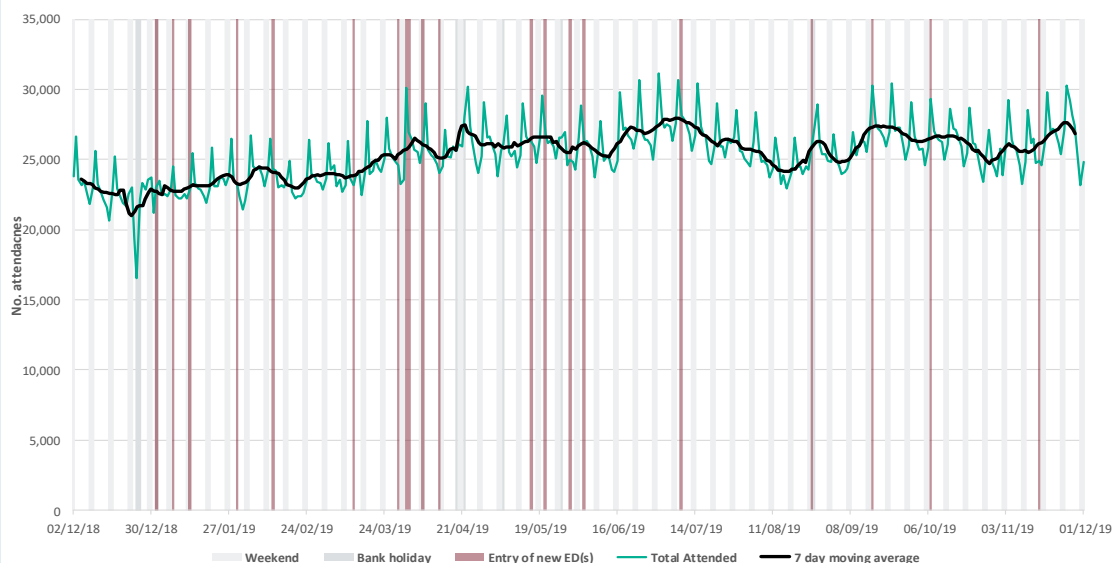
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1: Total attendances.

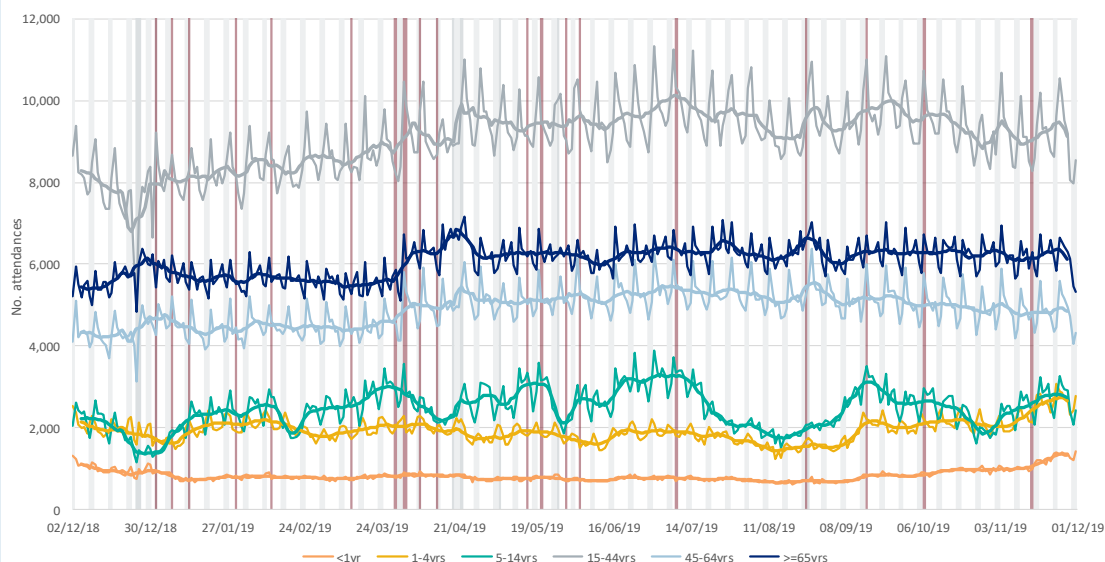
Daily number of total attendances recorded, across the EDSSS network.

The entry of new ED(s) is marked by a vertical red line (see page 6 for inclusion criteria).



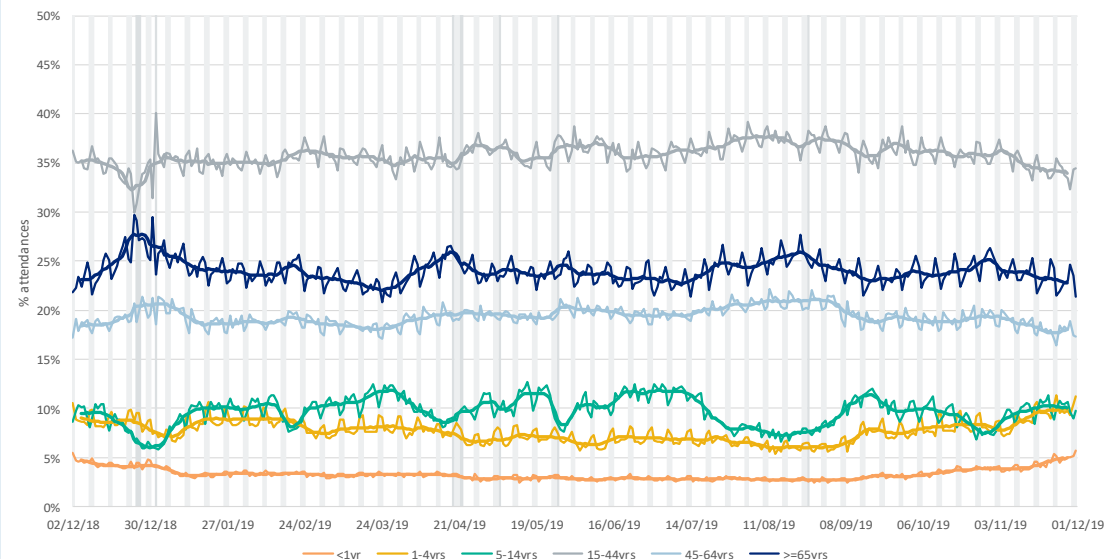
2: Daily attendances by age: Numbers.

Daily number of total attendances, by age group, recorded across the EDSSS network.



3: Daily attendances by age: Percentages

Daily percentage of total attendances by age group, recorded across the EDSSS network.

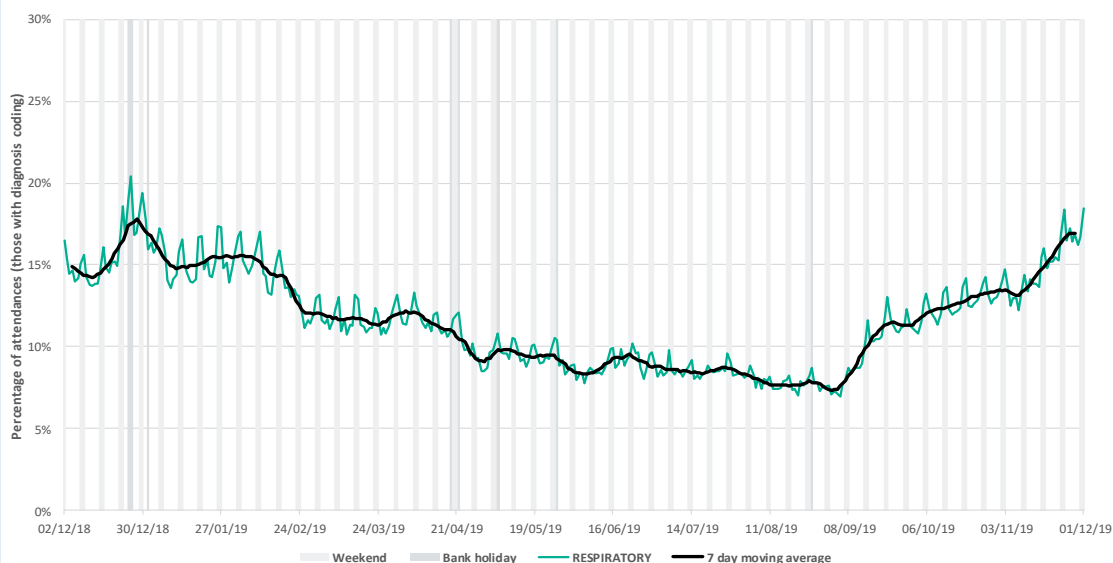


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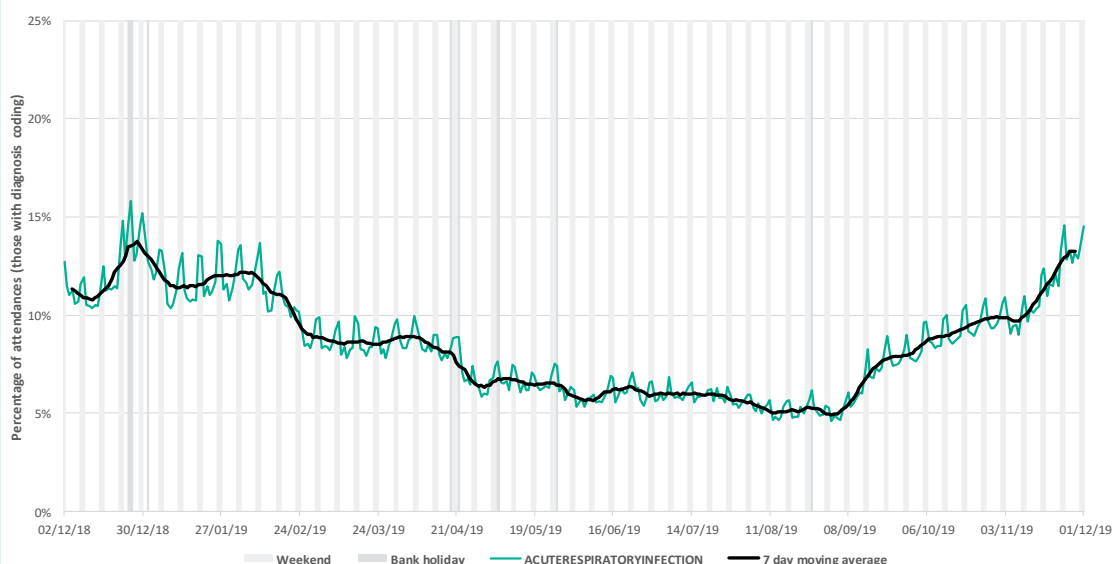
4: Respiratory.

Daily percentage of all attendances recorded as respiratory attendances across the EDSSS network.



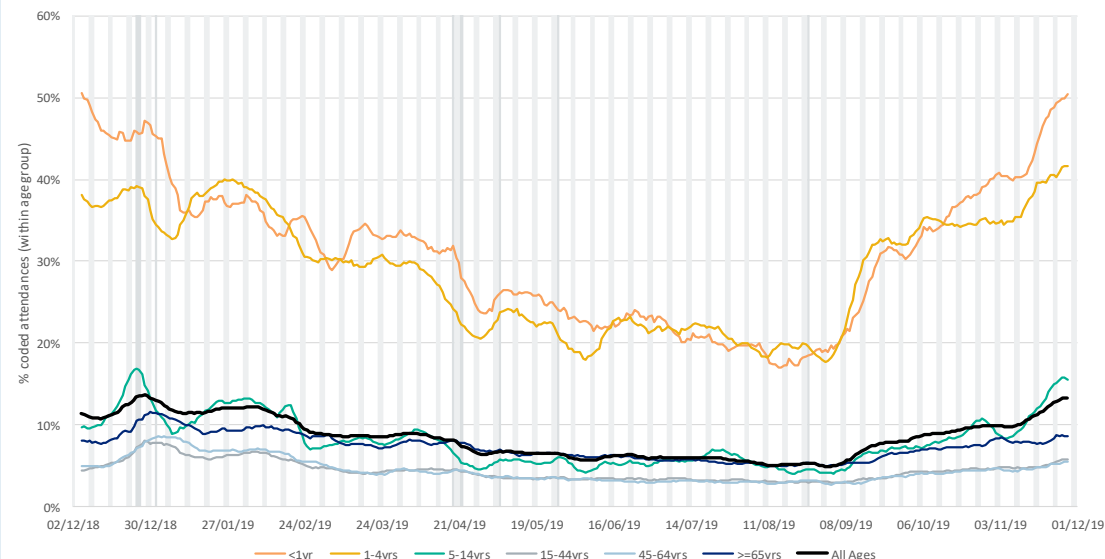
5: Acute Respiratory Infection.

Daily percentage of all attendances recorded as acute respiratory infection attendances across the EDSSS network.



5a: Acute Respiratory Infection by age group.

7 day moving average of ARI attendances presented as a proportion of the attendances within each age group.

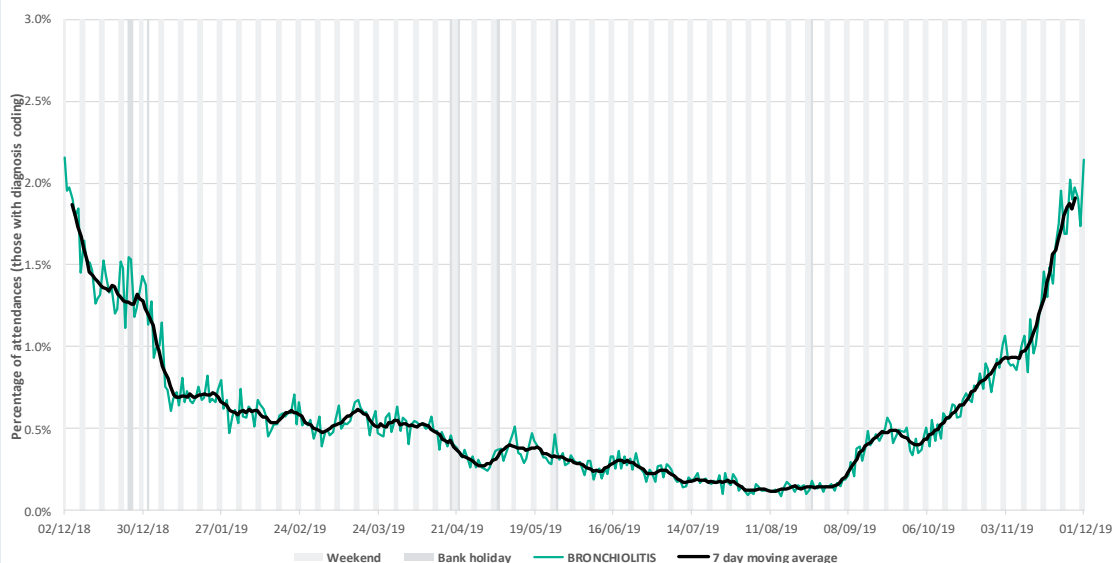


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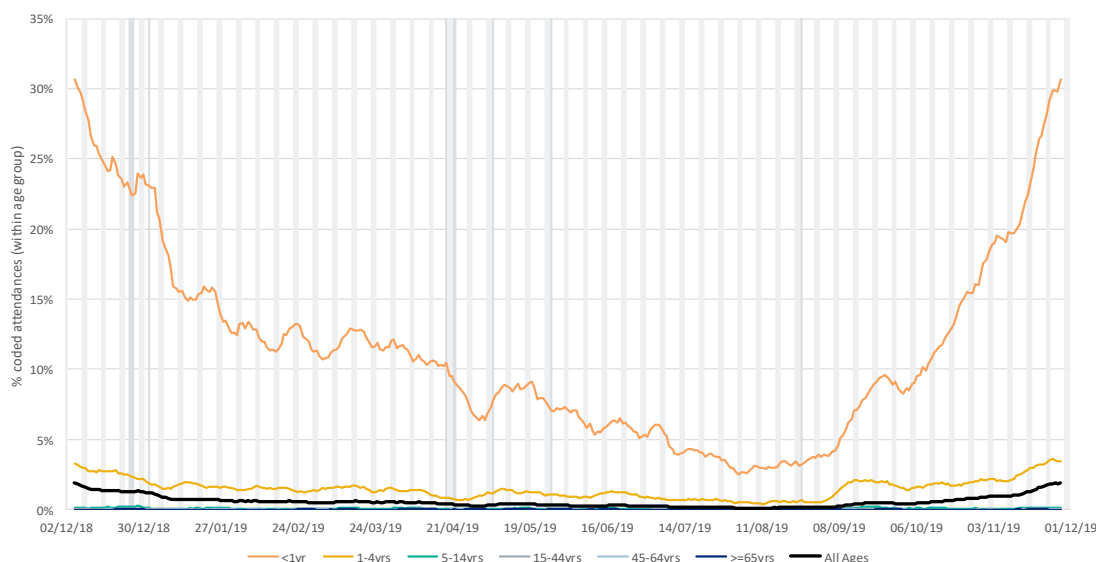
6: Bronchiolitis/ bronchitis.

Daily percentage of all attendances recorded as bronchiolitis/ acute bronchitis attendances across the EDSSS network.



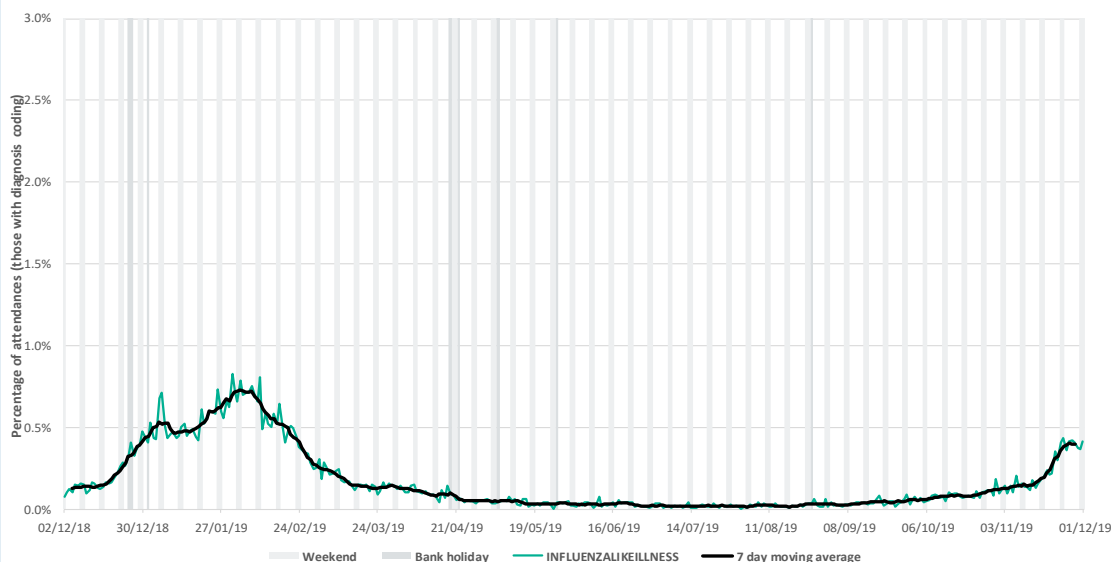
6a: Bronchiolitis/ bronchitis by age group

7 day moving average of bronchitis/ bronchiolitis attendances presented as a proportion of the attendances within each age group.



7: Influenza-like illness.

Daily percentage of all attendances recorded as influenza-like illness attendances across the EDSSS network.

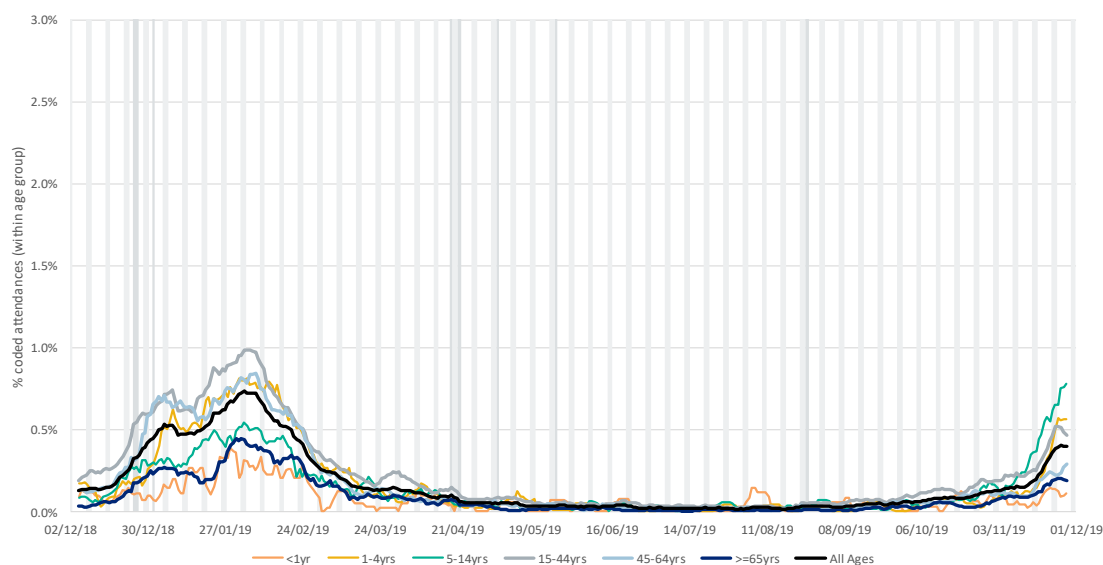


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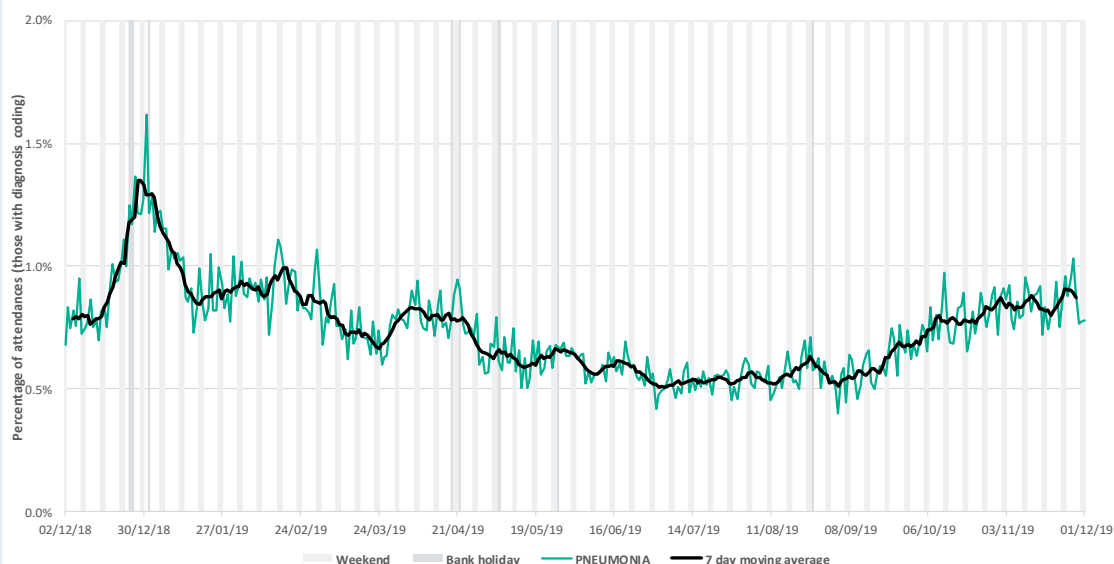
7a: Influenza-like illness by age group

7 day moving average of influenza-like illness attendances presented as a proportion of the attendances within each age group.



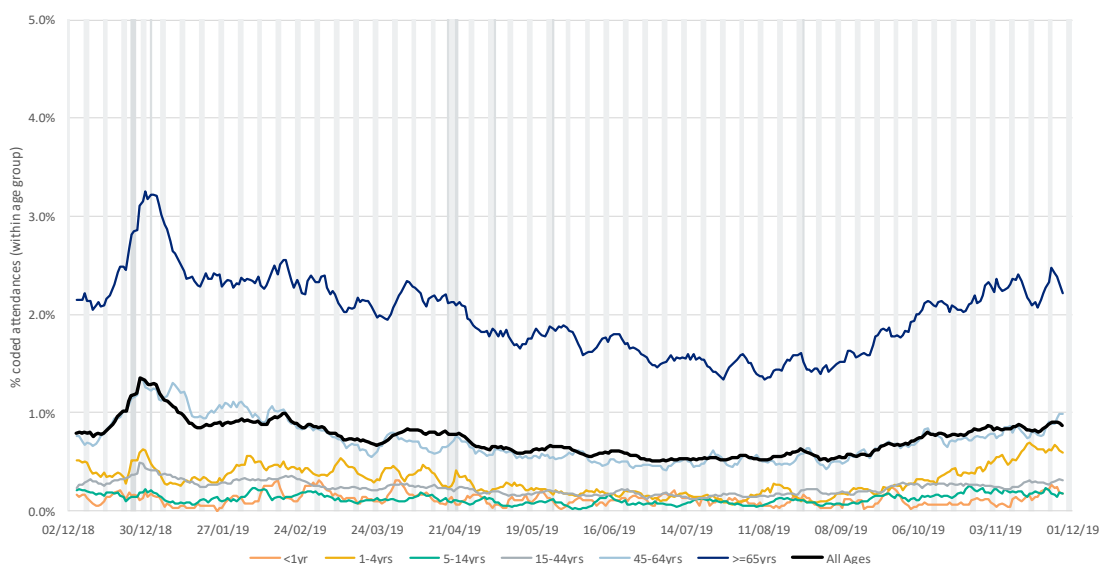
8: Pneumonia.

Daily percentage of all attendances recorded as pneumonia attendances across the EDSSS network.



8a: Pneumonia by age group.

7 day moving average of pneumonia attendances presented as a proportion of the attendances within each age group.

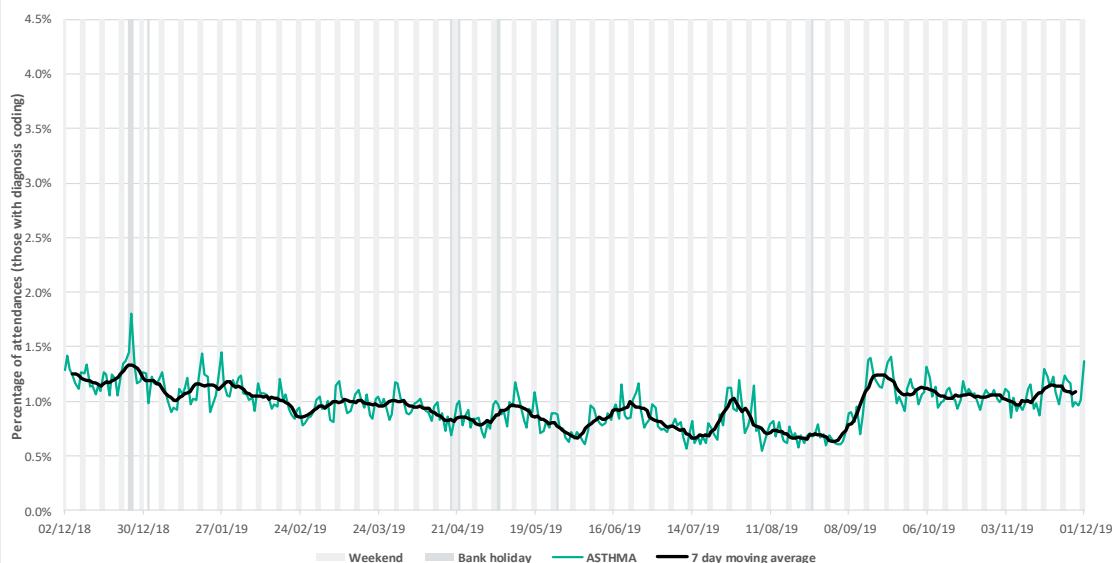


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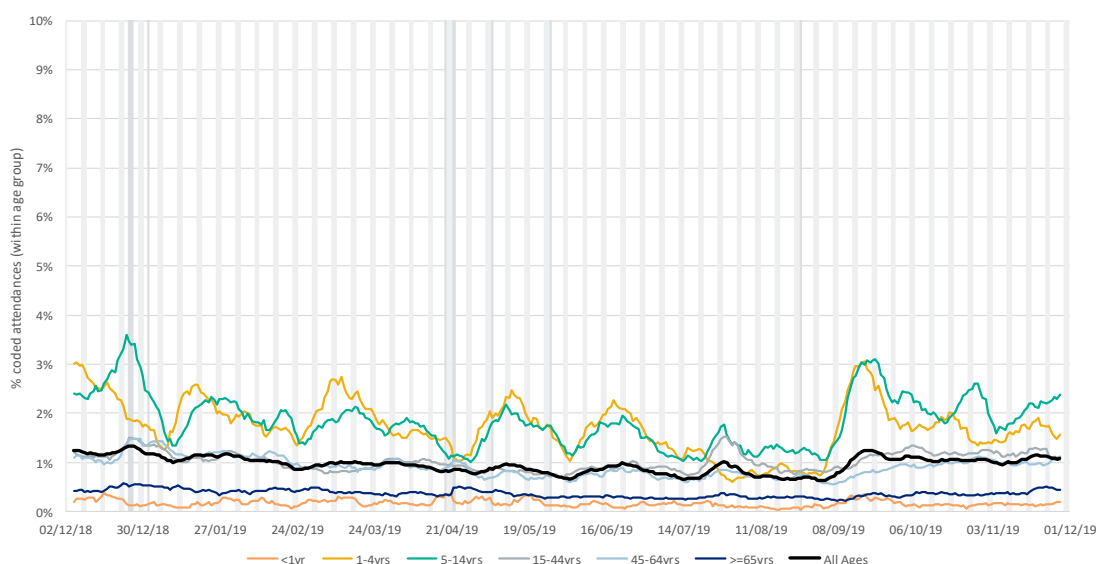
9: Asthma.

Daily percentage of all attendances recorded as asthma/wheeze/difficulty breathing across the EDSSS network.



9a: Asthma by age group.

7 day moving average of asthma/wheeze/difficulty breathing attendances presented as a proportion of the attendances within each age group.



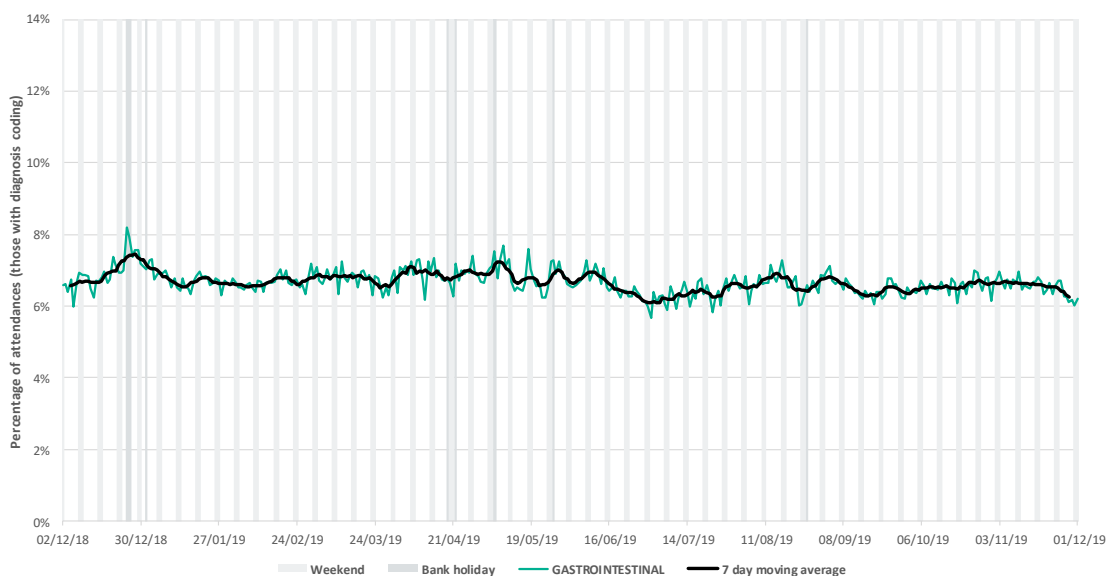
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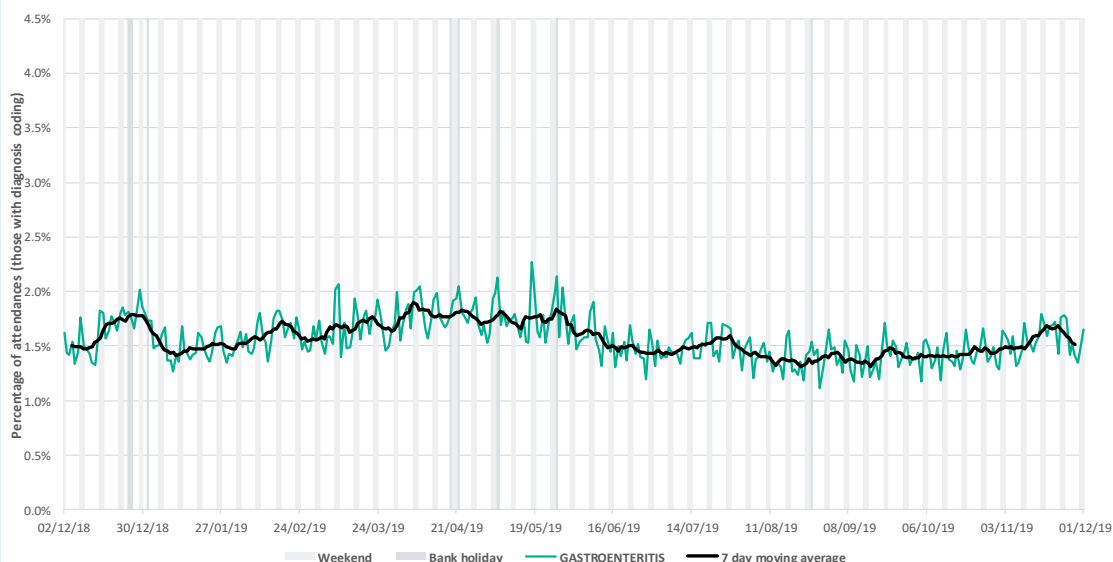
10: Gastrointestinal.

Daily percentage of all attendances recorded as gastrointestinal across the EDSSS network.



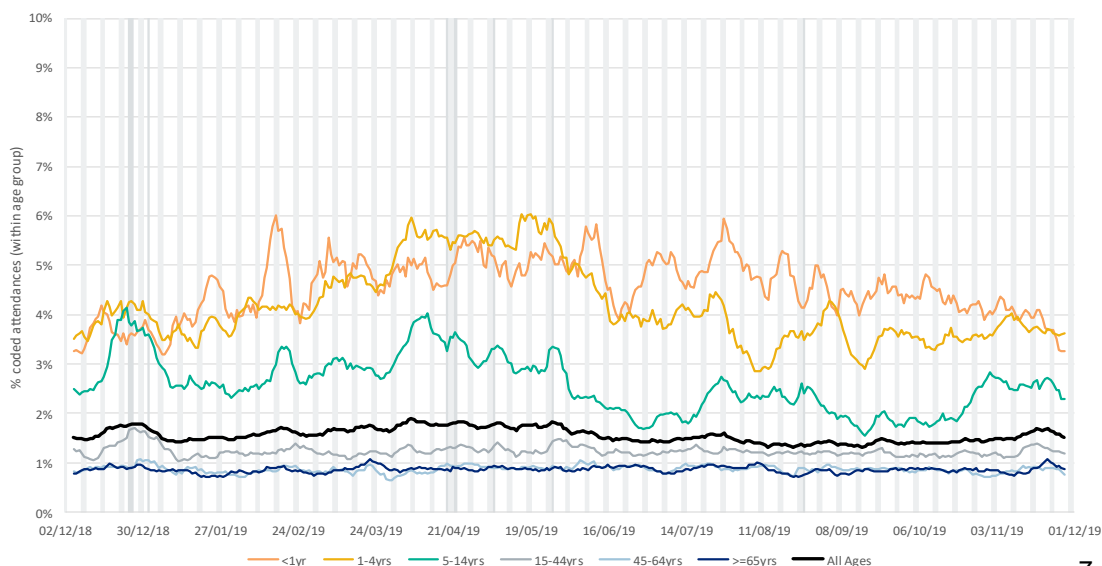
11: Gastroenteritis

Daily percentage of all attendances recorded as gastroenteritis across the EDSSS network.



11a: Gastroenteritis by age group.

7 day moving average of gastroenteritis attendances presented as a proportion of the attendances within each age group.

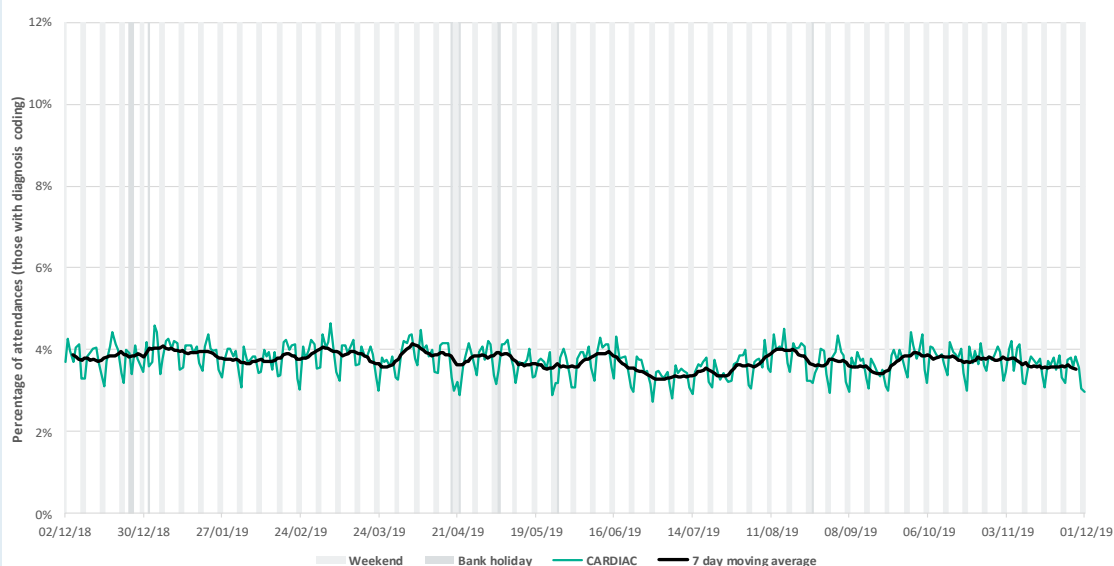


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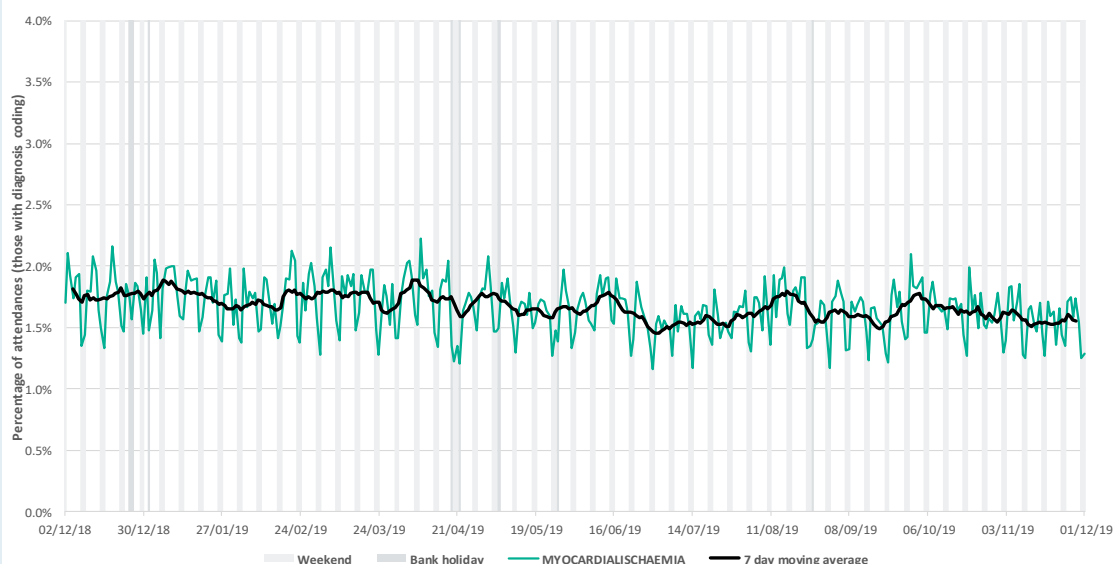
12: Cardiac.

Daily percentage of all attendances recorded as cardiac attendances across the EDSSS network.



13: Myocardial Ischaemia.

Daily percentage of all attendances recorded as myocardial ischaemia attendances across the EDSSS network.



Notes and caveats:

- ▶ **National EDSSS** began operating in April 2018
- ▶ Following the introduction of the Emergency Care Data Set (ECDS) the national reporting of secondary care activity data through the commissioning data sets mechanism from EDs to NHS Digital became a daily feed:
<https://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/tsd/ec-data-set/>
- ▶ EDSSS receives an automated daily transfer of anonymised ED data from NHS Digital
- ▶ The number of EDs reporting through ECDS continues to increase
- ▶ Not all EDs currently provide data through ECDS on a daily basis
- ▶ EDs are eligible for inclusion in this report only where the **weekly EDSSS reporting criteria** have been met during the surveillance week reported:
 - Data relates to attendances at a type 1 ED
 - Data for 4 of the 7 days was received by PHE
 - Data for those days was received within 2 calendar days of the patient arrival
- ▶ Where an ED meets these criteria, all data received from that ED previous to the current surveillance week is included.
- ▶ EDs eligible for inclusion is likely to change each week, which will in turn affect the historical data inclusion
- ▶ Individual EDs will not be identified in syndromic surveillance reporting in these bulletins
- ▶ All EDs report diagnoses to EDSSS using SnomedCT codes. Where Snomed codes are not used the ED is excluded from indicator analysis
- ▶ The syndromic indicators presented in this bulletin are based on the SnomedCT diagnosis codes reported by EDs:
 - Respiratory:** All respiratory diseases and conditions (infectious and non infectious).
 - Acute Respiratory Infections (ARI):** All acute infectious respiratory diseases.
 - Asthma:** As indicated by title.
 - Bronchiolitis/ bronchitis:** As indicated by title (excluding 'chronic').
 - Influenza-like Illness (ILI):** As indicated by title.
 - Pneumonia:** As indicated by title.
- Gastrointestinal:** All gastrointestinal diseases and conditions (infectious and non infectious).
- Gastroenteritis:** All infectious gastrointestinal diseases.
- Cardiac:** All cardiac conditions.
- Myocardial Ischaemia:** All ischaemic heart disease.
- ▶ **Sentinel EDSSS** 2010 to March 2018, collected data through a bespoke, voluntary network of EDs across England and Northern Ireland
- ▶ **Sentinel EDSSS** reports be found in bulletins up to and including week 13 2018:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/syndromic-surveillance-systems-and-analyses>

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