



# Weekly Influenza and COVID-19 Surveillance graphs

UKHSA publishes a weekly national influenza and COVID-19 surveillance report which summarises the information from the surveillance systems which are used to monitor influenza, COVID-19 and other seasonal respiratory viruses in England.

Additional figures based on these surveillance systems are included in this slide set.

The figures presented in this slide set are based on data from week 43 (between 24 October and 30 October 2022).



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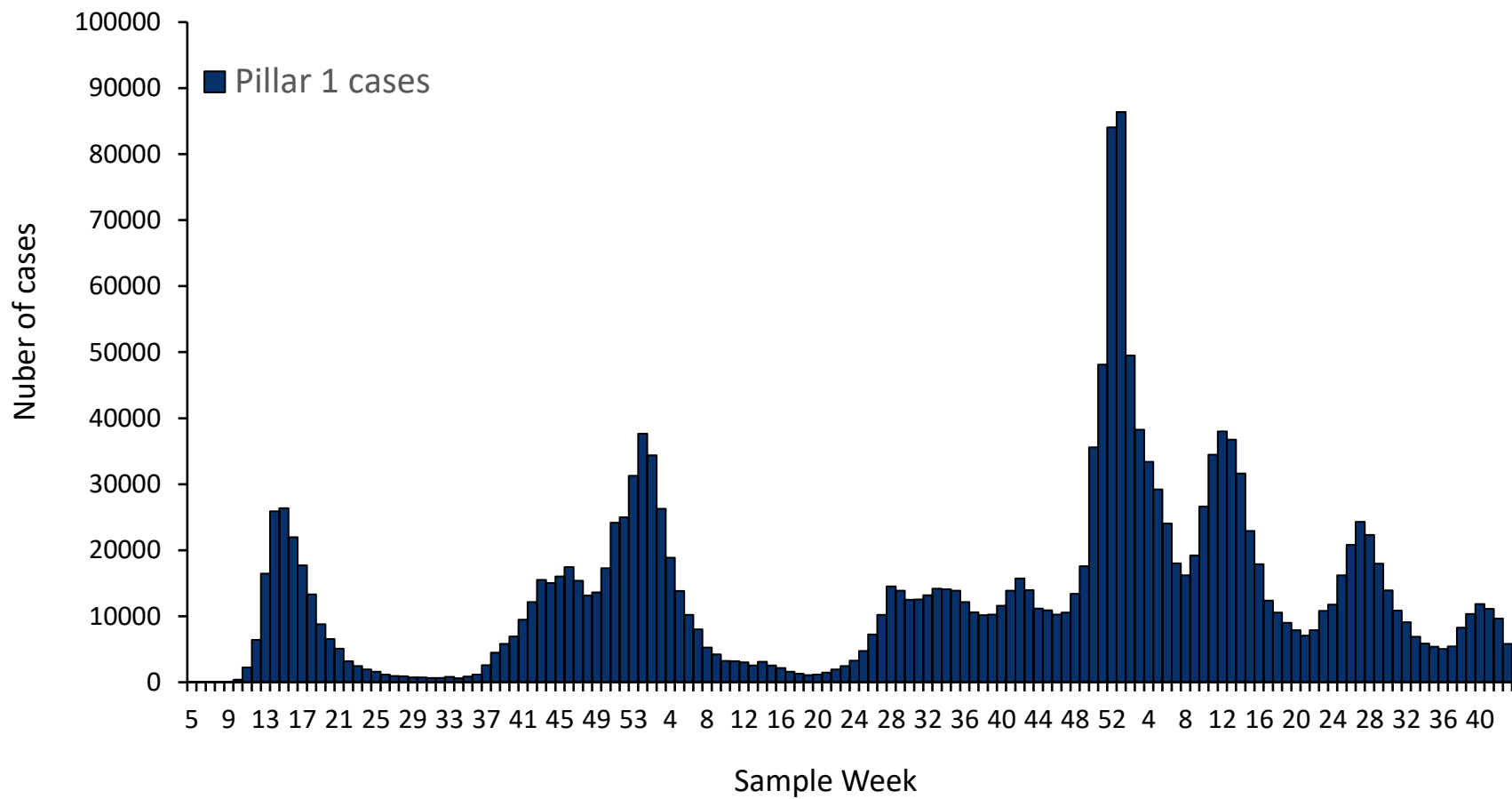


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# COVID-19 Pandemic Overview

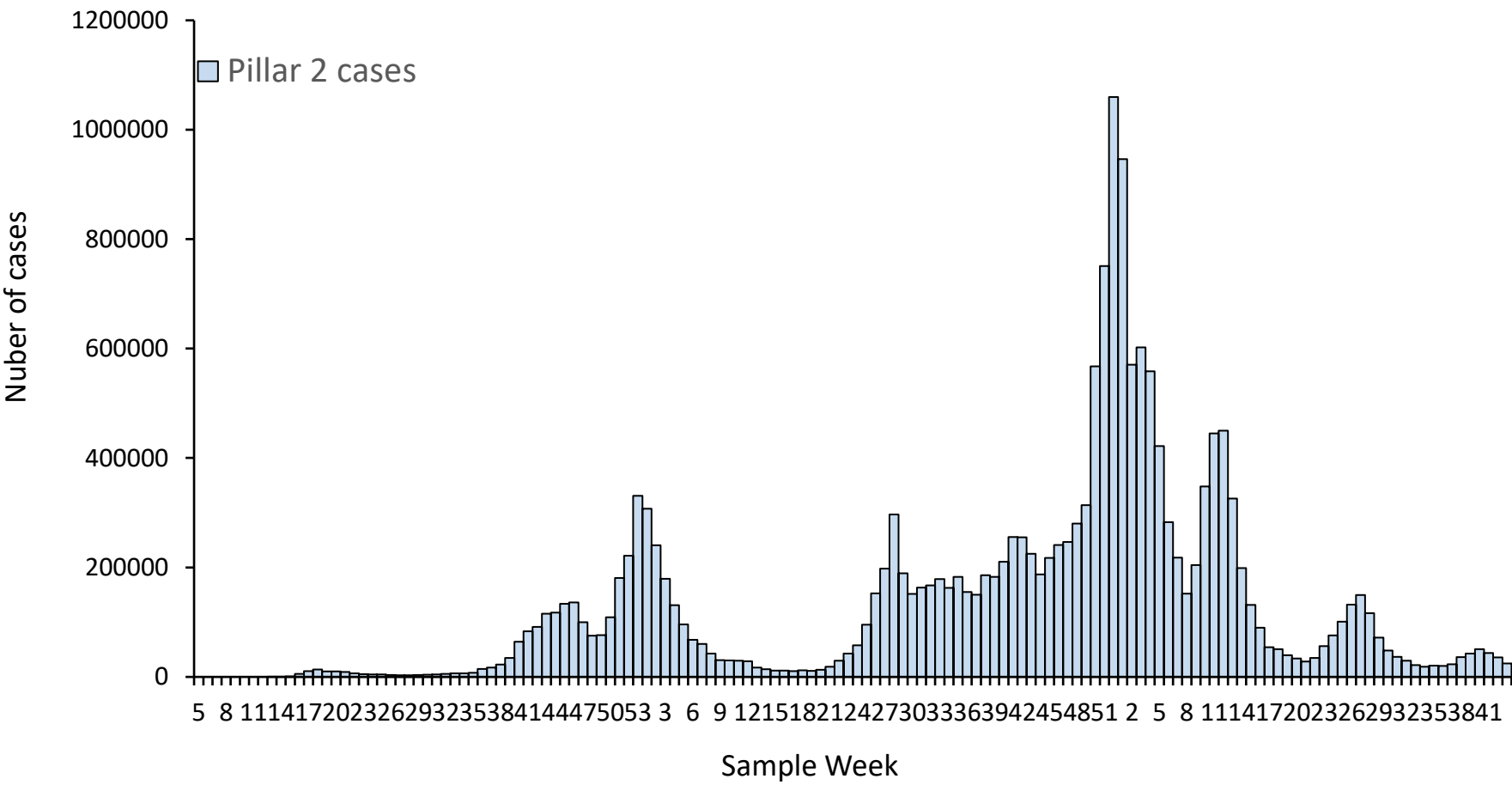


# Confirmed COVID-19 episodes tested under Pillar 1, by sample week, since week 5 2020



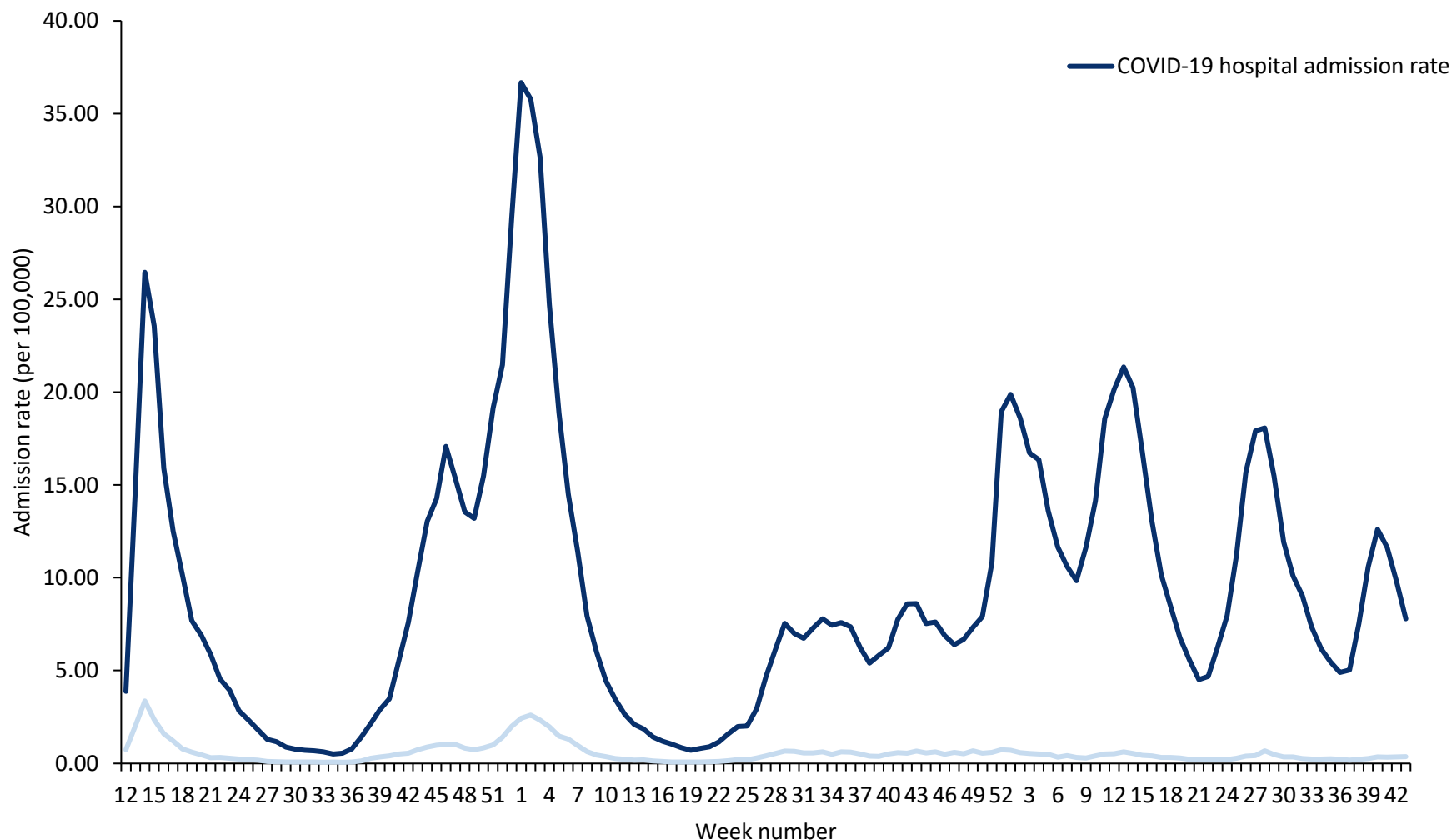


# Confirmed COVID-19 episodes tested under Pillar 2, by sample week, since week 5 2020



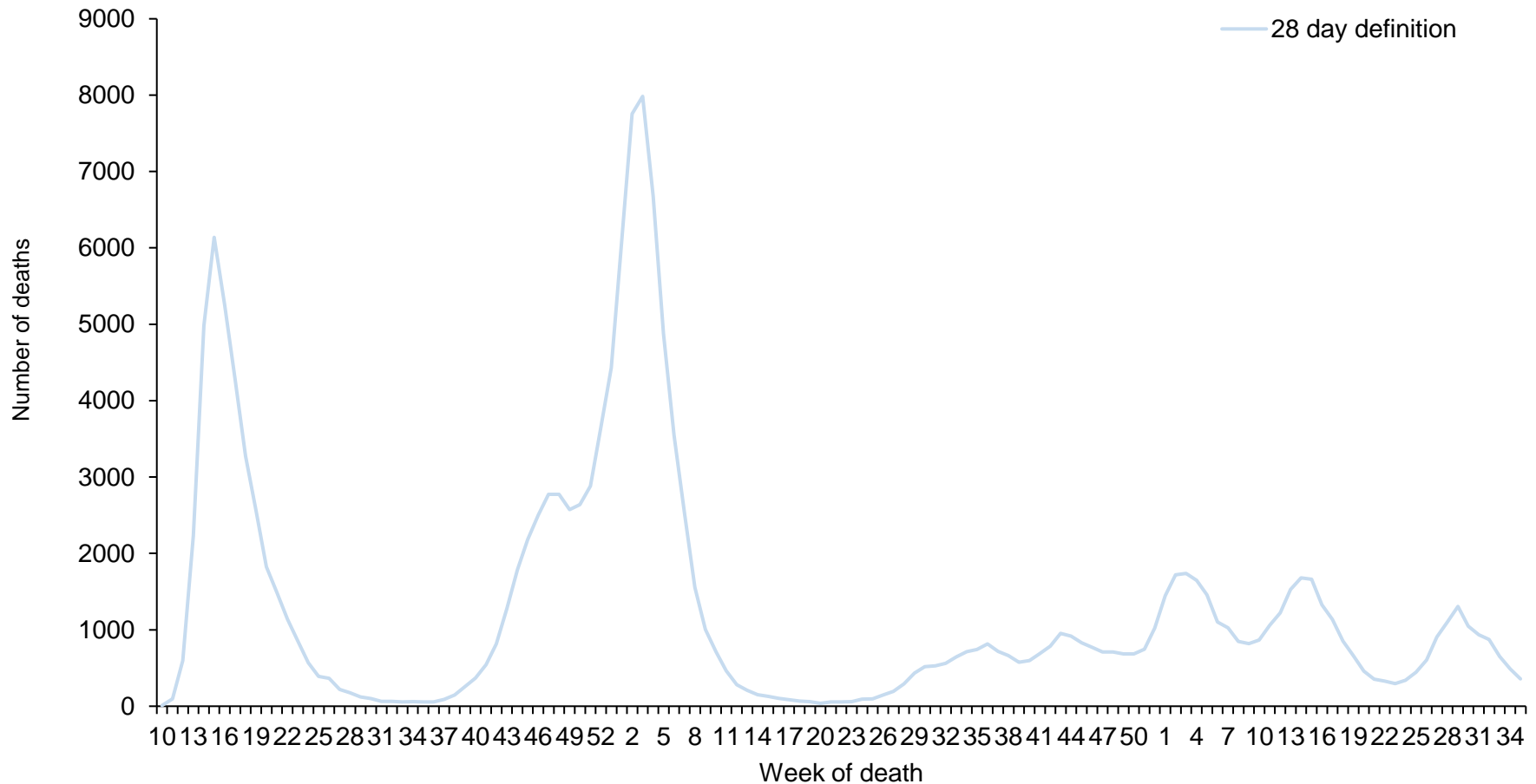


# Weekly overall hospital and ICU/HDU admission rates per 100,000 of new COVID-19 cases reported through SARI Watch, England since week 12 2020





# Number of deaths since week 10 2020 by week of death and time since laboratory confirmation of COVID-19, England



Since 1 April 2022, free universal symptomatic and asymptomatic testing for the general public in England is no longer available, as outlined in the plan for [living with COVID-19](#). Data should be interpreted in the context of this change to testing.



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# Confirmed COVID-19 episodes in England





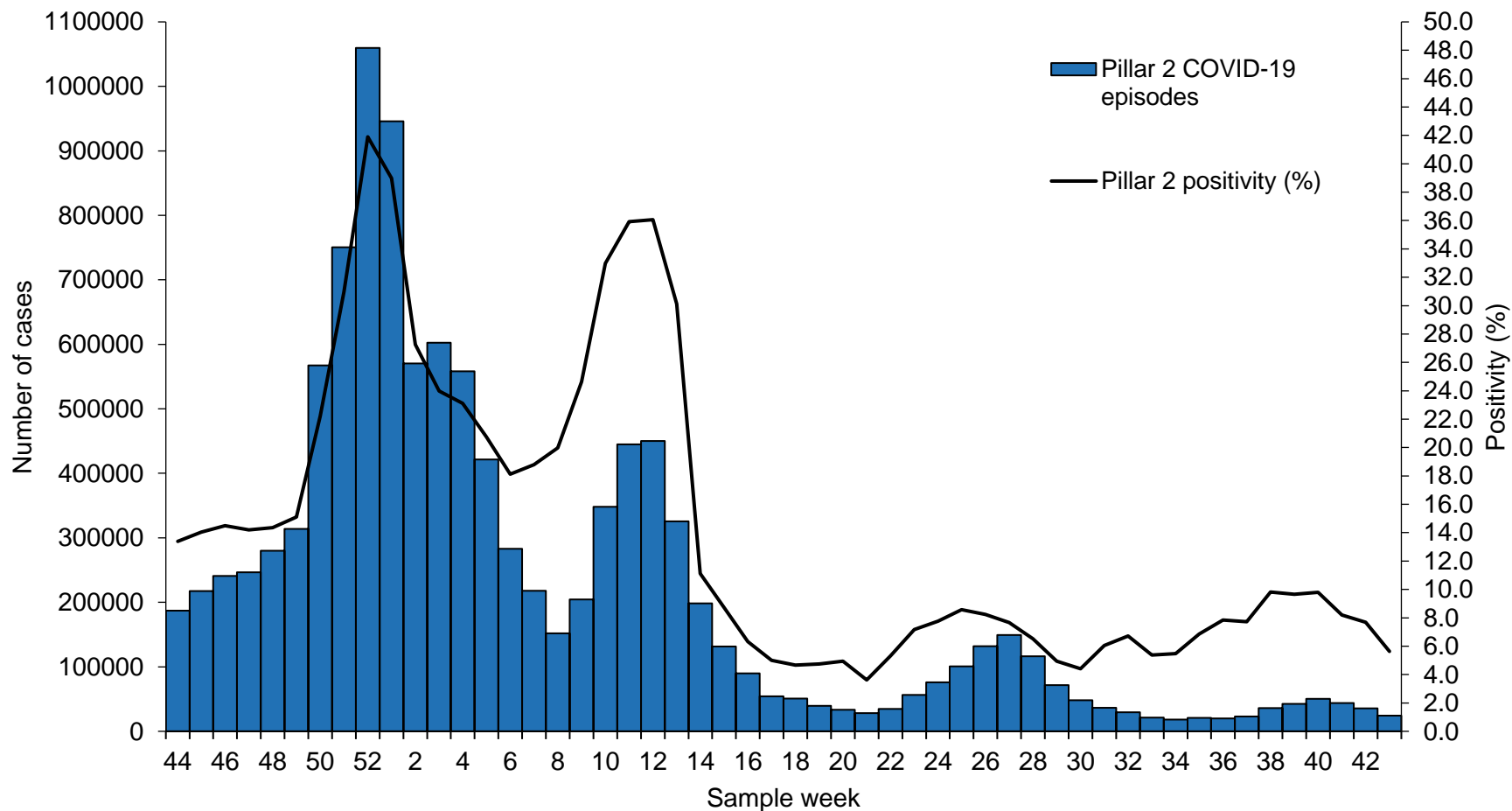
## Confirmed COVID-19 episodes in England

### Data Information

- From the week 32 report onwards, case rates have been updated to use the latest ONS population estimates for mid-2020. Previously case rates were calculated using the mid-2019 population estimates
- From 11 January 2022 the requirement for [confirmatory PCR testing in individuals who test positive using a lateral flow device was temporarily removed](#).
- Rates by ethnicity and IMD quantile will continue to be presented using the mid-2019 estimates, until the mid-2020 estimates become available.
- From 31 January 2022, UKHSA moved all COVID-19 case reporting in England to use a new episode-based definition which includes possible reinfections. Each infection episode is counted separately if there are at least 91 days between positive test results (PCR or LFD). Each infection episode begins with the earliest positive specimen date. Further information can be found on the [UK COVID-19 dashboard](#).
- Since 1 April 2022, free universal symptomatic and asymptomatic testing for the general public in England is no longer available, as outlined in the plan for [living with COVID-19](#). As such, there will be a reduction in the reporting of data obtained through Pillar 2 from April 2022 onwards. Data in this report should be interpreted in the context of this change to testing. [Public health guidance](#) remains in place for cases and their close contacts

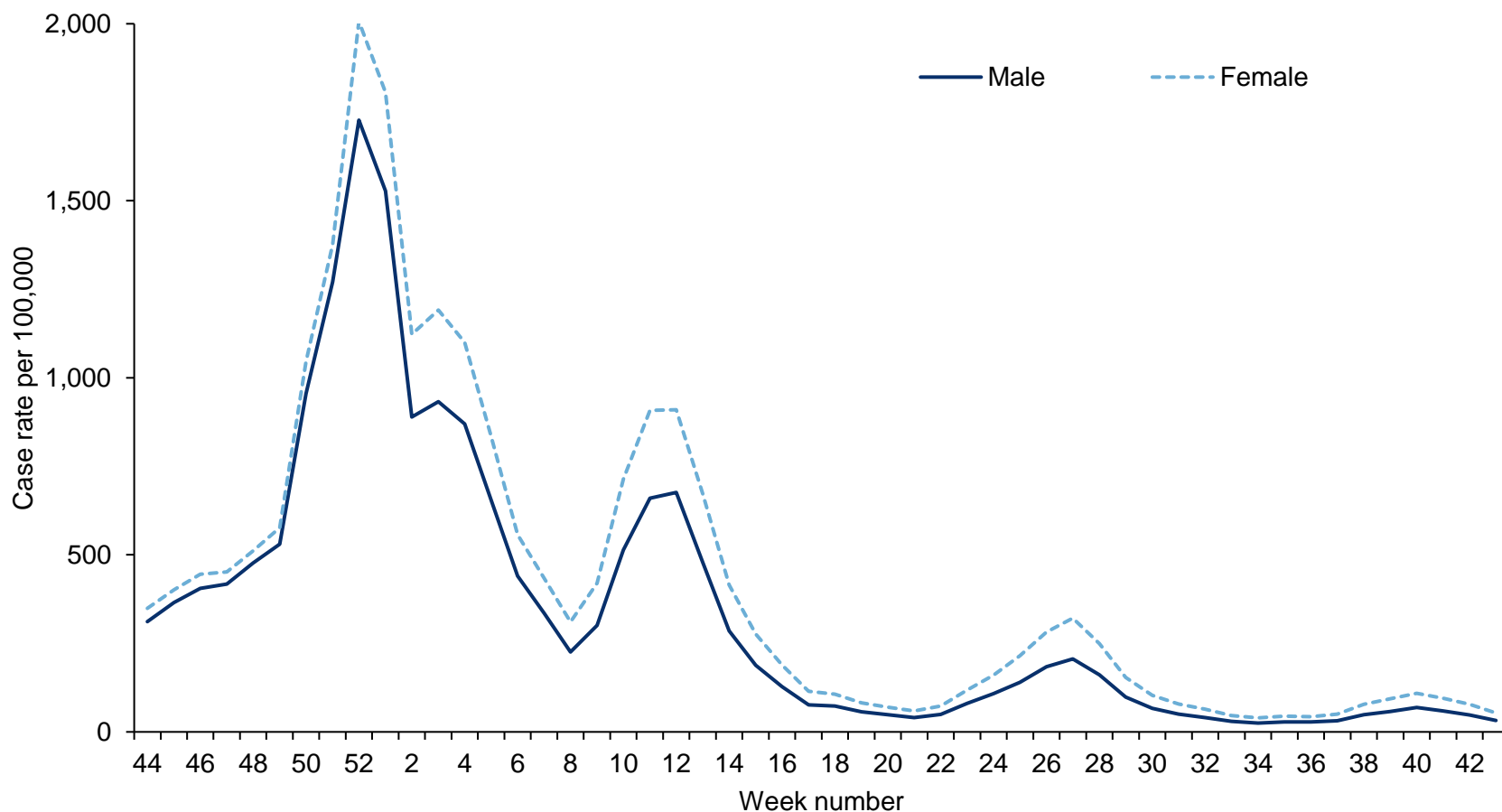


## Confirmed COVID-19 episodes tested under Pillar 2, based on sample week with overall weekly PCR positivity for Pillar 2 (%)



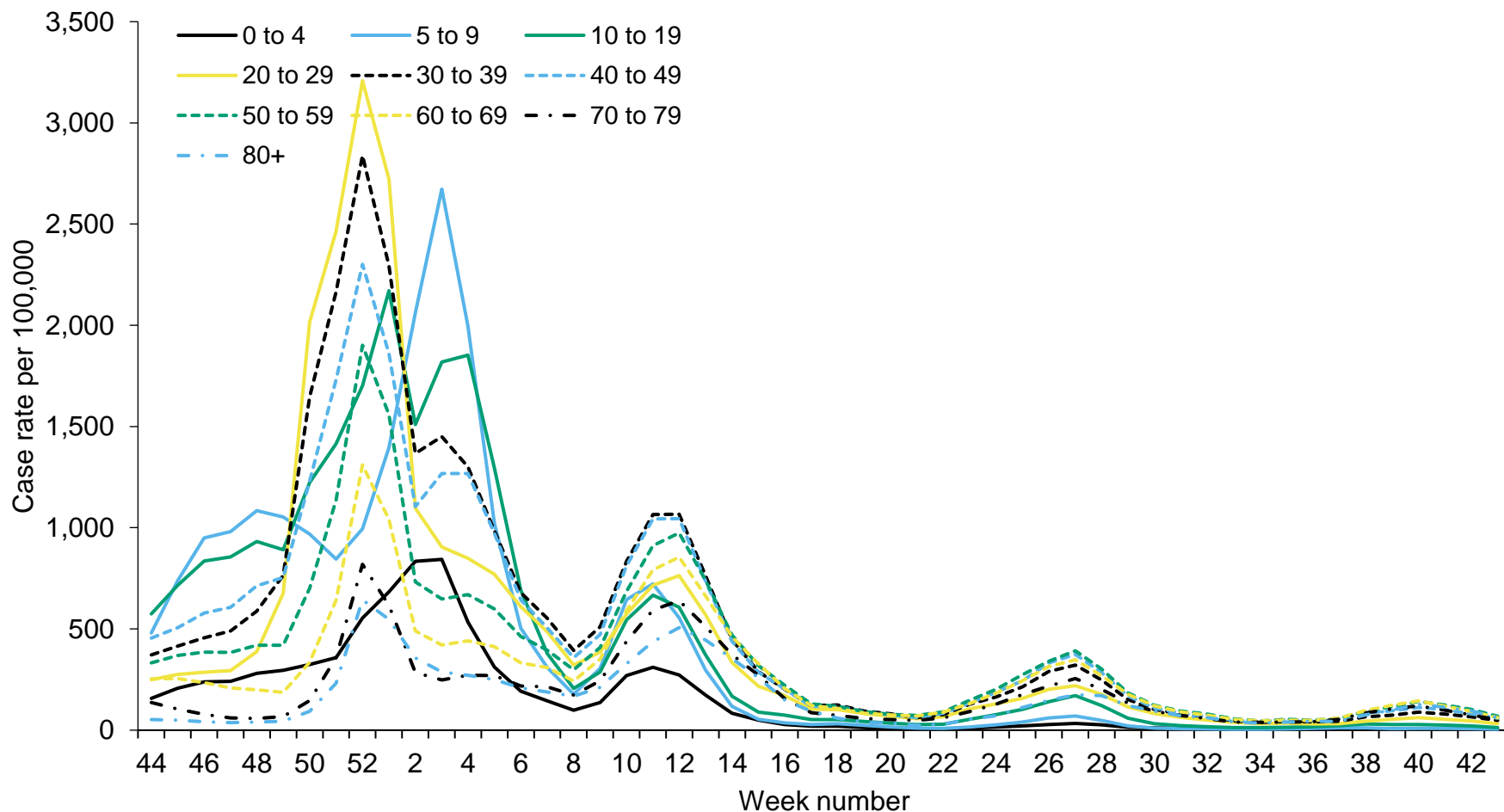


## Weekly confirmed COVID-19 case rates per 100,000, by episode, tested under Pillar 2, by sex



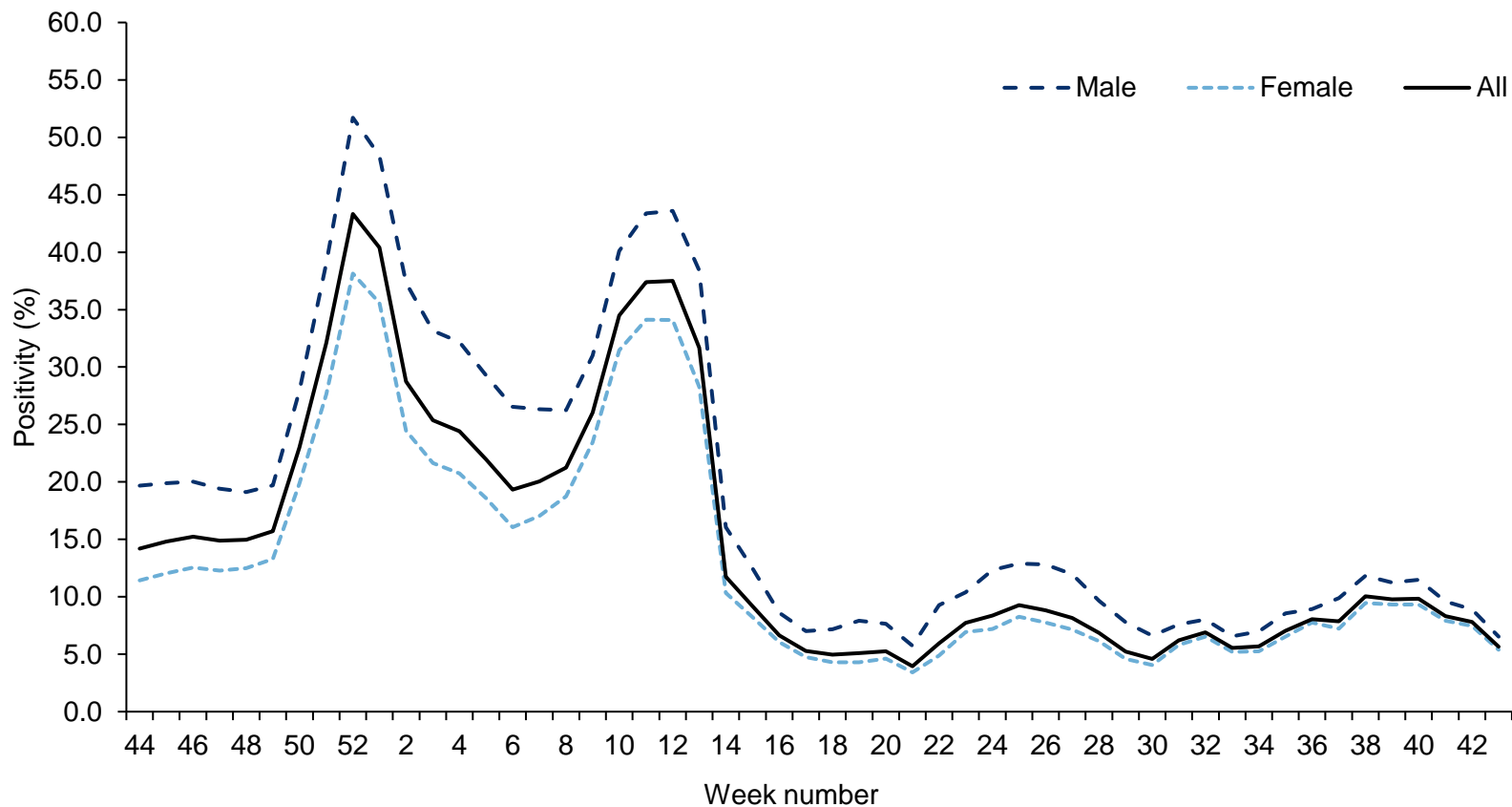


## Weekly confirmed COVID-19 case rates per 100,000, by episode, tested under Pillar 2, by age group



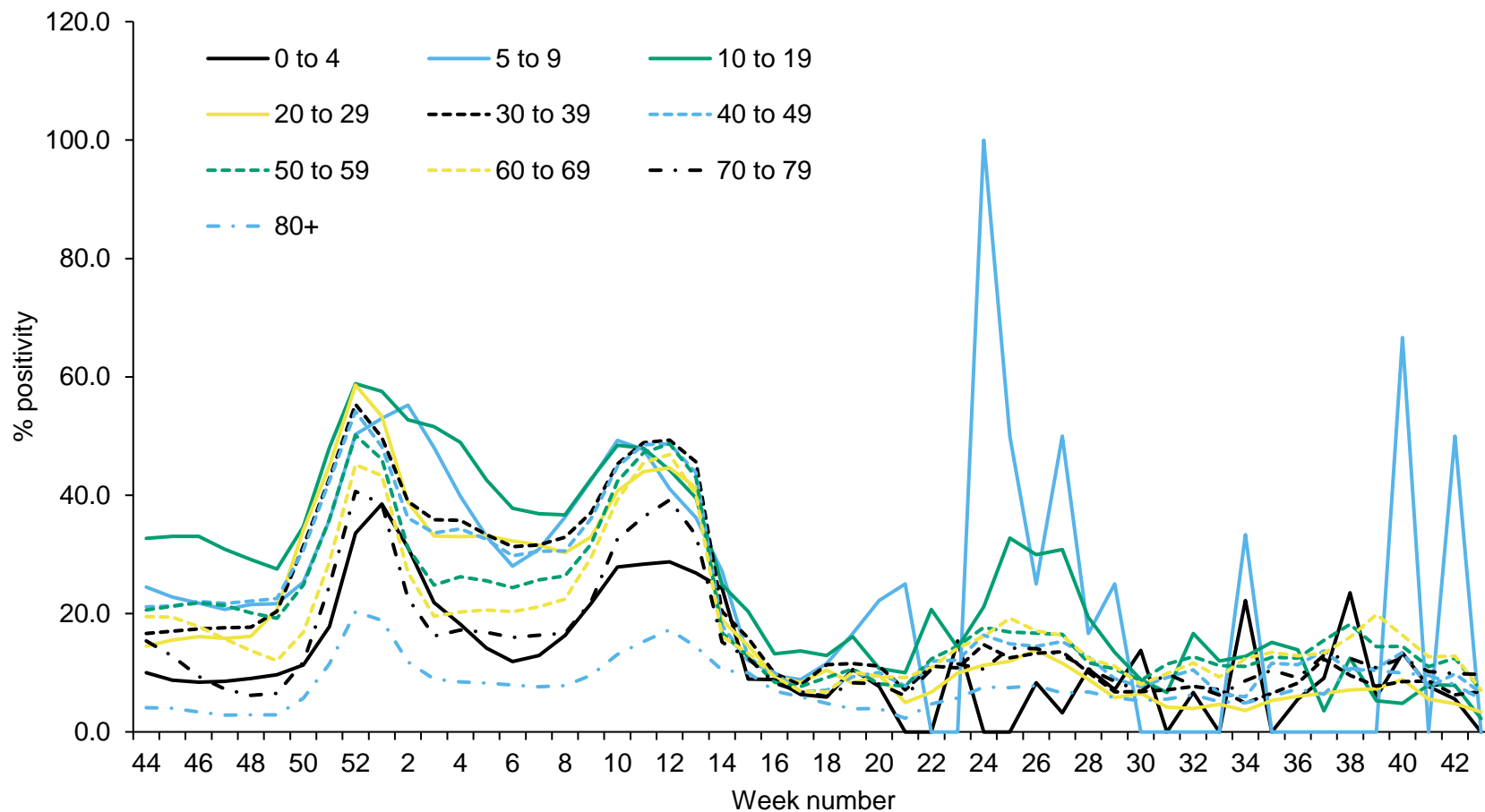


## Weekly PCR positivity (%) of confirmed COVID-19 cases tested overall and by sex under Pillar 2



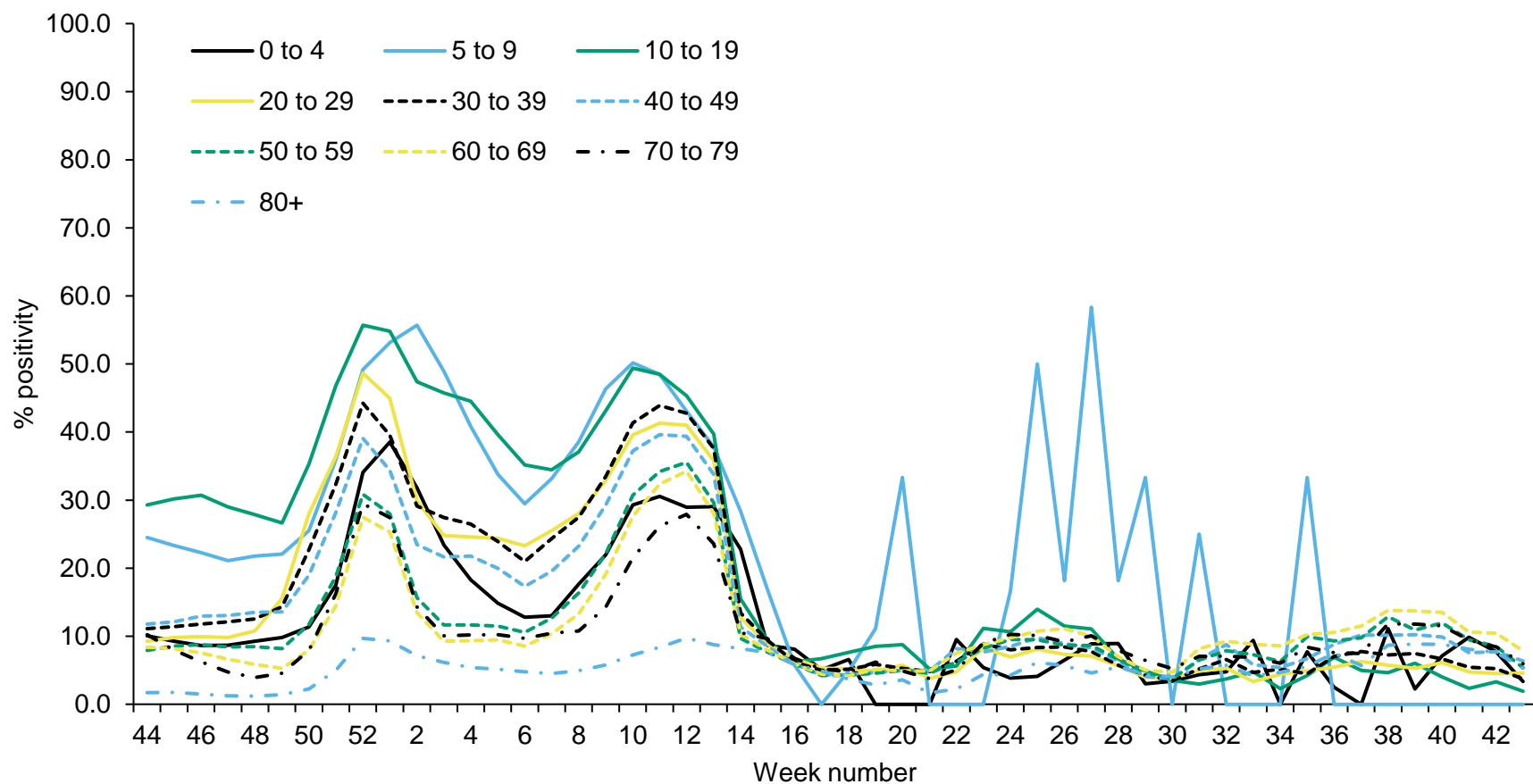


## Weekly PCR positivity (%) of confirmed COVID-19 cases tested under Pillar 2, by male and age group



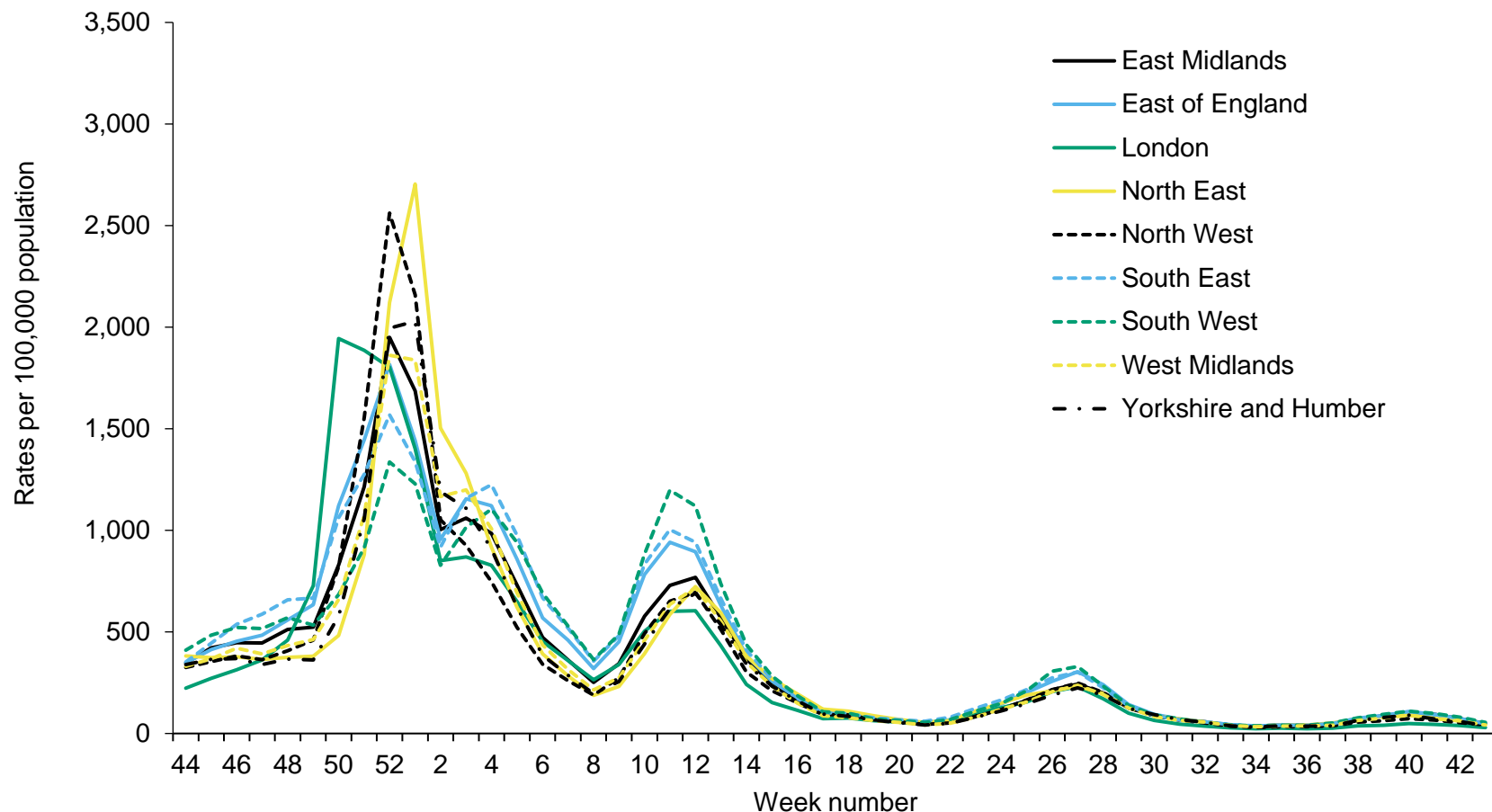


## Weekly PCR positivity (%) of confirmed COVID-19 cases tested under Pillar 2, by female and age group





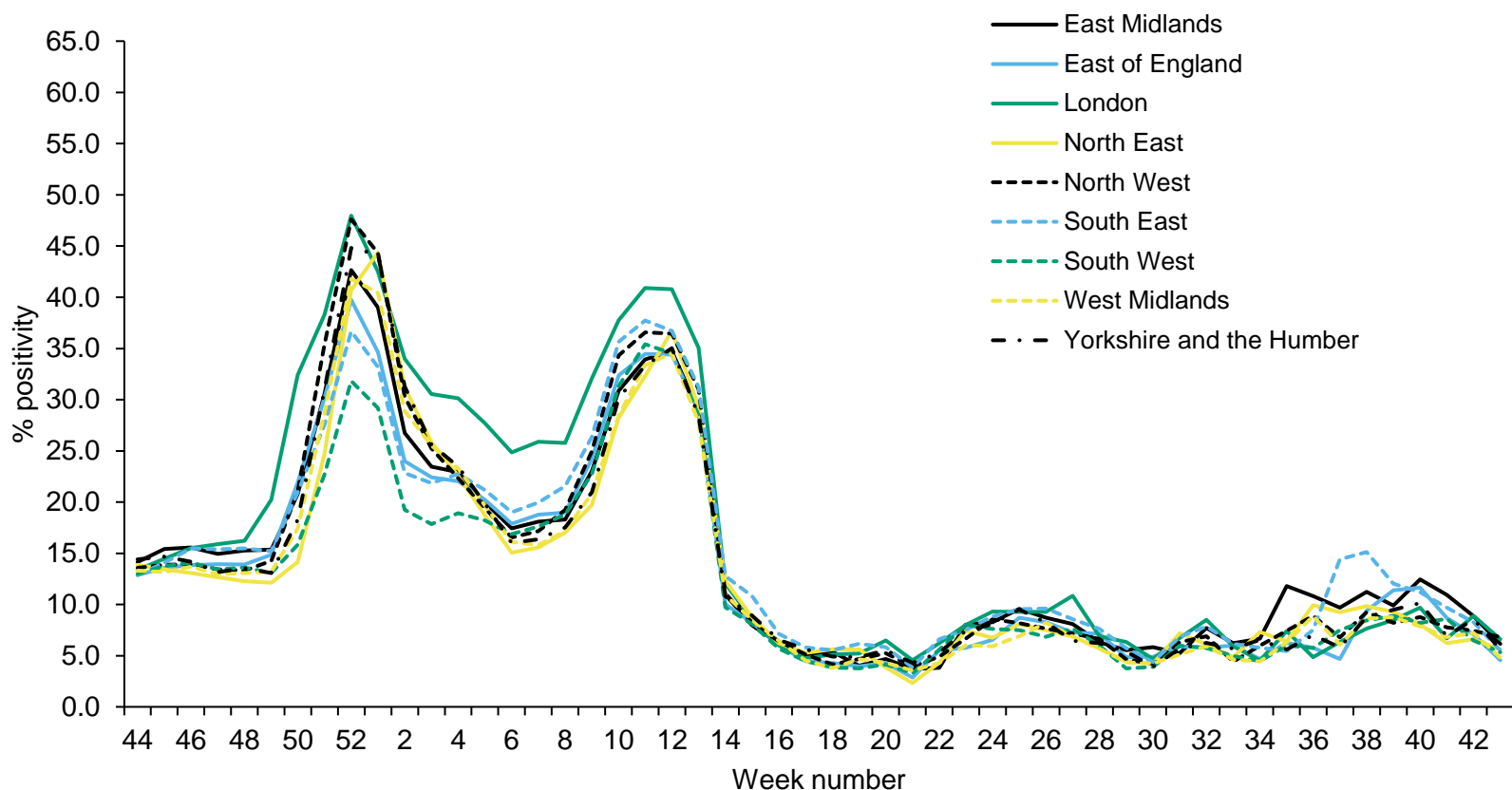
## Weekly confirmed COVID-19 case rates by episode, per 100,000 population (Pillar 2), by UKHSA centres and sample week





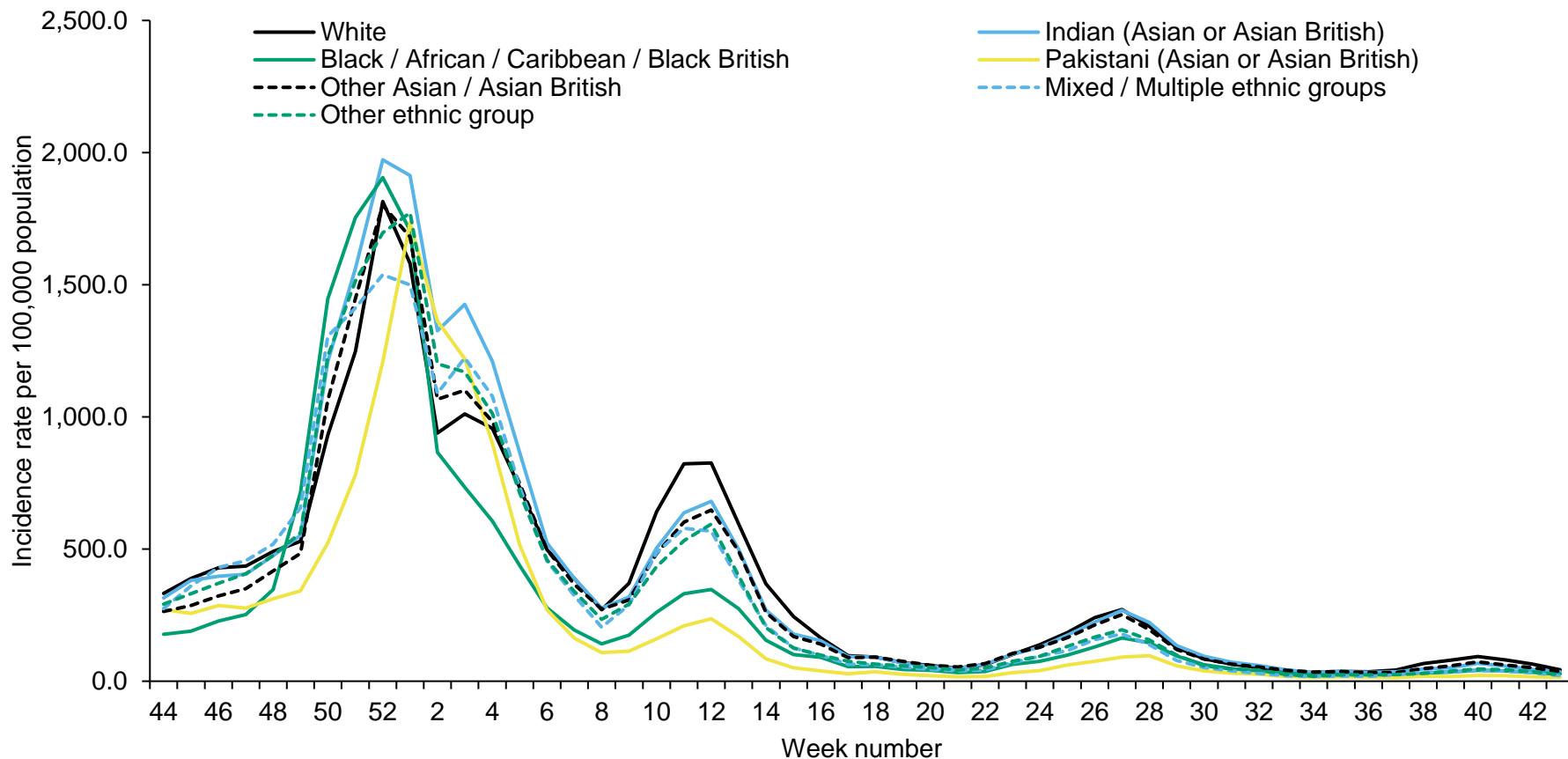


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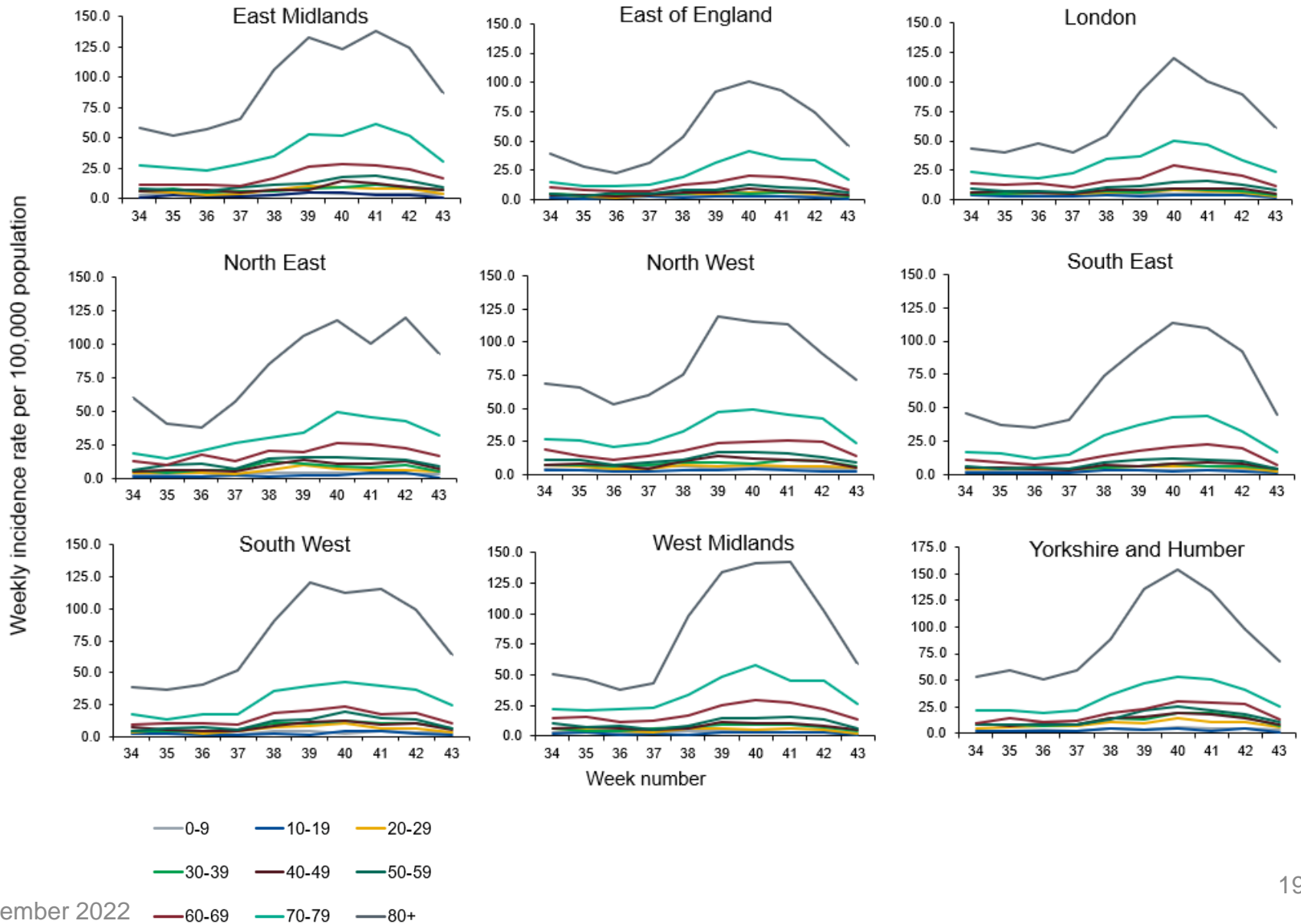


## Weekly incidence per 100,000 population by ethnicity (Pillar 2), England



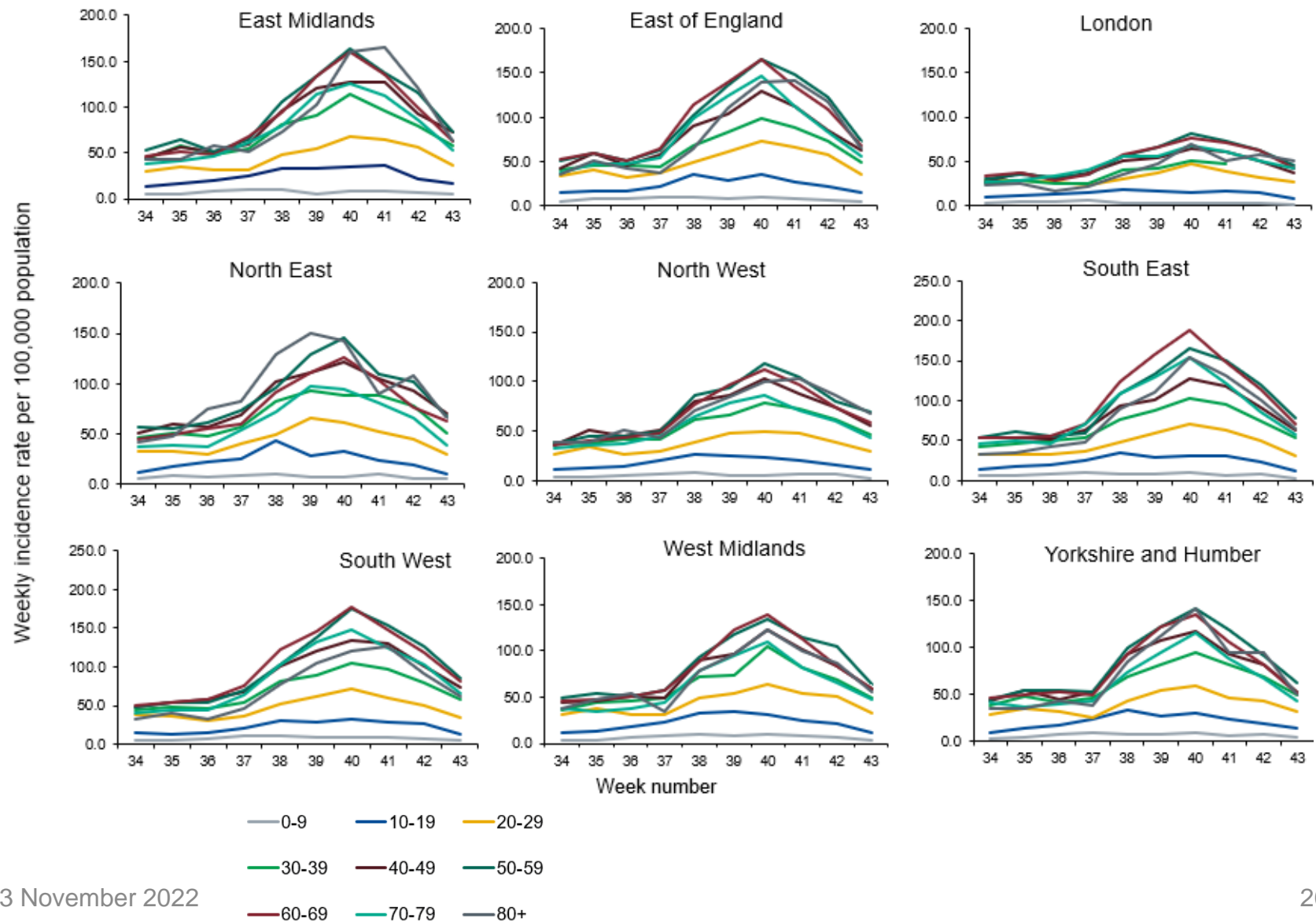


# Weekly COVID-19 episodes tested under Pillar 1, per 100,000 population by age group and region, weeks 34 to 43



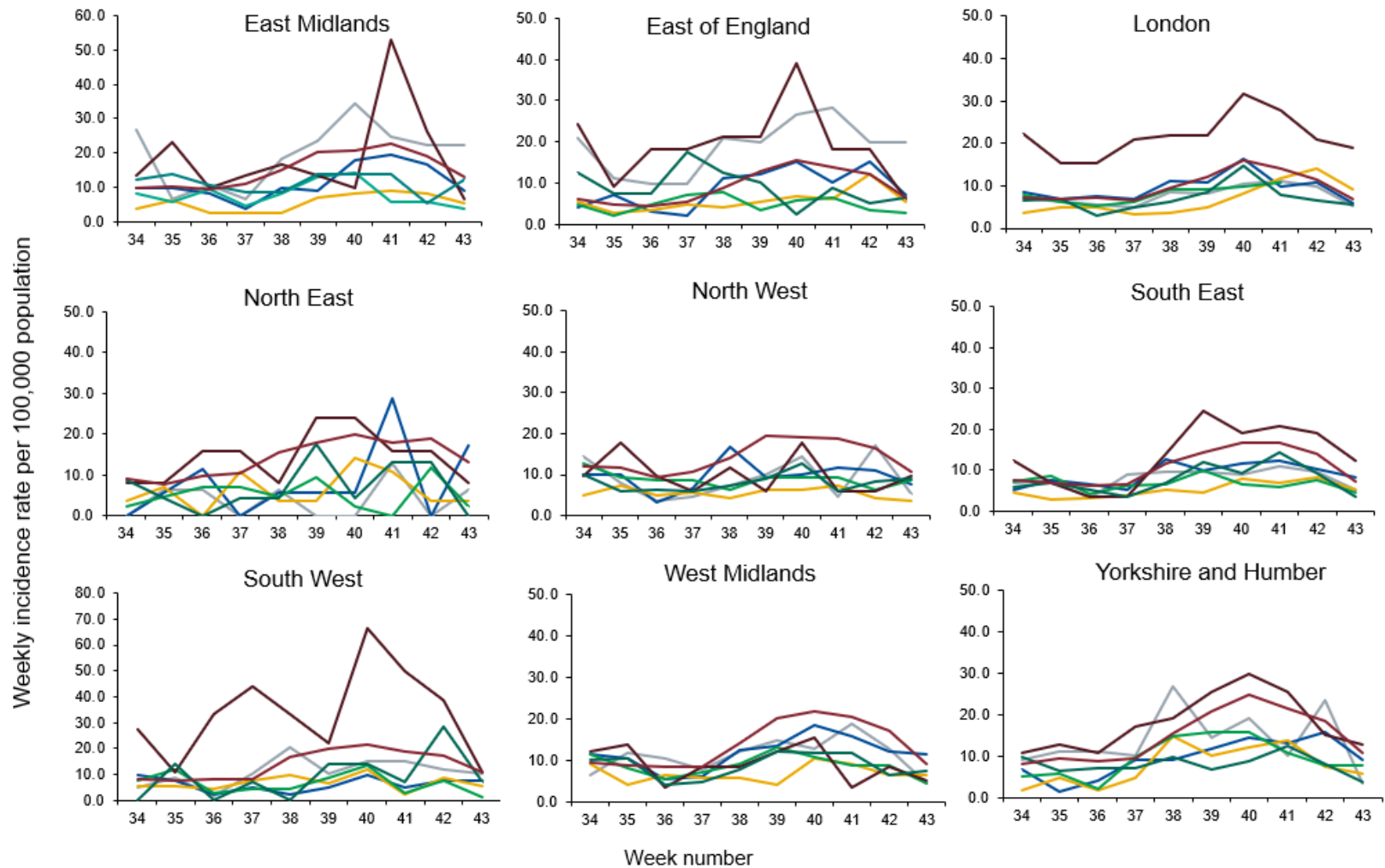


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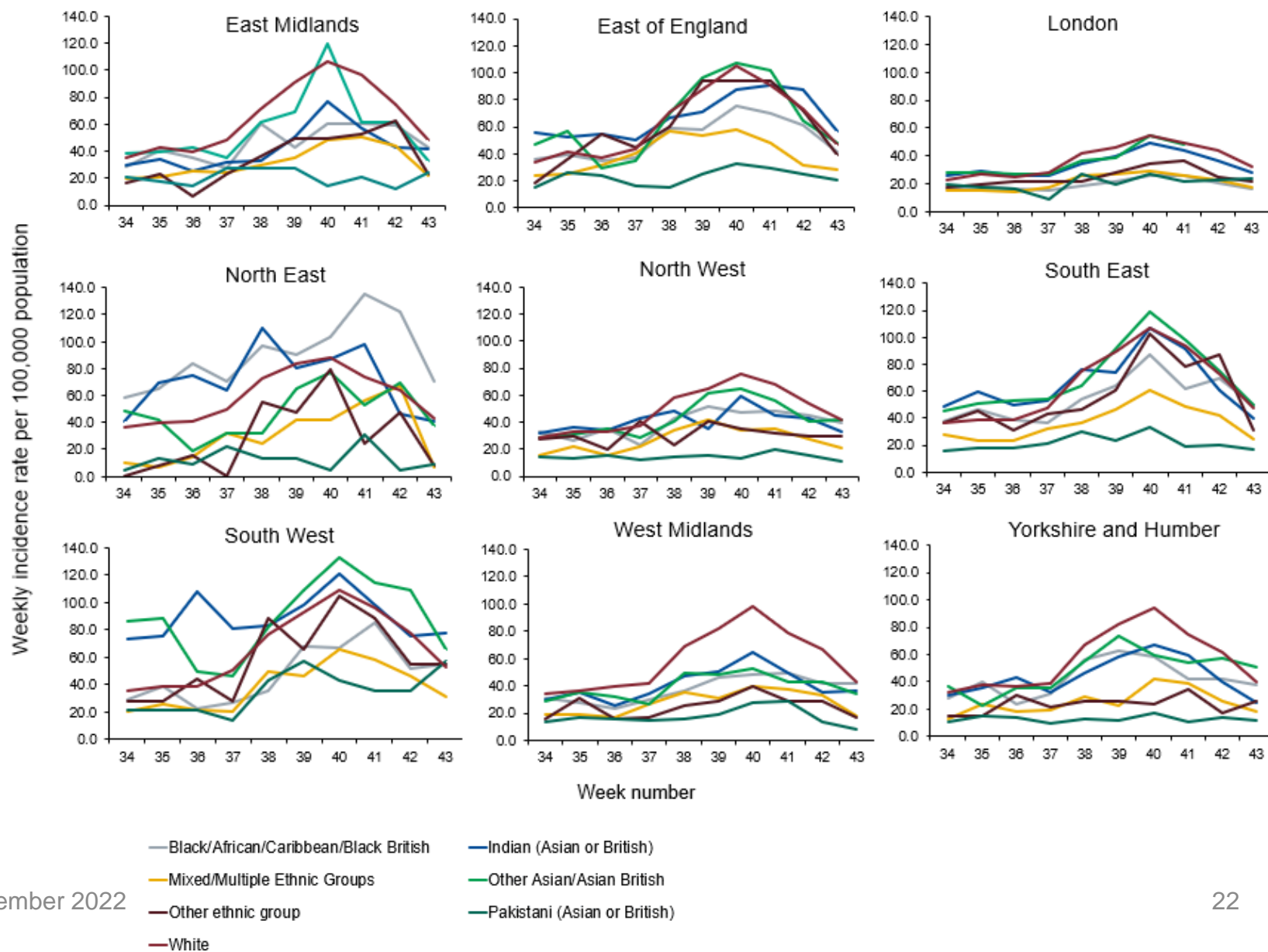


## Weekly COVID-19 episodes tested under Pillar 1, per 100,000 population by ethnicity and region, weeks 34 to 43



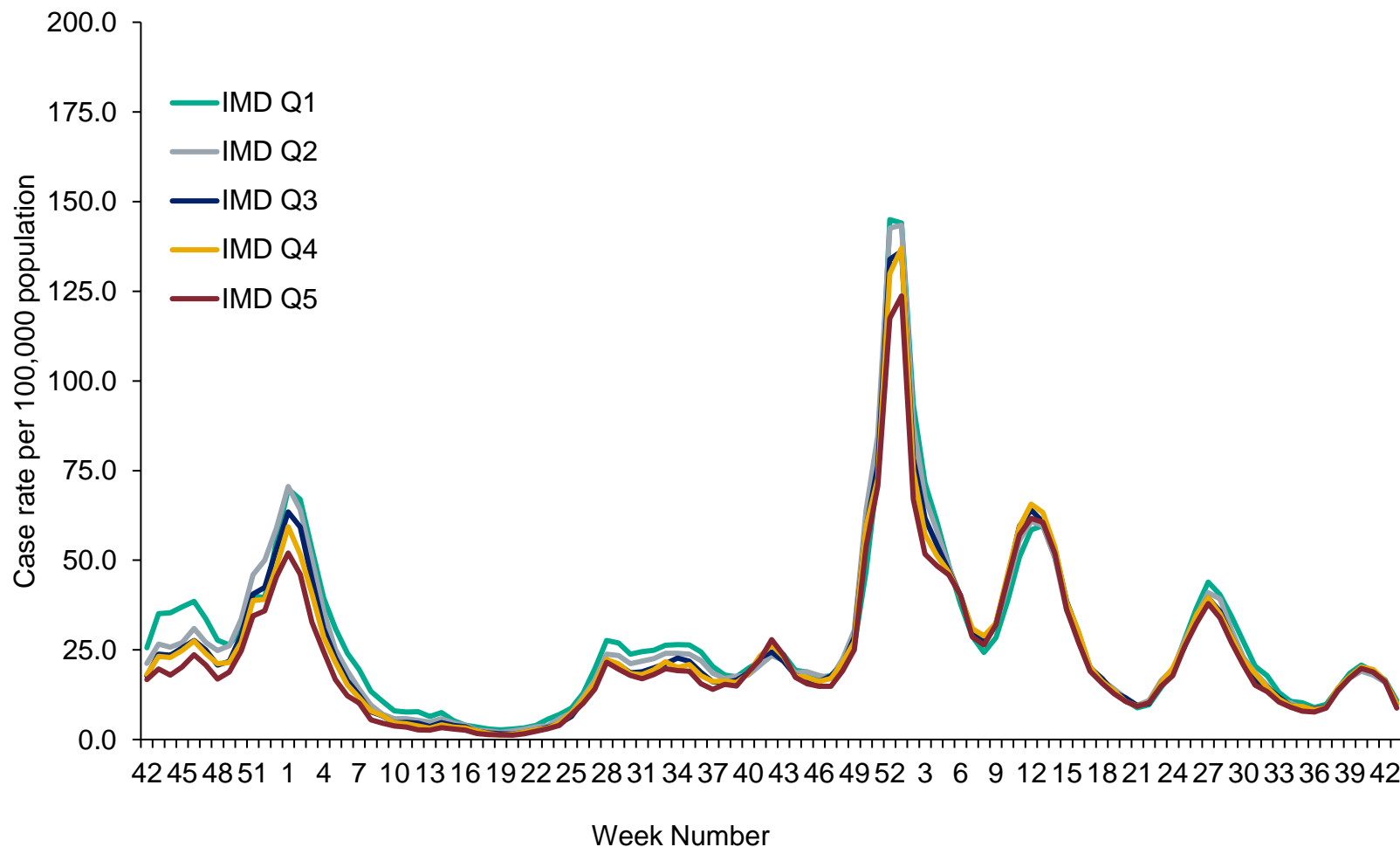


## Weekly COVID-19 episodes tested under Pillar 2 per 100,000 population by ethnicity and region, weeks 34 to 43





## Weekly COVID-19 rate tested under Pillar 1, per 100,000 population by IMD quintile (1 being the most deprived and 5 being the least deprived)

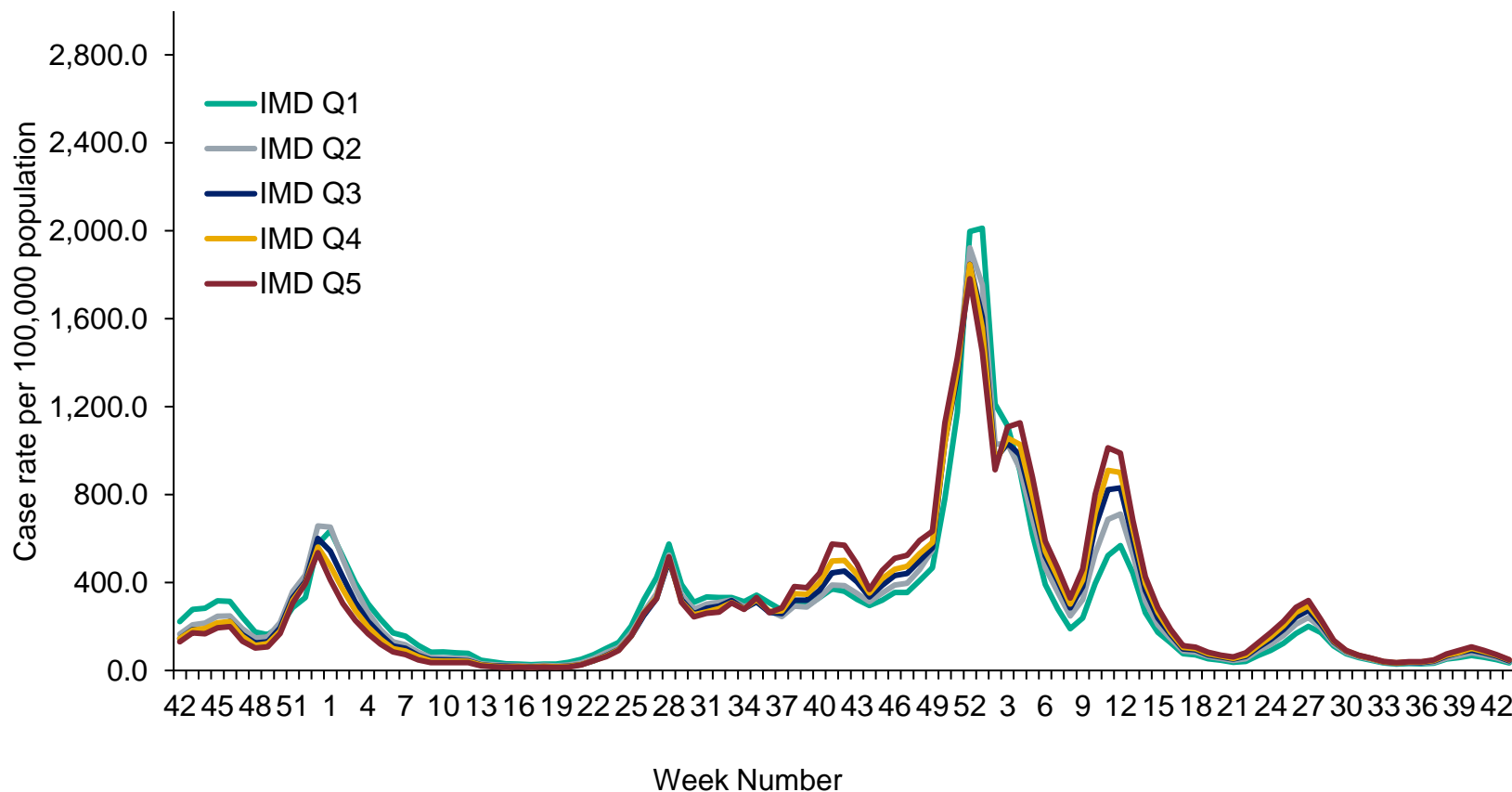


\*incidence rates have been calculated using the mid-2019 ONS population estimates





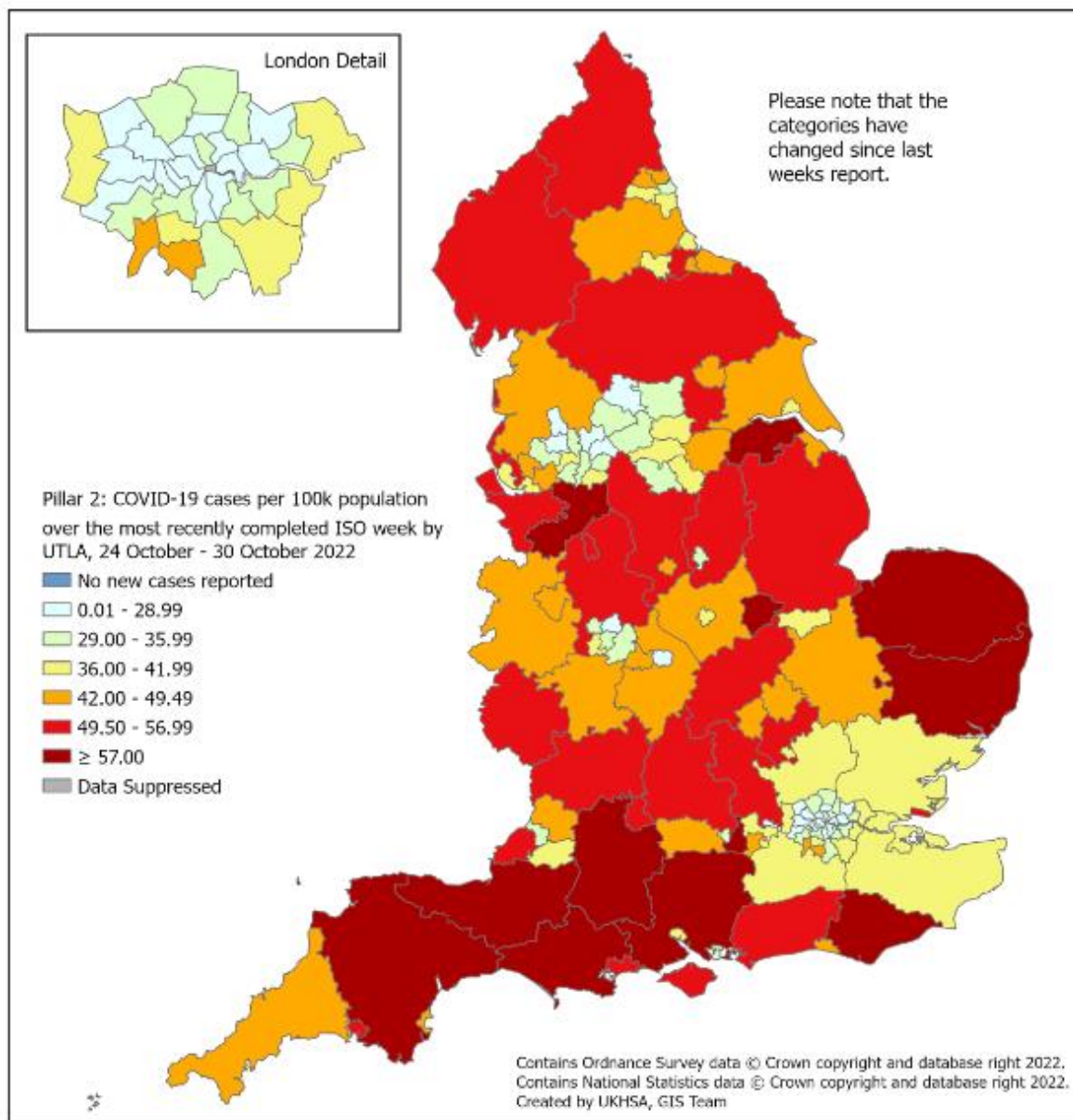
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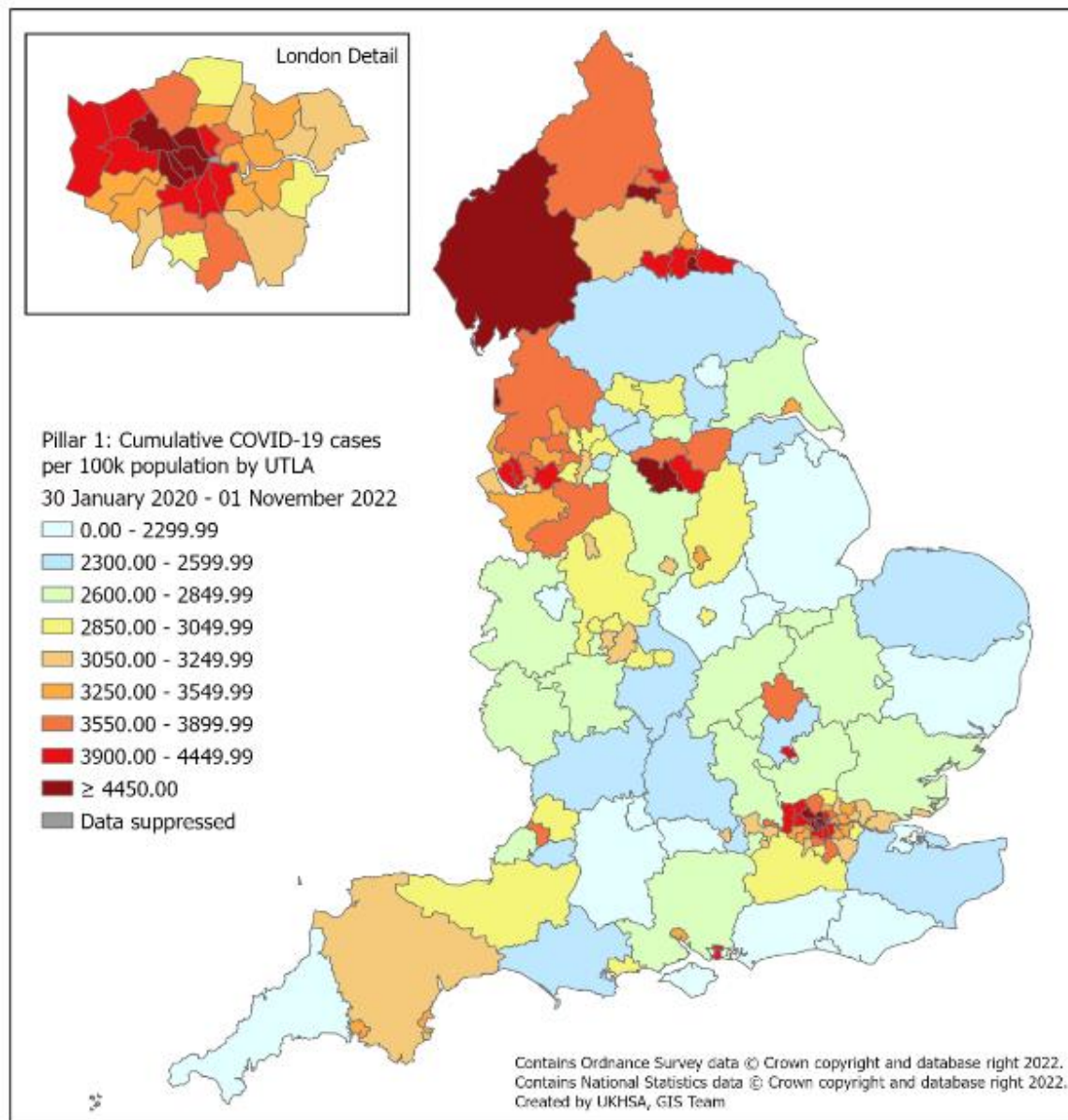


## Weekly rate of COVID-19 episodes per 100,000 population (Pillar 2), by upper-tier local authority, England (box shows enlarged map of London area)



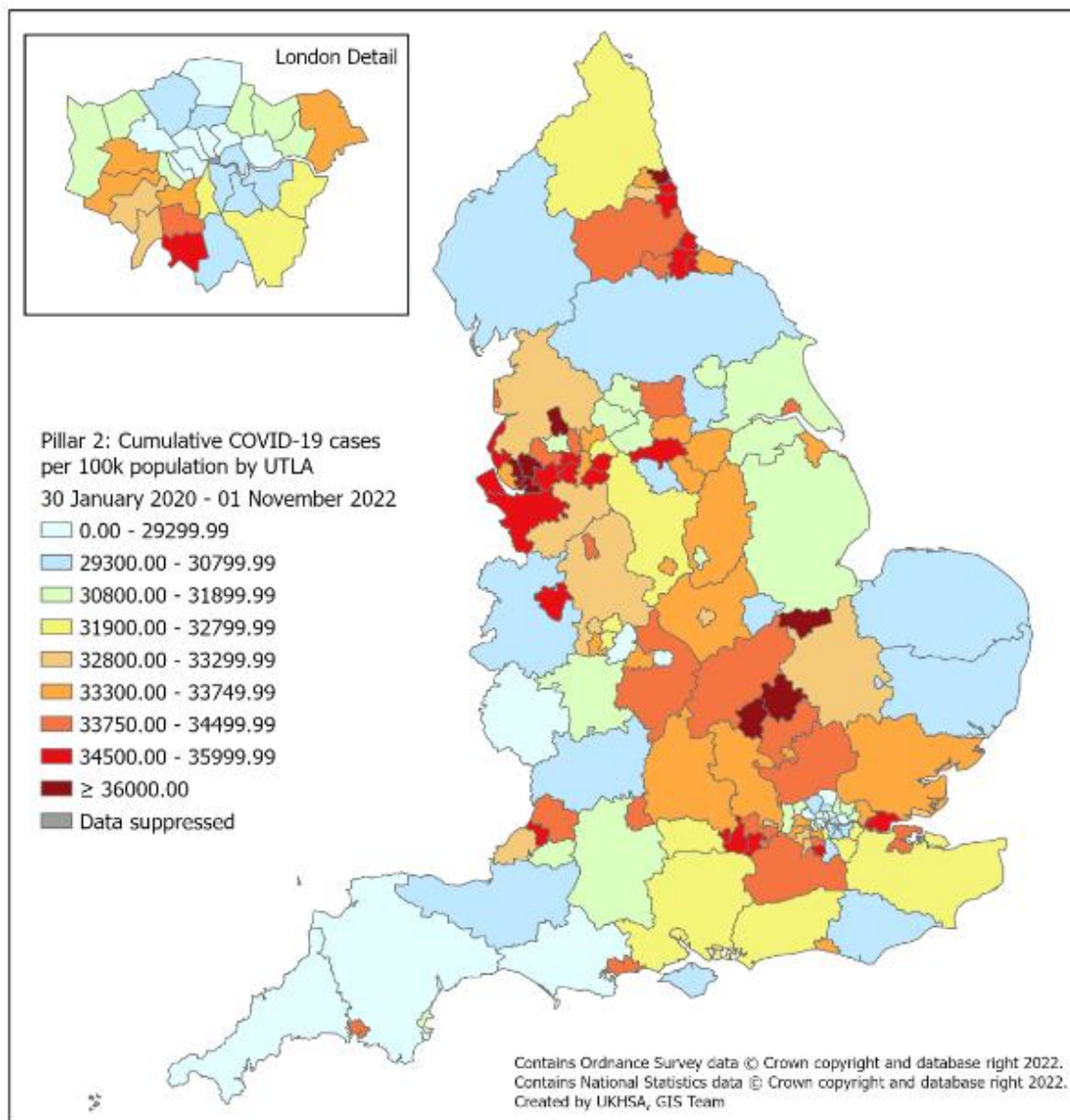


# Cumulative rate of COVID-19 episodes per 100,000 population tested under Pillar 1, by upper-tier local authority, England (box shows enlarged map of London area)





## Cumulative rate of COVID-19 episodes per 100,000 population tested under Pillar 2, by upper-tier local authority, England (box shows enlarged map of London area)



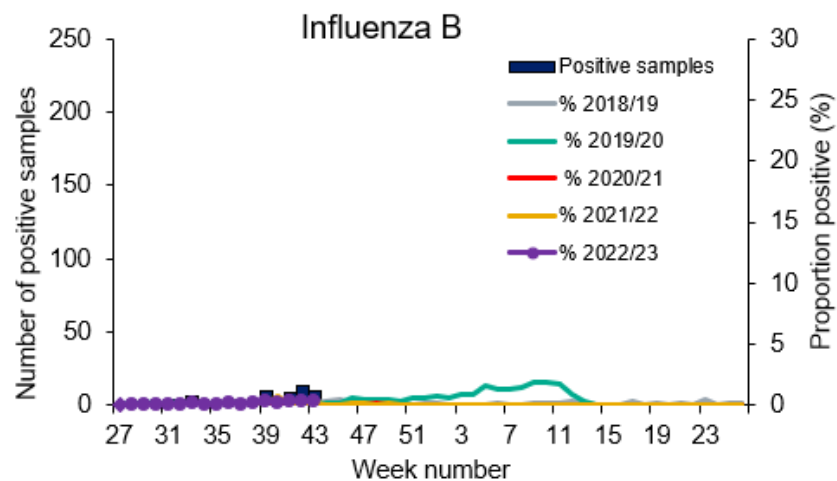
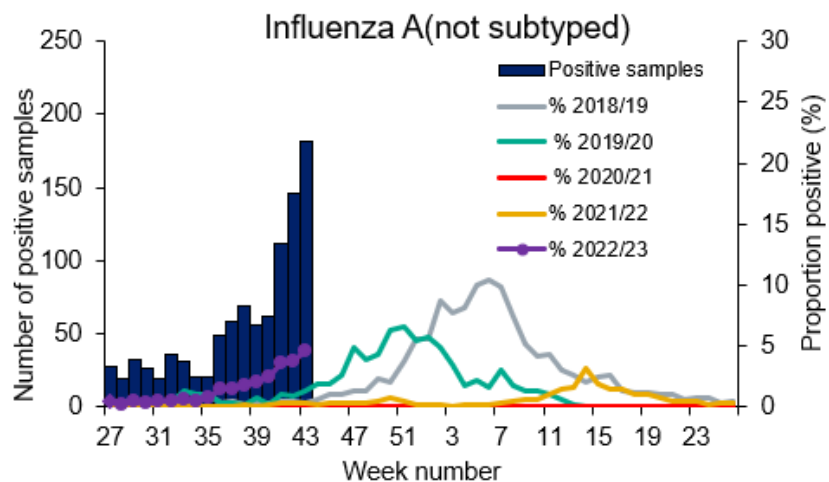
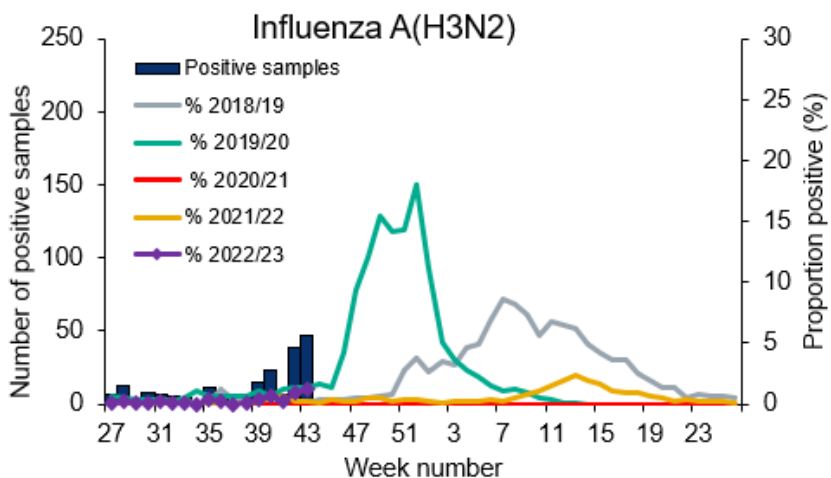
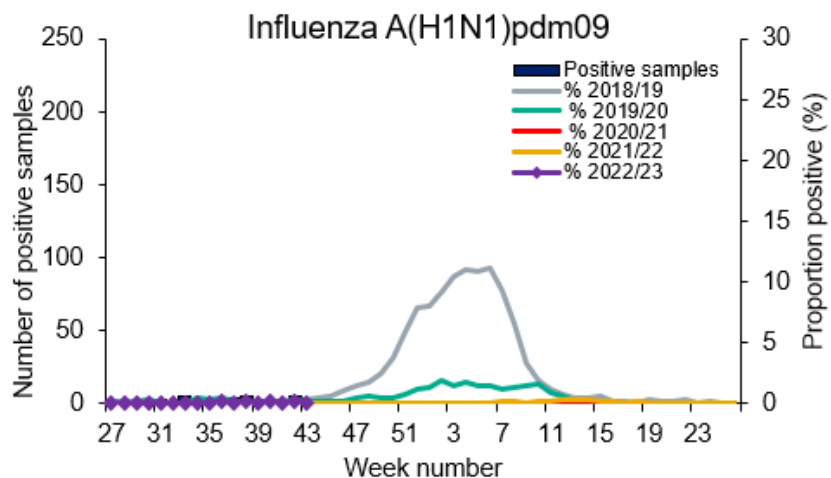


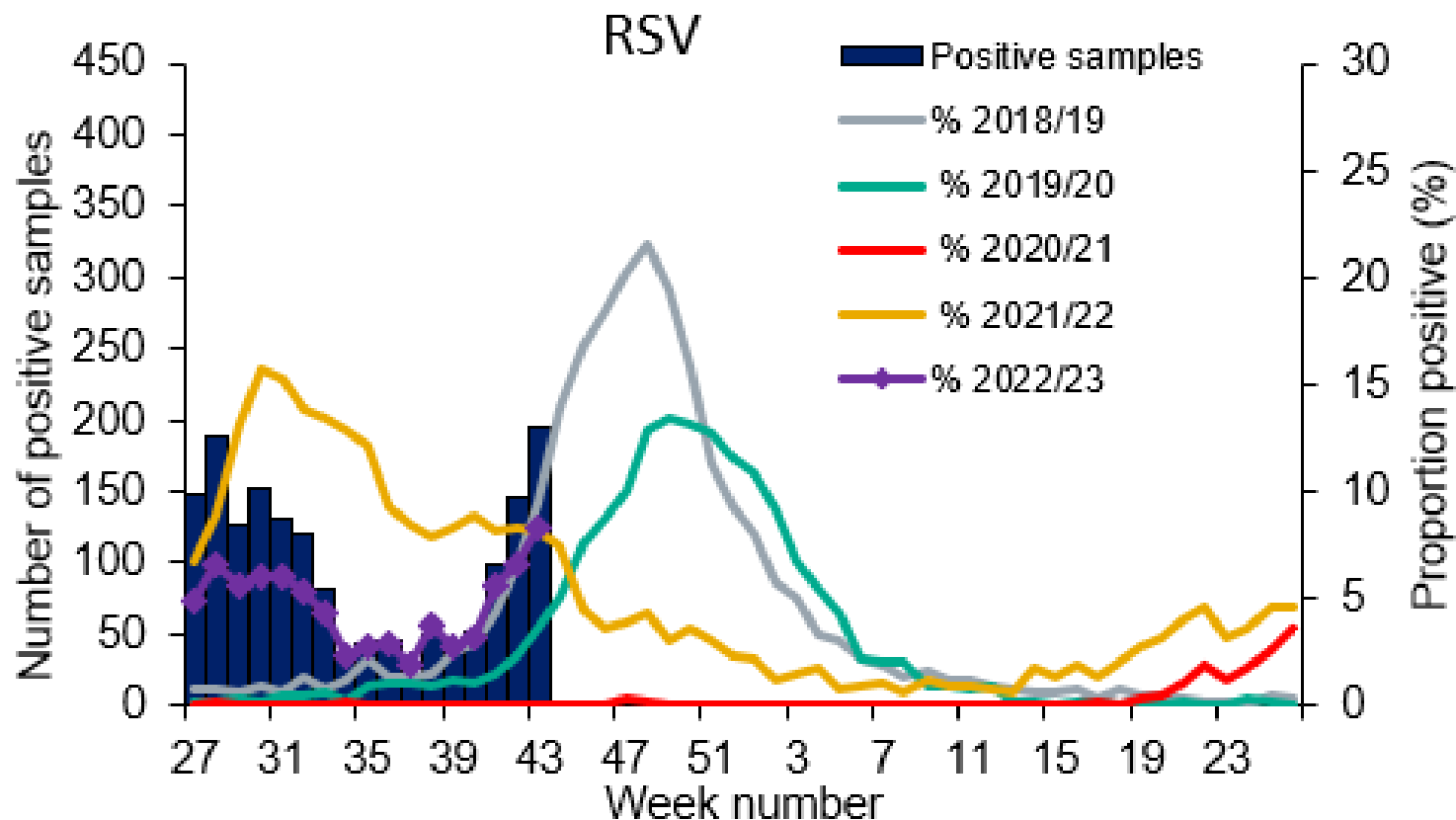
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# Respiratory Datamart system (England)



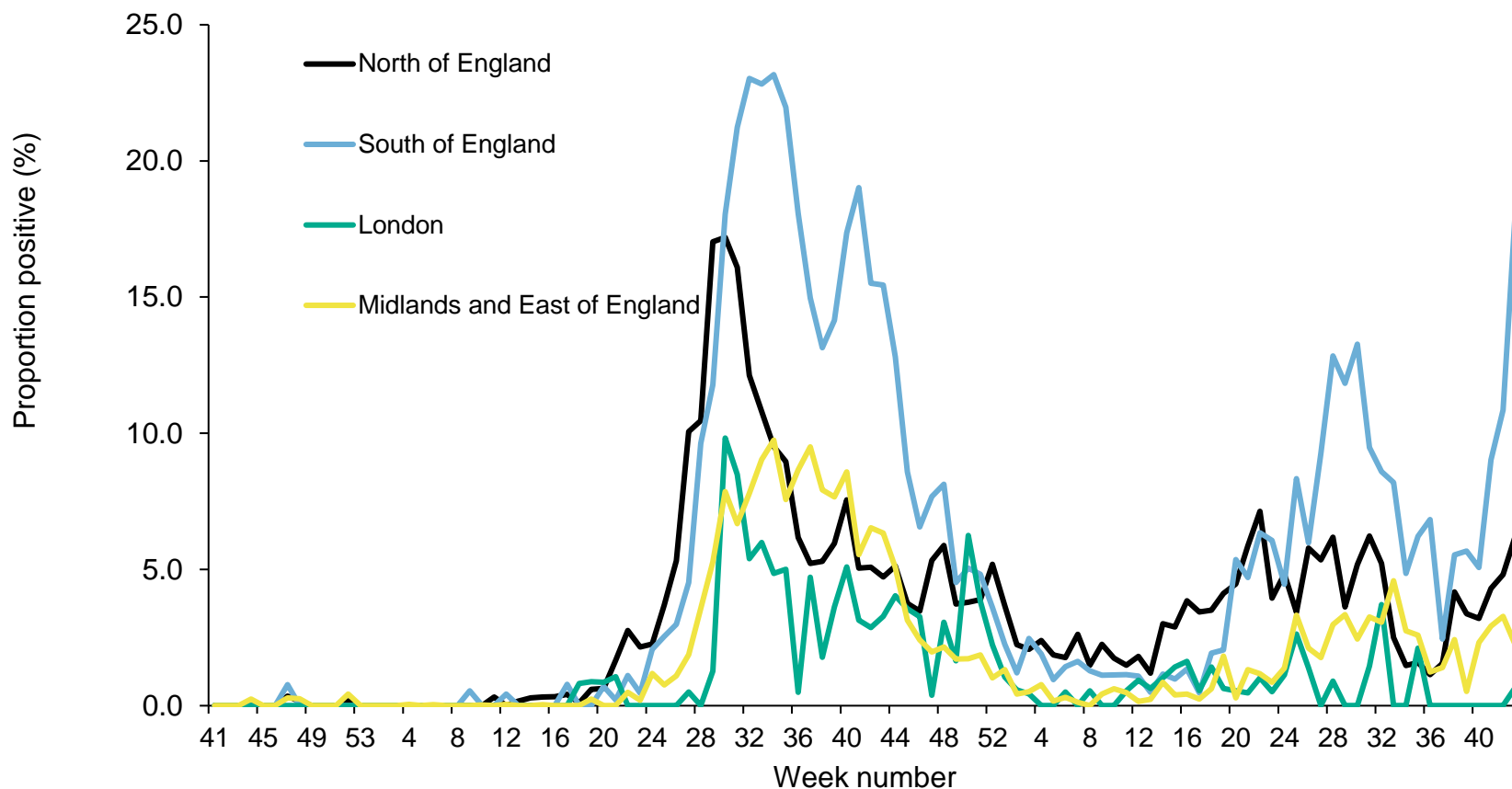
## Respiratory DataMart – Influenza subtypes



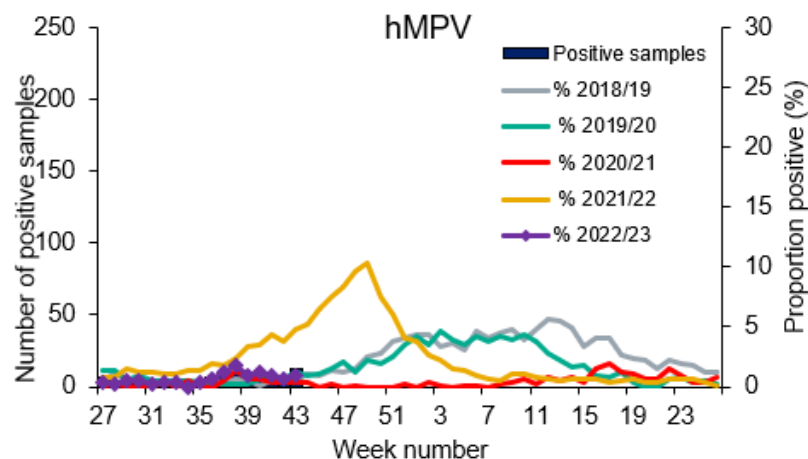
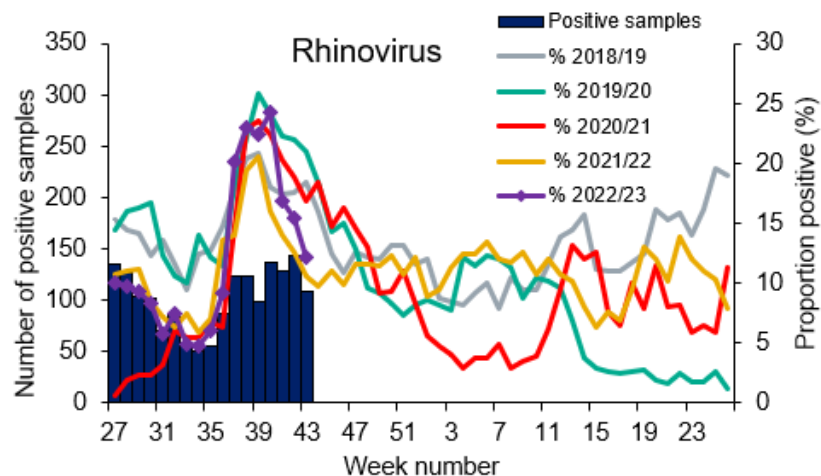
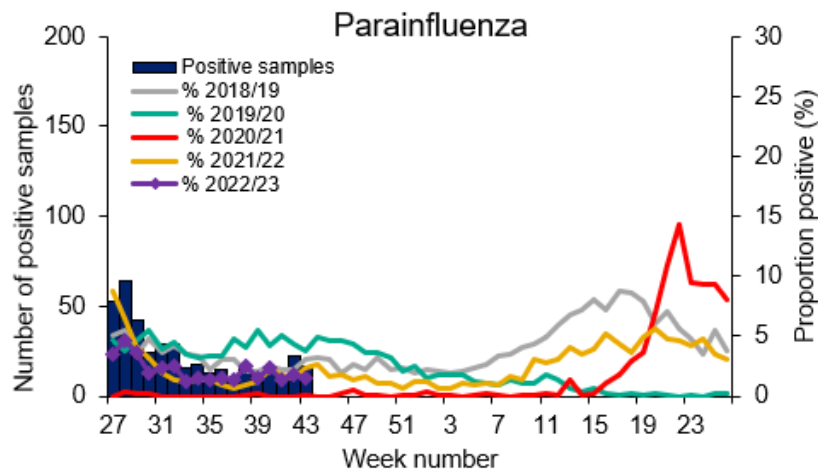
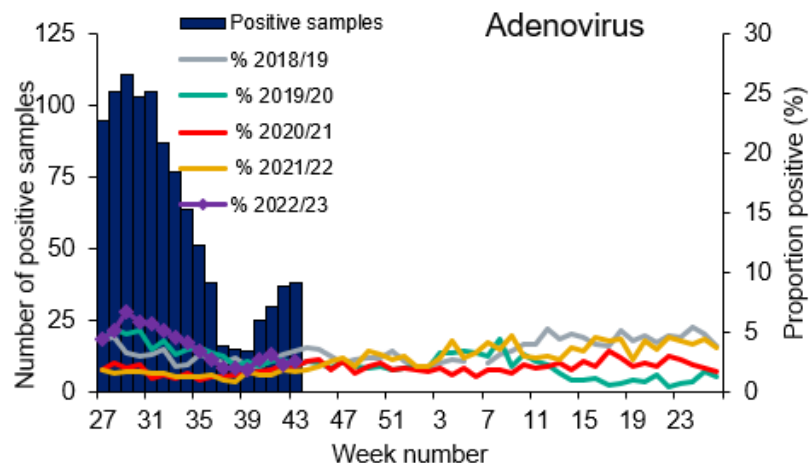




## Respiratory DataMart – Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) weekly positivity by UKHSA region





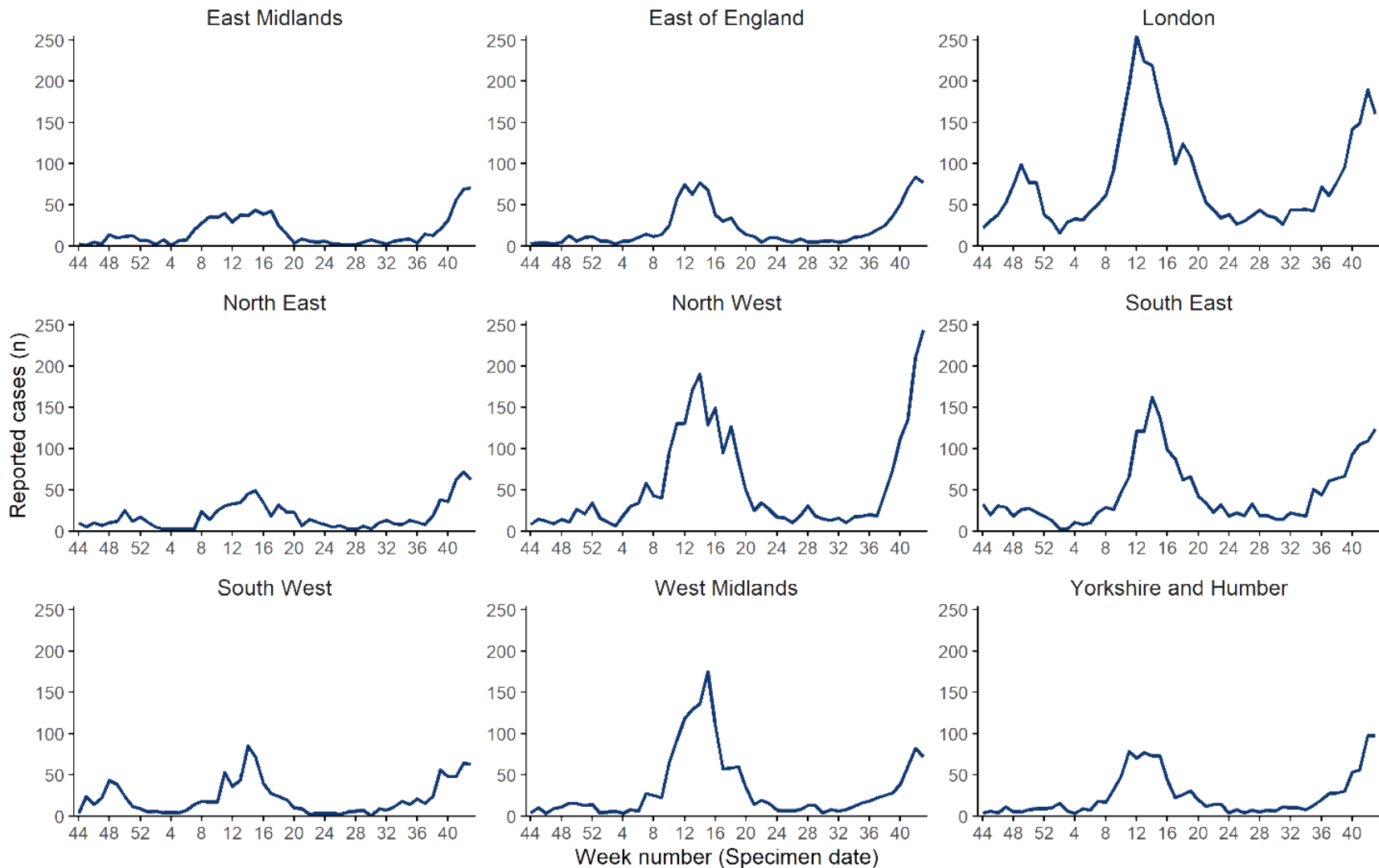






# Second generation surveillance system (SGSS)

## SGSS reported Influenza A cases by region (all ages)

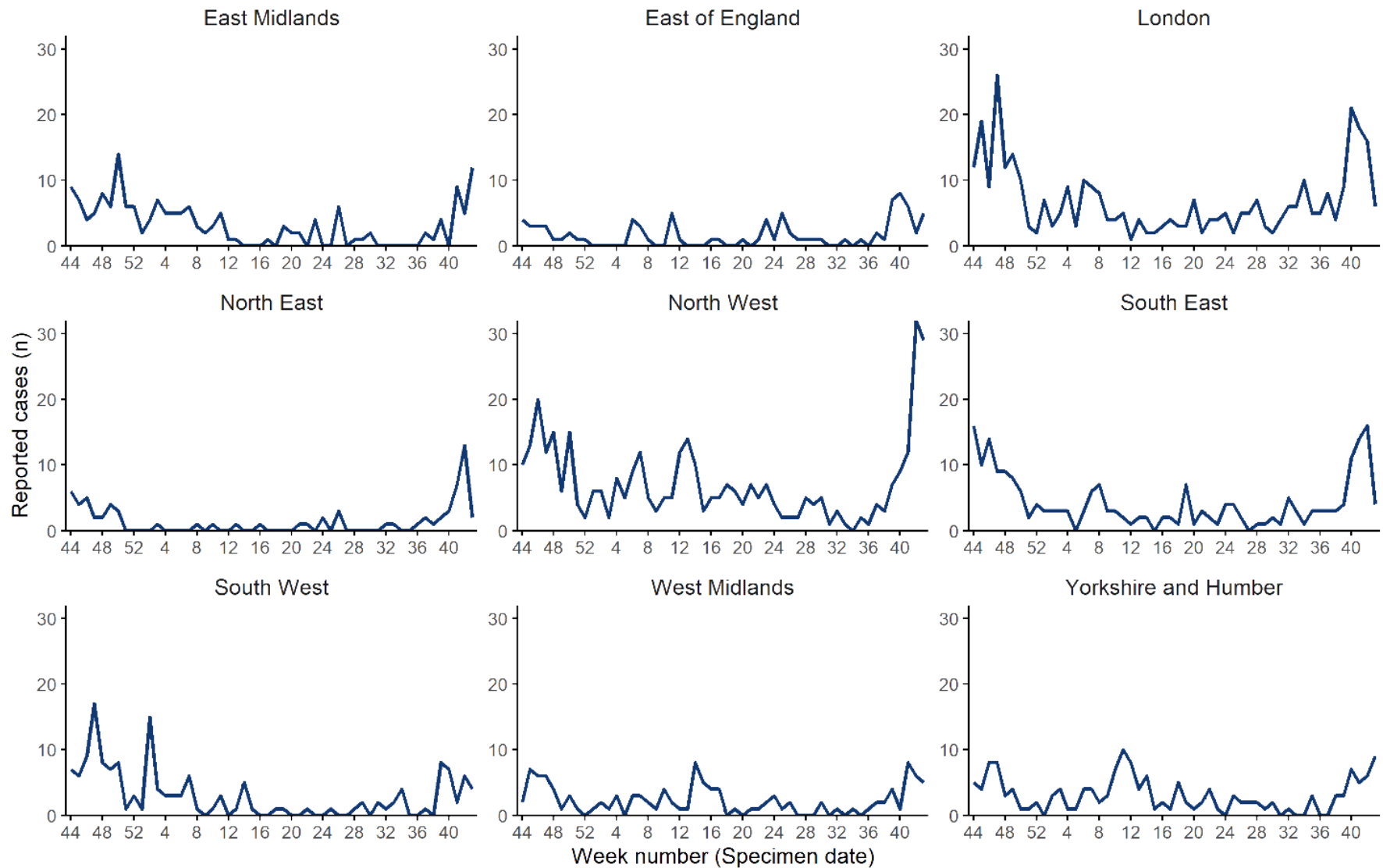


The presented figures are based on laboratory reports through SGSS. Testing and reporting procedures vary by virus, UKHSA centre and over time, including short-term trends in testing. Therefore

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## SGSS reported Influenza B cases by region (all ages)

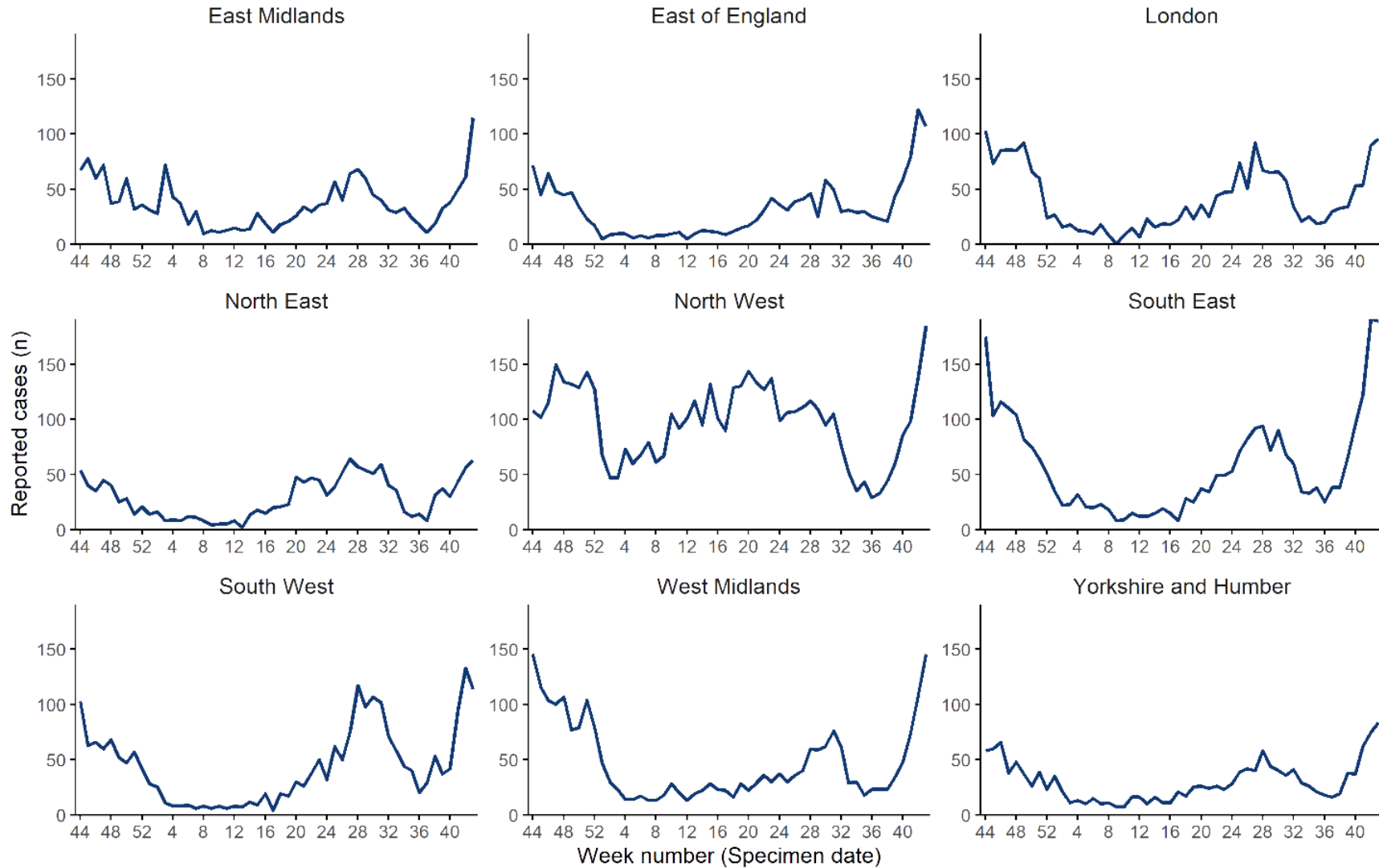


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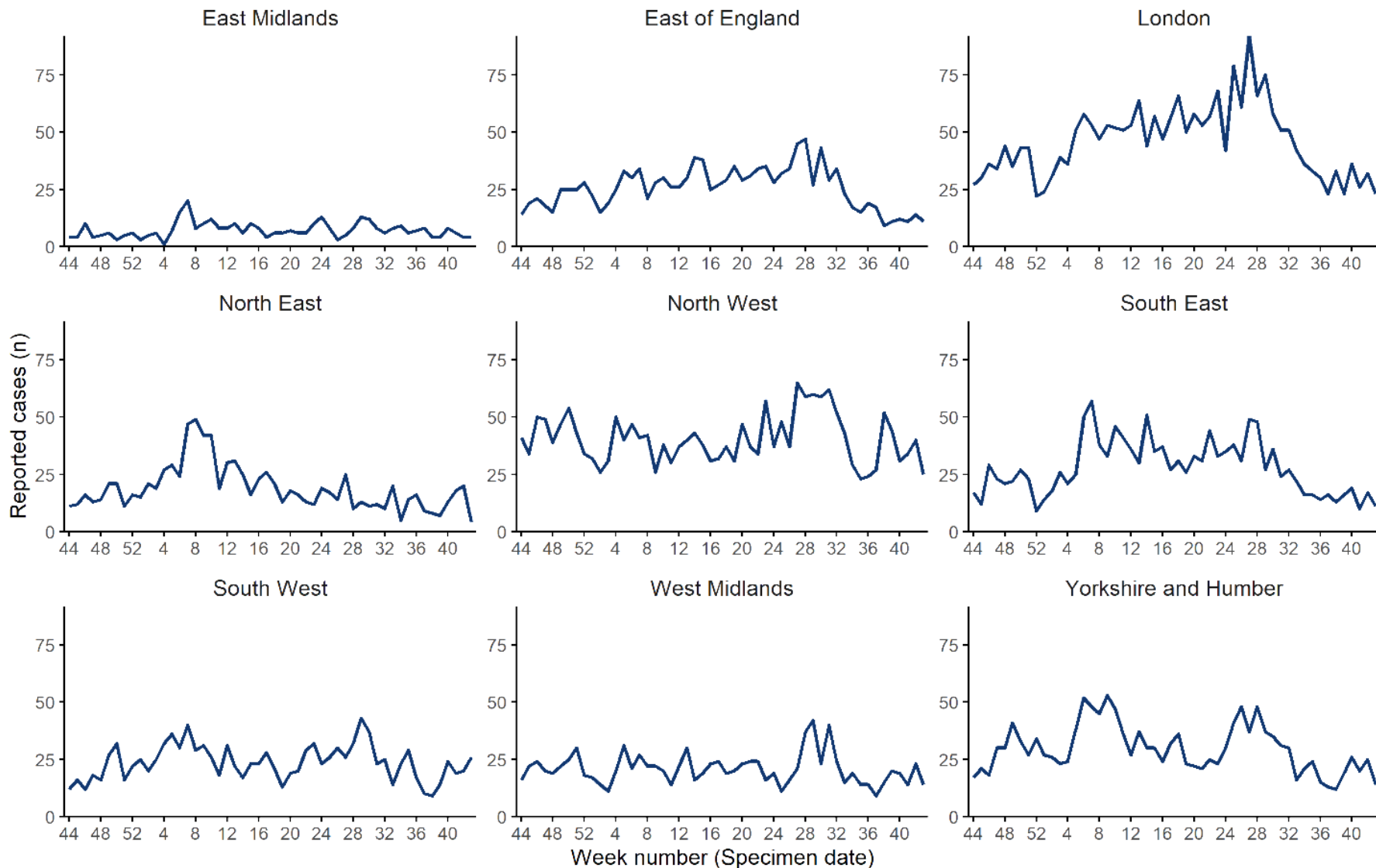
## SGSS reported RSV cases by region (all ages)



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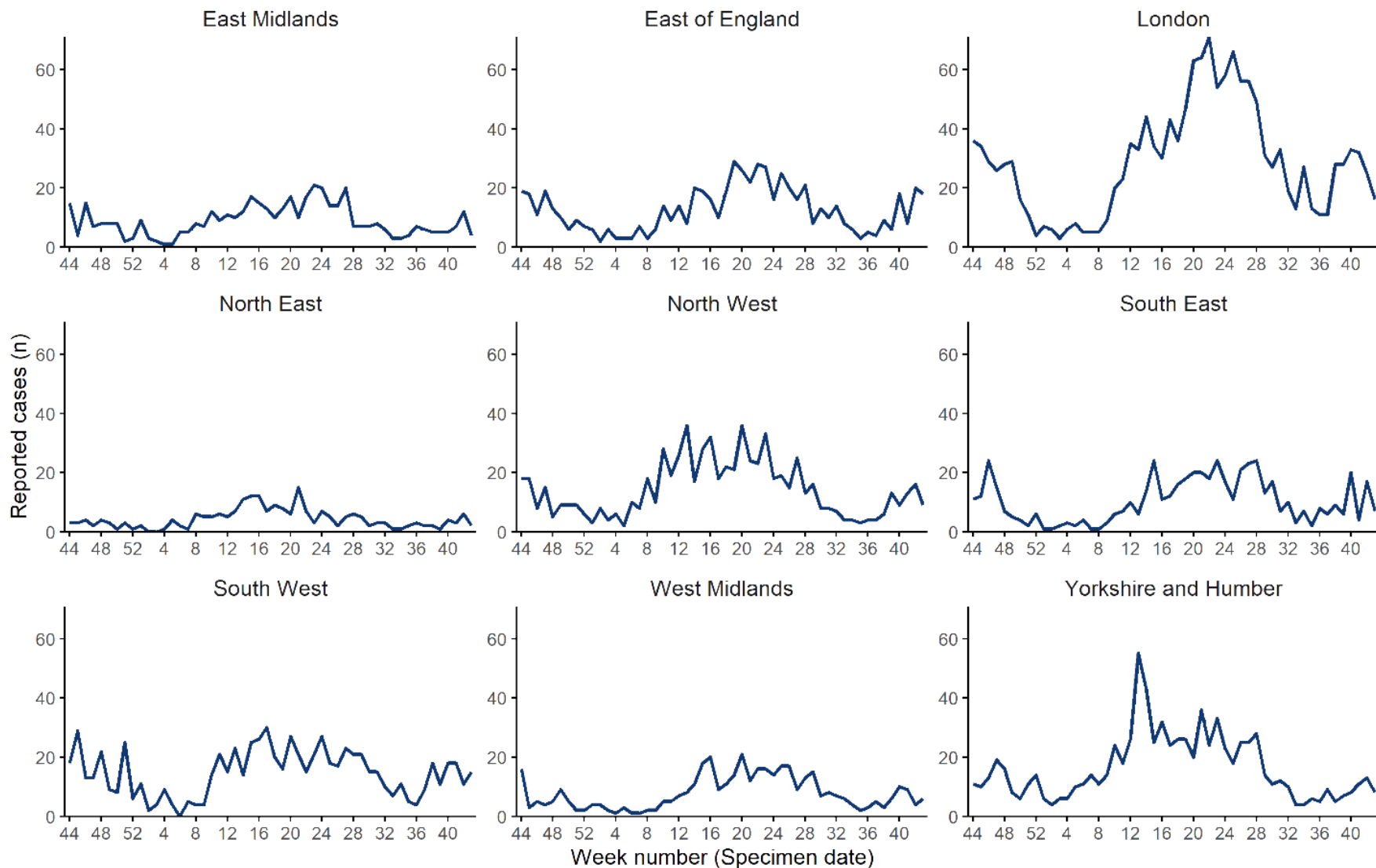
## SGSS reported Adenovirus cases by region (all ages)



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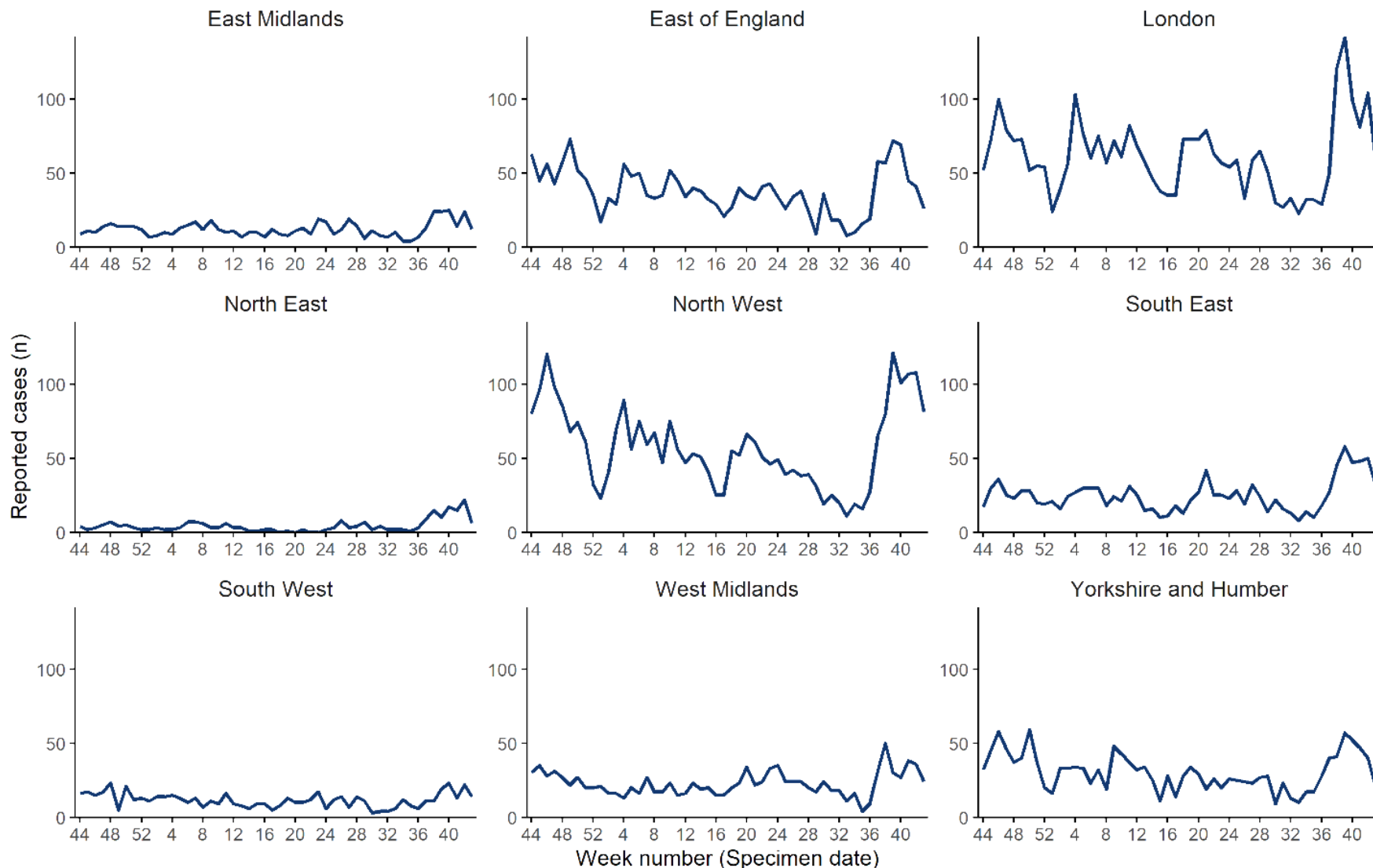
## SGSS reported Parainfluenza cases by region (all ages)



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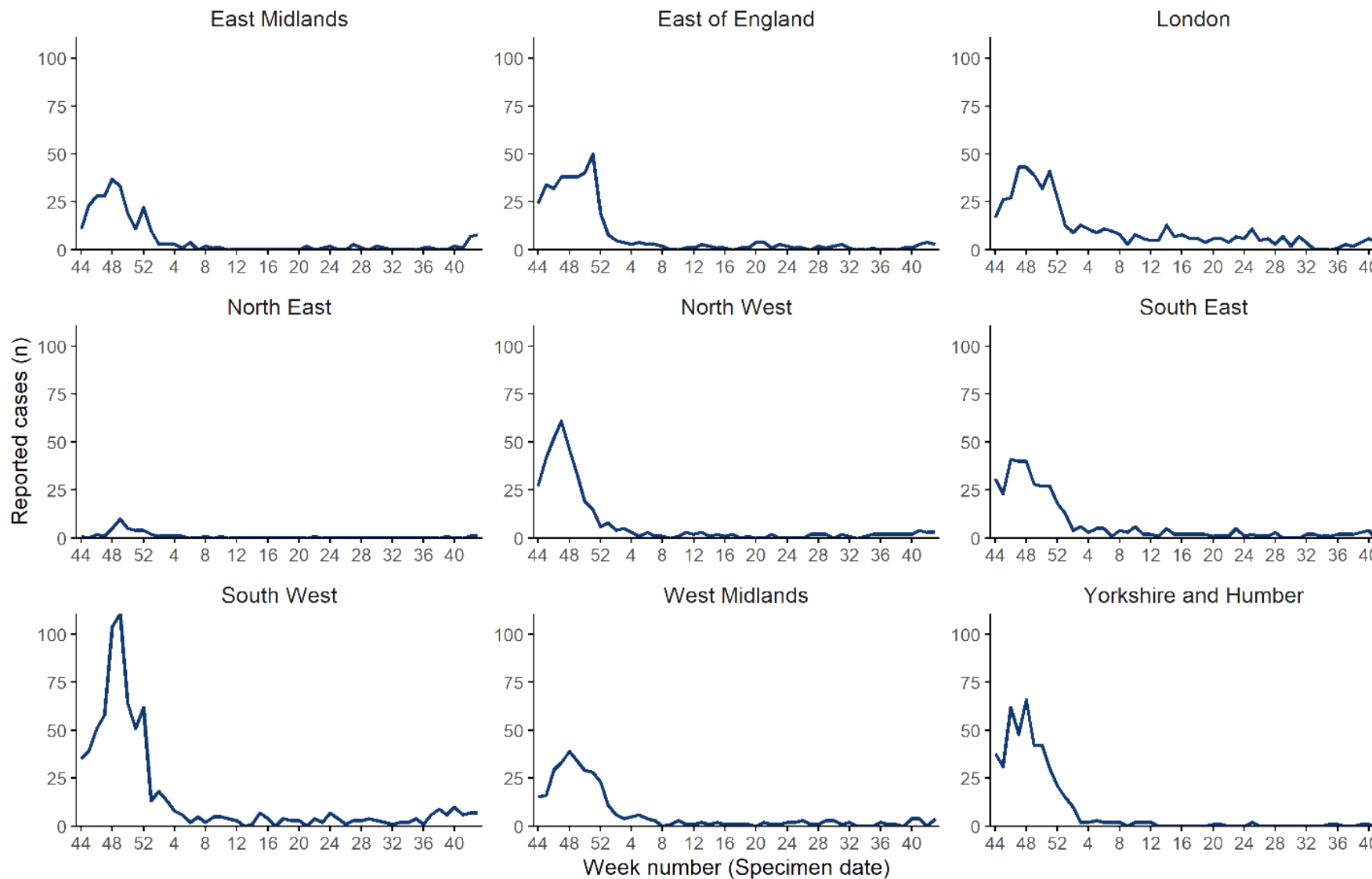
## SGSS reported Rhinovirus cases by region (all ages)



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## SGSS reported hMPV cases by region (all ages)



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# Community surveillance

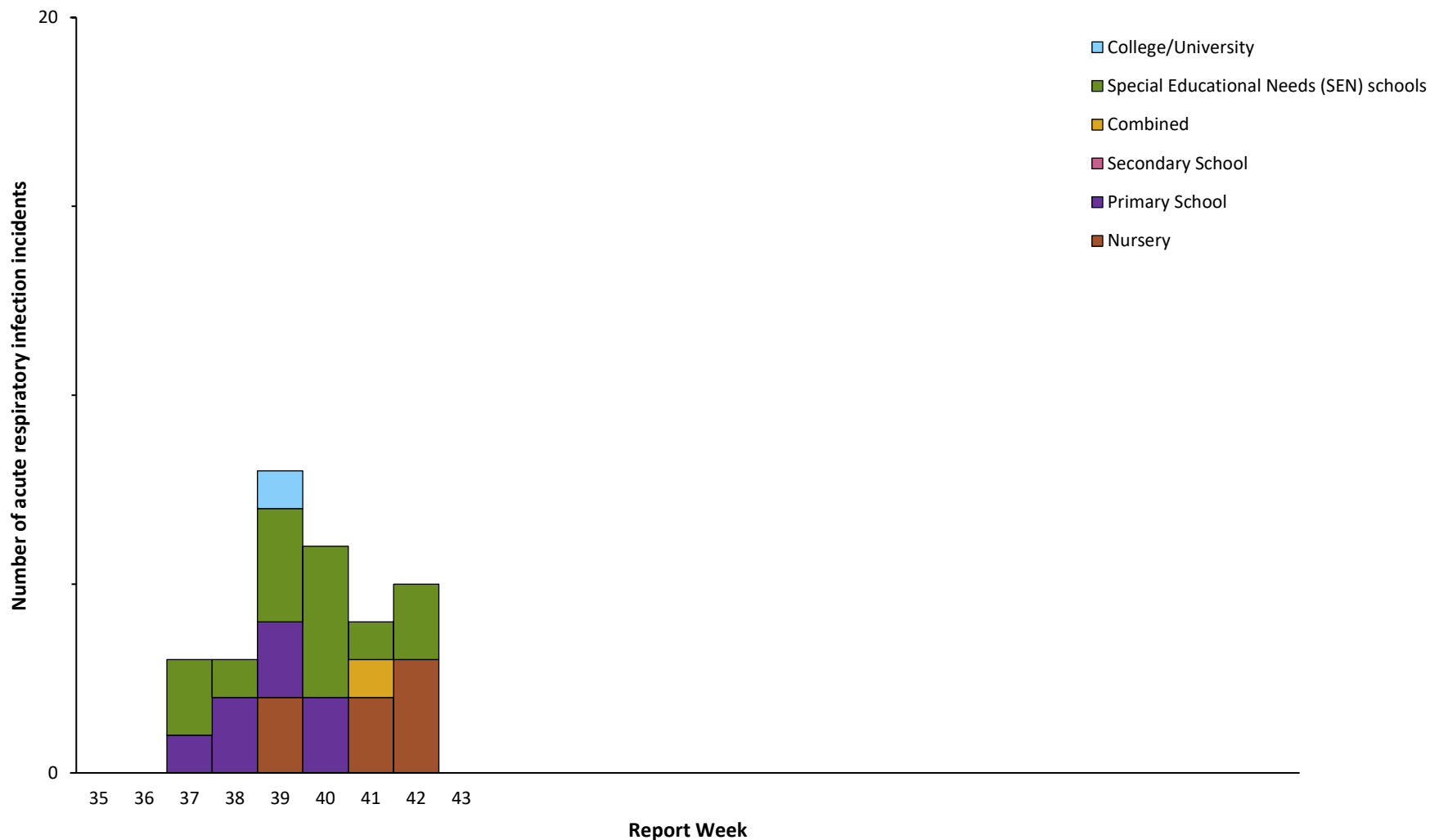


### Data Information

- We report on new acute respiratory infection (ARI) incidents reported to UKHSA Health Protection Teams (HPTs) and entered on HPZone in the previous reporting week by setting and locality.
- Daily and weekly aggregated surveillance reports are extracted from HPZone to generate the line listing.
- The weekly extracts include incidents reported in the previous epidemiological week (Monday to Sunday) by locality and context (setting e.g. school)
- The ARI incidents captured on HPZone represent a subset of all ongoing clusters and outbreaks in England rather than an exhaustive listing.
- SARS-CoV2 testing policies and public health guidance for different settings changed over time. This means that any interpretation of seasonal and temporal trends since March 2020 should take this into account.
- From week 14 2022 all reported outbreaks are considered suspected, in line with changes in reporting and the implementation of the living with COVID-19 plan. (Prior to this, individual cases notes for situations associated with educational settings were reviewed by an epidemiologist and an assessment made about whether the criteria for a confirmed COVID-19 cluster or outbreak were met).
- The ARI definition includes presentations of both of influenza-like illness (ILI) and other acute viral respiratory infections (AVRI). Causal pathogens can include Influenza A and B, Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), adenovirus, rhinovirus, parainfluenza, human metapneumovirus (hMPV) and SARS-CoV-2.
- For further info please contact: [respscidsc@ukhsa.gov.uk](mailto:respscidsc@ukhsa.gov.uk)



# Number of acute respiratory infection outbreaks reported to UKHSA by type of educational setting, England





# Number of acute respiratory infection outbreaks by type of educational setting, England

End of academic year total

Week 35 2021- 34 2022

UKHSA Centres	Cumulative number of suspected acute respiratory infection outbreaks by type of educational setting for the 2021/22 academic year Week 35 2021- 35 2022						
	Nursery	Primary School	Secondary School	Combined	Special Educational Needs (SEN) schools	College University	Total
<b>Total</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>1761</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>1306</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>4423</b>

Week 43 2022

Main table

UKHSA Centres	Cumulative number of suspected acute respiratory infection outbreaks by type of educational setting for the 2022/23 academic year from Week 35 2022						
	Nursery	Primary School	Secondary School	Combined	Special Educational Needs (SEN) schools	College University	Total
East Midlands Centre	2 (0)	1 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	0 (0)	<b>4 (0)</b>
East of England Centre	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	0 (0)	<b>1 (0)</b>
London Centre	4 (0)	2 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	5 (0)	1 (0)	<b>13 (0)</b>
North East Centre	1 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	<b>1 (0)</b>
North West Center	0 (0)	1 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (0)	0 (0)	<b>3 (0)</b>
South East Centre	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	<b>0 (0)</b>
South West Centre	0 (0)	1 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (0)	0 (0)	<b>4 (0)</b>
West Midlands Centre	0 (0)	2 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	<b>2 (0)</b>
Yorkshire & the Humber	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	0 (0)	<b>1 (0)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 (0)</b>	<b>7 (0)</b>	<b>0 (0)</b>	<b>1 (0)</b>	<b>13 (0)</b>	<b>1 (0)</b>	<b>29 (0)</b>

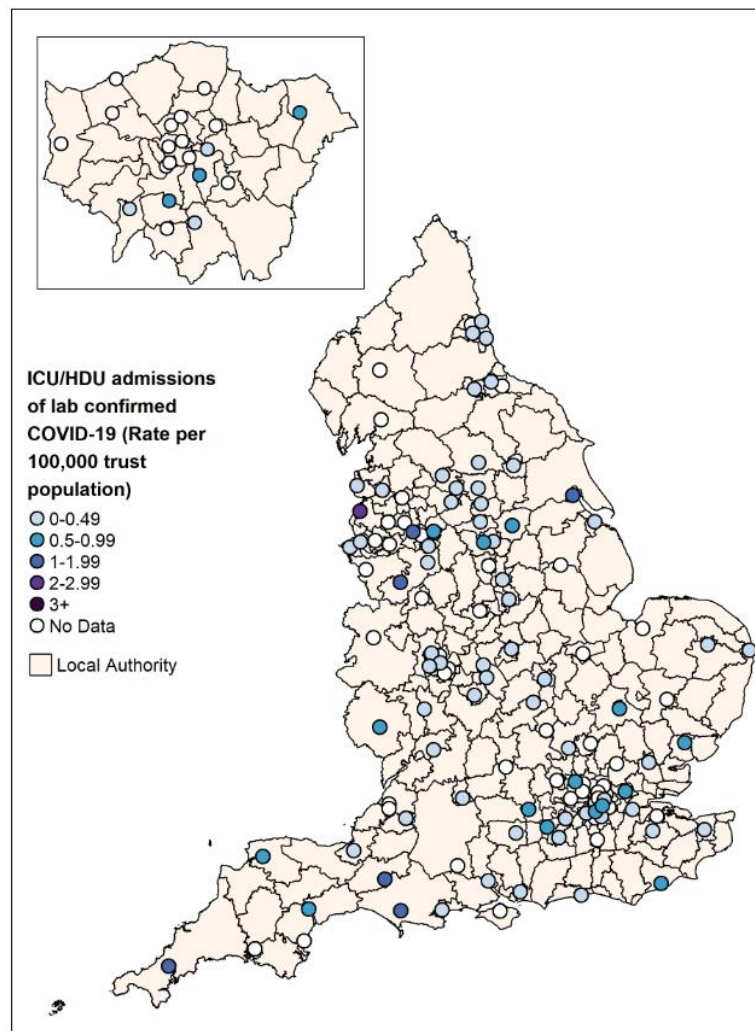
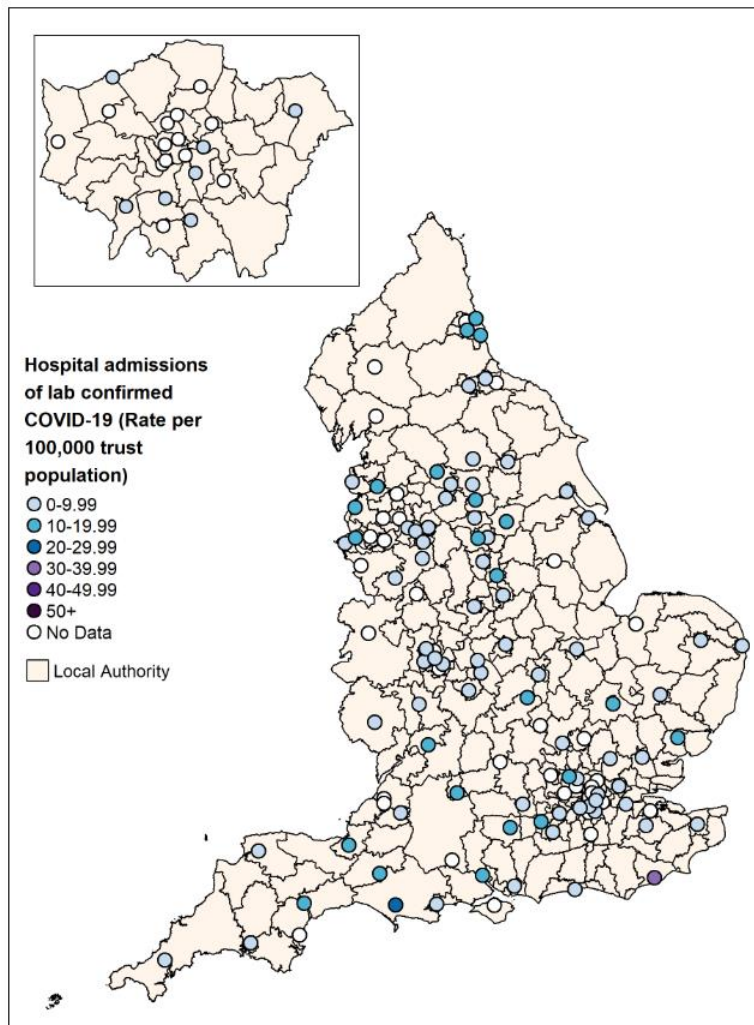
\* Number of acute respiratory infection for the most recent week in brackets



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# Secondary Care surveillance

# Weekly admission rates for hospital and ICU/HDU laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases reported through SARI Watch, week 43



Source: UKHSA SARI-Watch (Severe Acute Respiratory Infection-Watch, formerly CHES).

\*Only NHS Acute trusts that have reported ≥1 day in the past week; excludes Specialist trusts. Acute NHS trusts (including Specialist trusts) reporting into SARI-Watch COVID-19 hospitalisation surveillance are typically around 100 per week. This was 95 for the hospitalisation (all levels of care) indicator in week 24 October 2022 to 30 October inclusive and 85 trusts for the ICU/HDU indicator. For the maps, as Specialist trusts are excluded, the number of trusts providing data on COVID-19 hospitalisations in week ending 30 October 2022 was 85 and 76 for ICU/HDU admissions for COVID-19.

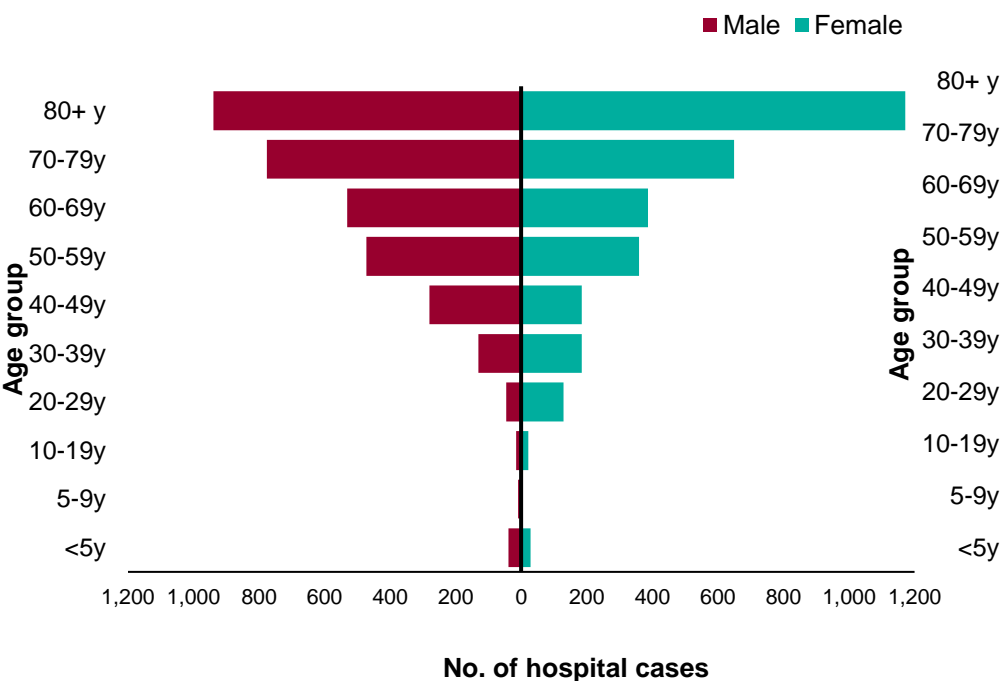


# Age/sex pyramid of hospitalisations (all levels of care) for COVID-19, data

UK Health from sentinel acute NHS trusts, England

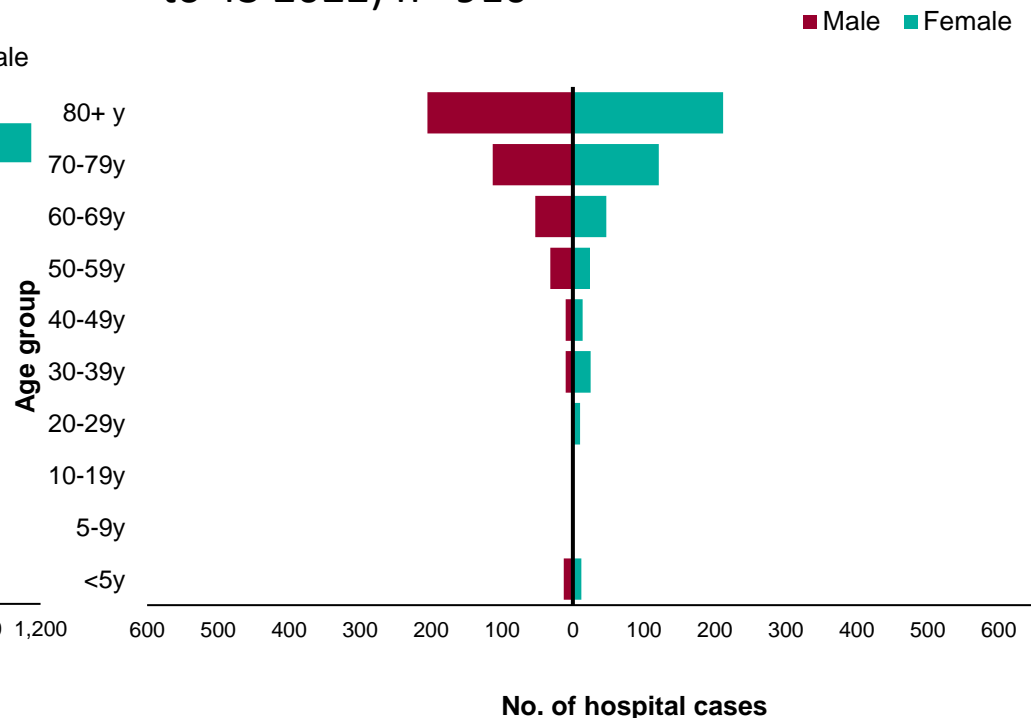
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(a) Peak of 2<sup>nd</sup> wave (week 53 2020 to week 3 2021) n= 6,359



Reporting trusts=22

(b) Most recent 4 weeks (week 40 2022 to 43 2022) n= 910



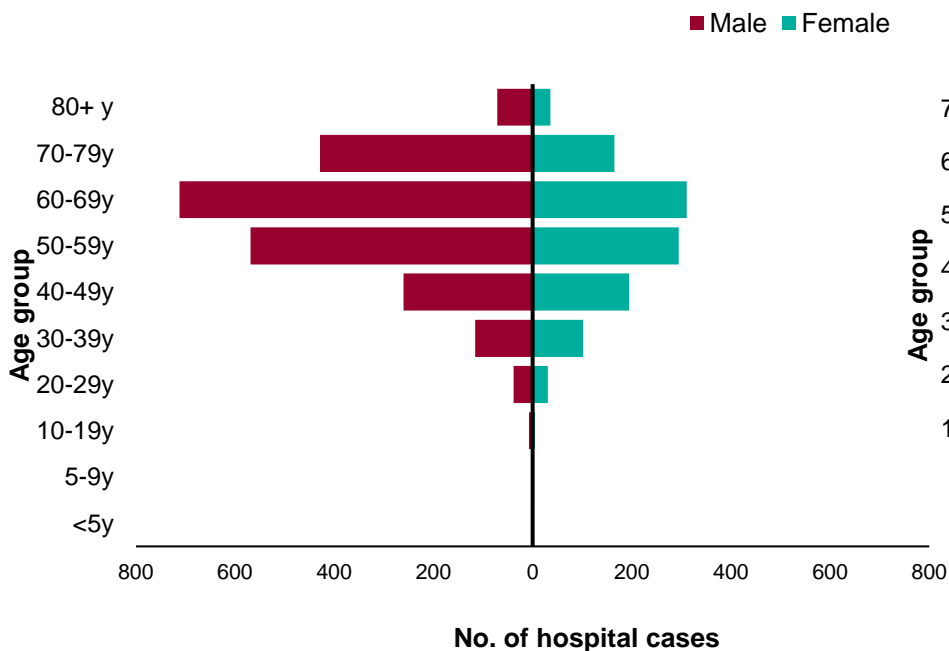
Reporting trusts=11



# Age/sex pyramid for admissions to ICU/HDU for COVID-19, mandatory

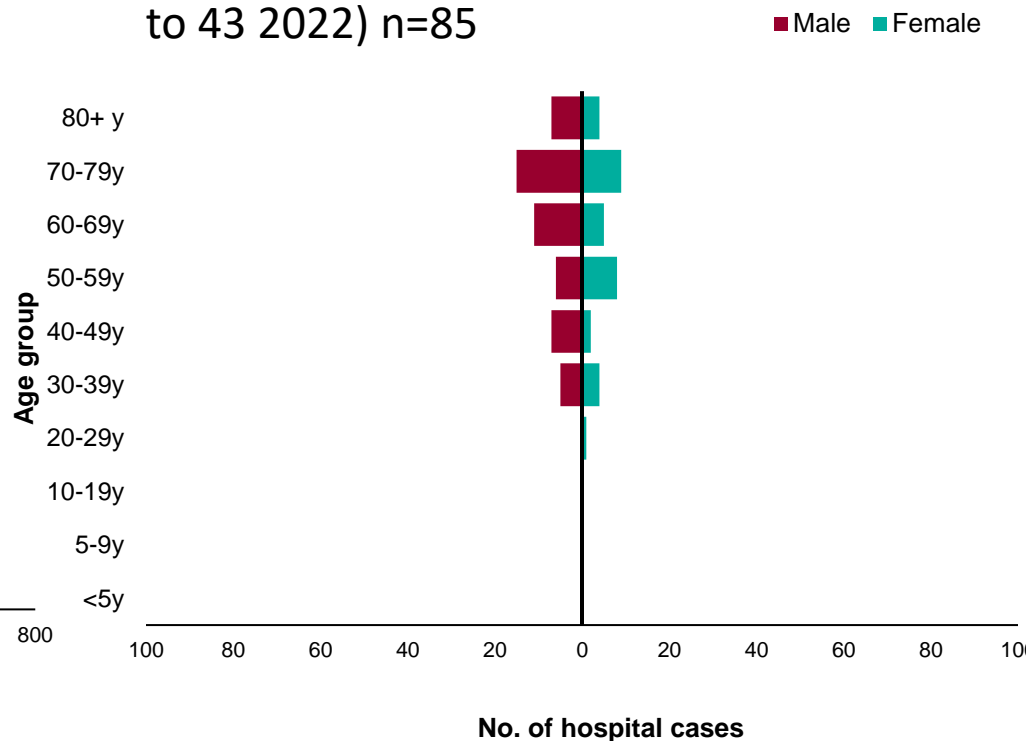
UK Health Security Agency  
case level data, acute NHS trusts, England

(a) Peak of 2<sup>nd</sup> wave (week 53 2020 to week 3 2021) n= 3,349



Reporting trusts=70

(b) Most recent 4 weeks (week 40 2022 to 43 2022) n=85



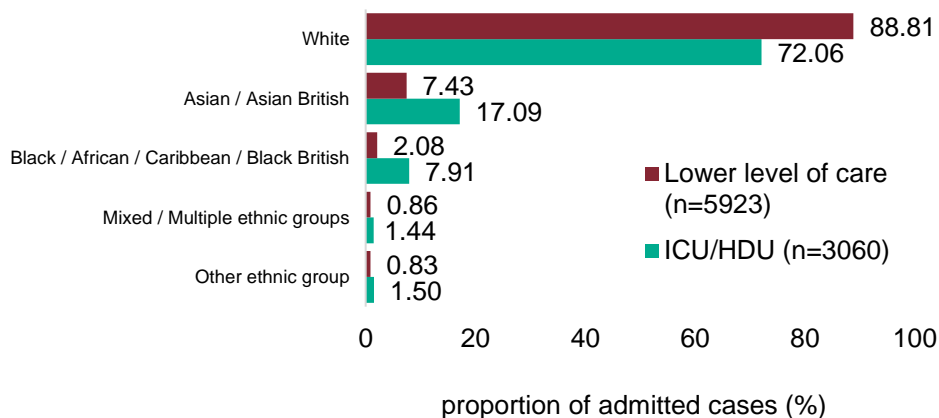
Reporting trusts= 25





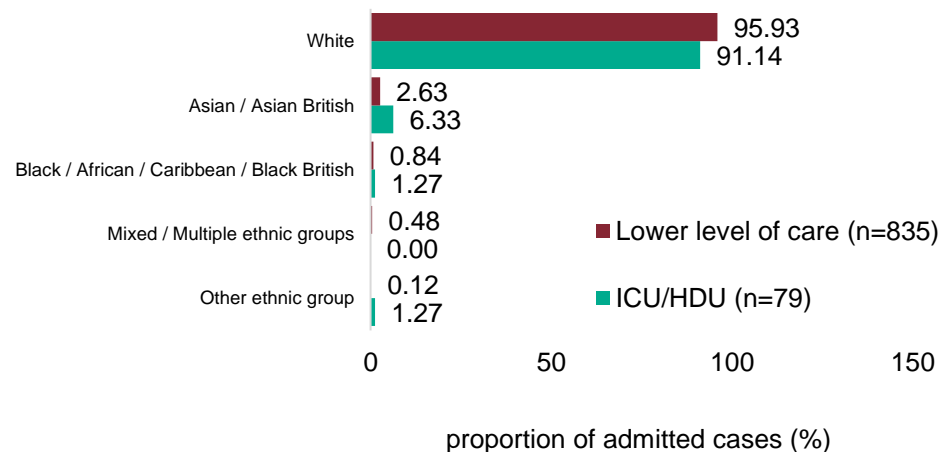
# Laboratory confirmed admissions for COVID-19, to acute NHS trusts, by level of care and ethnicity

(a) Peak of 2<sup>nd</sup> wave (week 53 2020 to  
week 3 2021)



Reporting trusts  
Lower level of care=21  
ICU/HDU=68

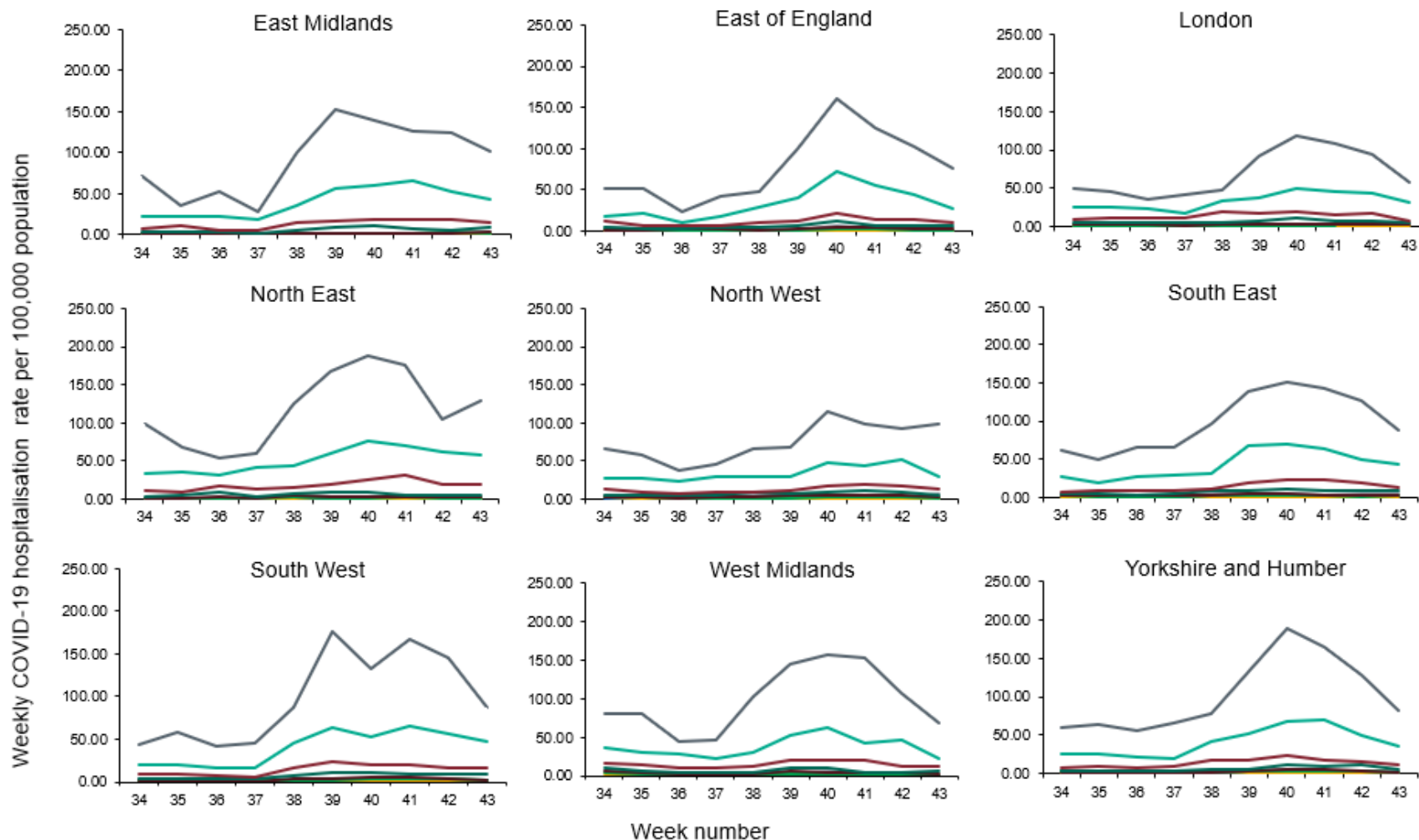
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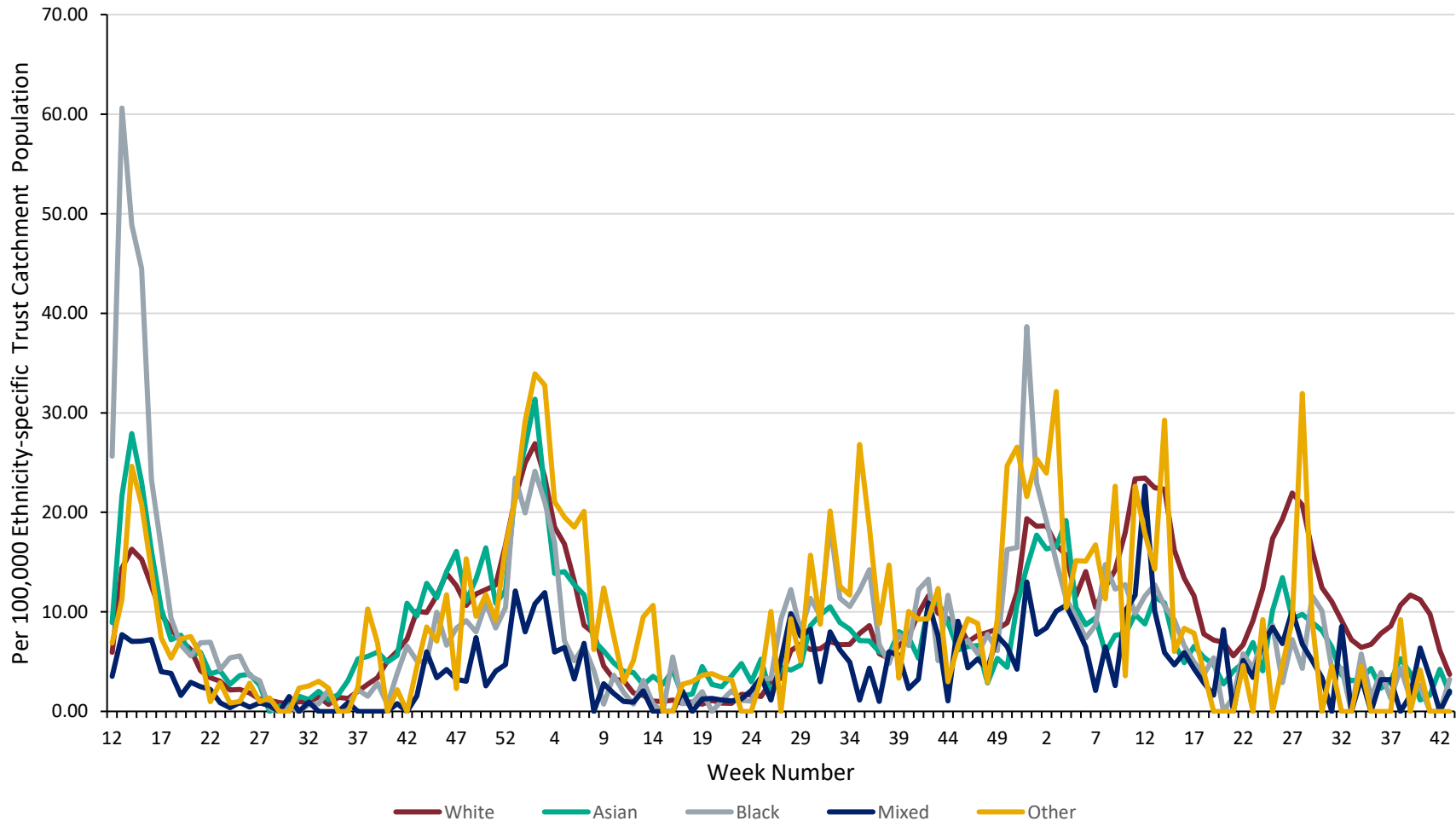
Reporting trusts  
Lower level of care=11  
ICU/HDU=23



# Weekly COVID-19 hospitalisation rate per 100,000 trust catchment population by age group and region, weeks 34 to 43



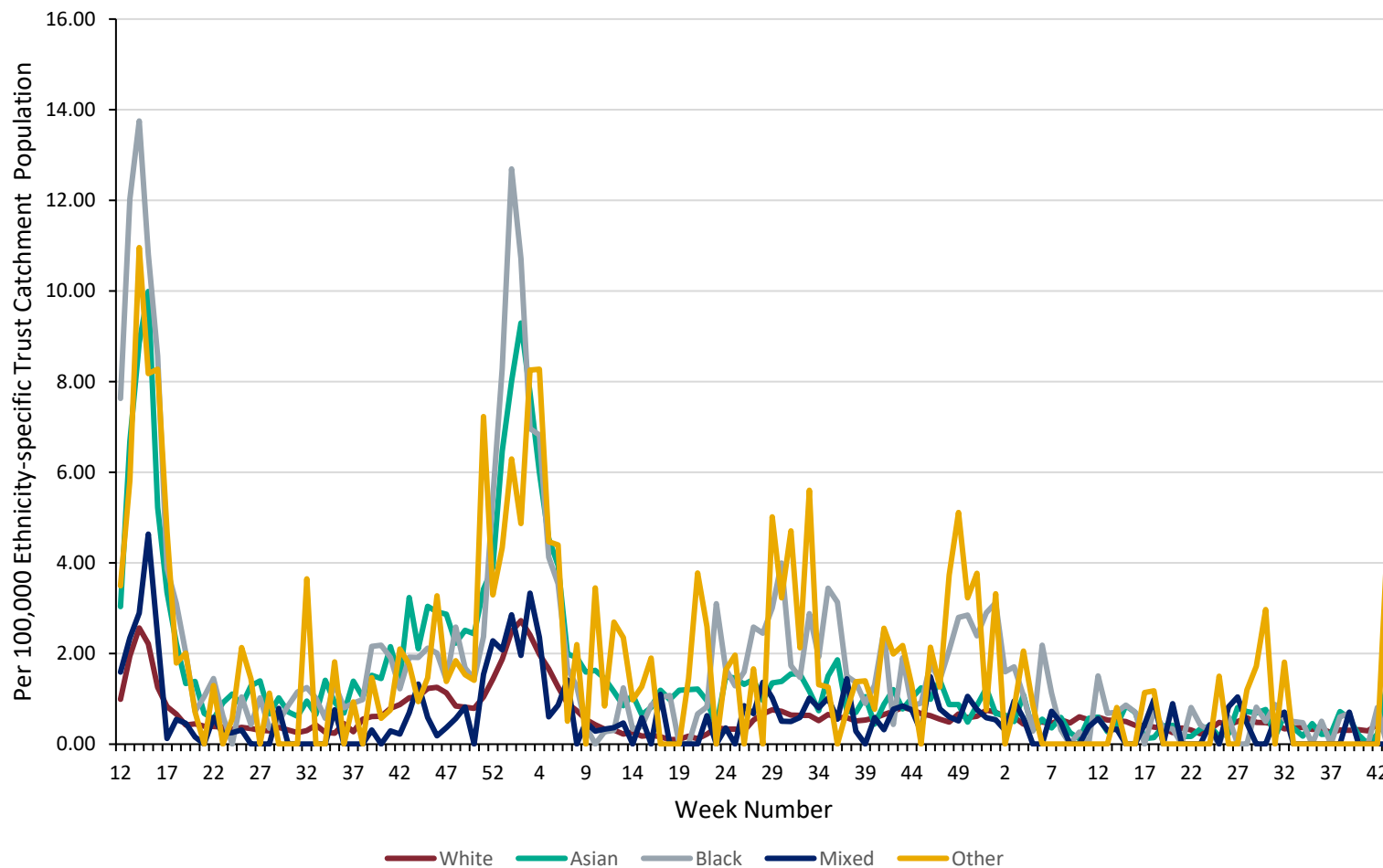
Hospital admission rate (excluding ICU/HDU) by ethnicity per 100,000 trust catchment population



Caveat: From week 24 (2021) the ethnicity analysis is based on a new method for assigning ethnicity, developed by UKHSA. The previous method used the most recent ethnicity recorded through linkage to Hospital Episode Statistics. However, this method led to unfeasibly high rates in the 'Other' ethnic group when applied to COVID-19 cases, hospitalisation or mortality. The new method uses the most frequent ethnicity recorded through linkage to Hospital Episode Statistics, unless the most frequent was 'Other' when the second most frequent was chosen.



## Rate of admission to ICU/HDU by ethnicity, per 100,000 trust catchment population

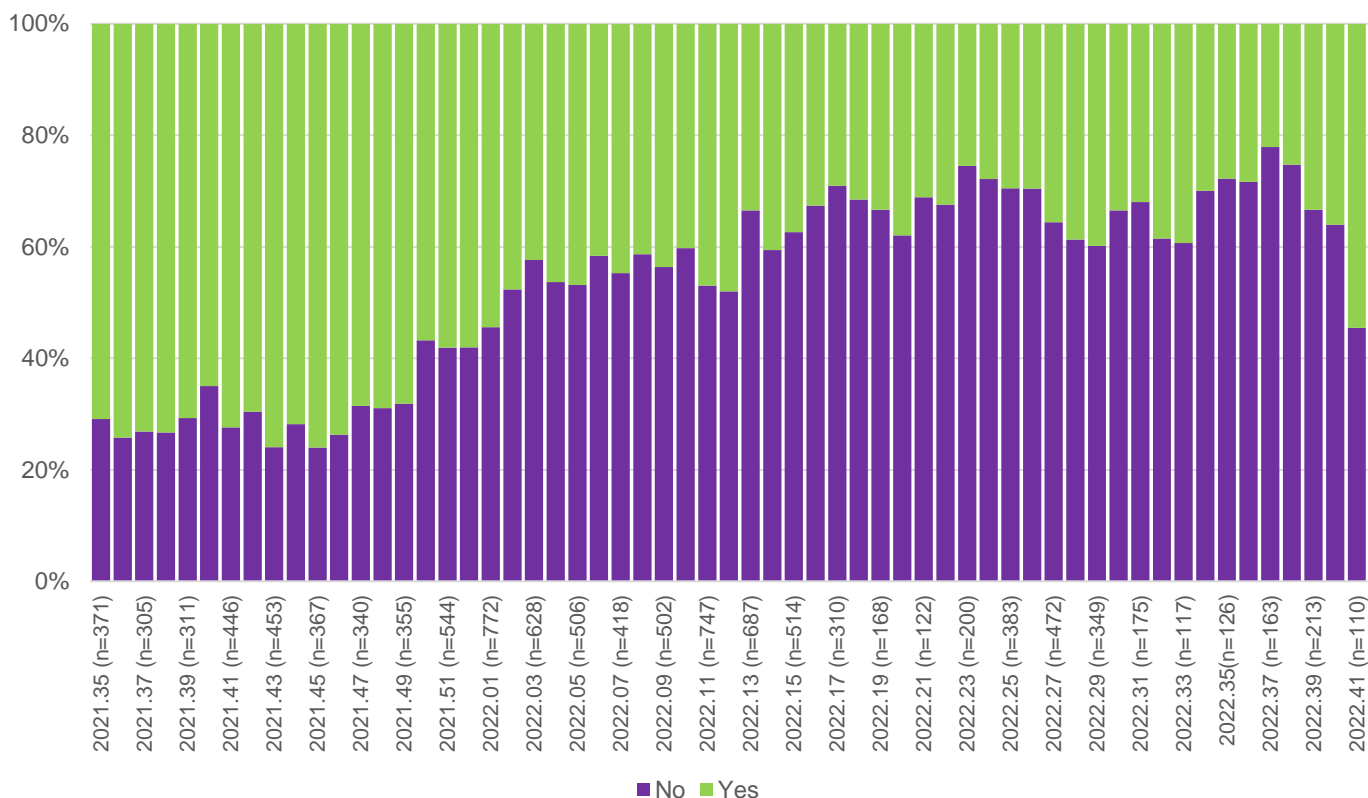


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# COVID-19 as primary reason for admission among SARS-CoV-2 positive patient by week of admission

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## Notes

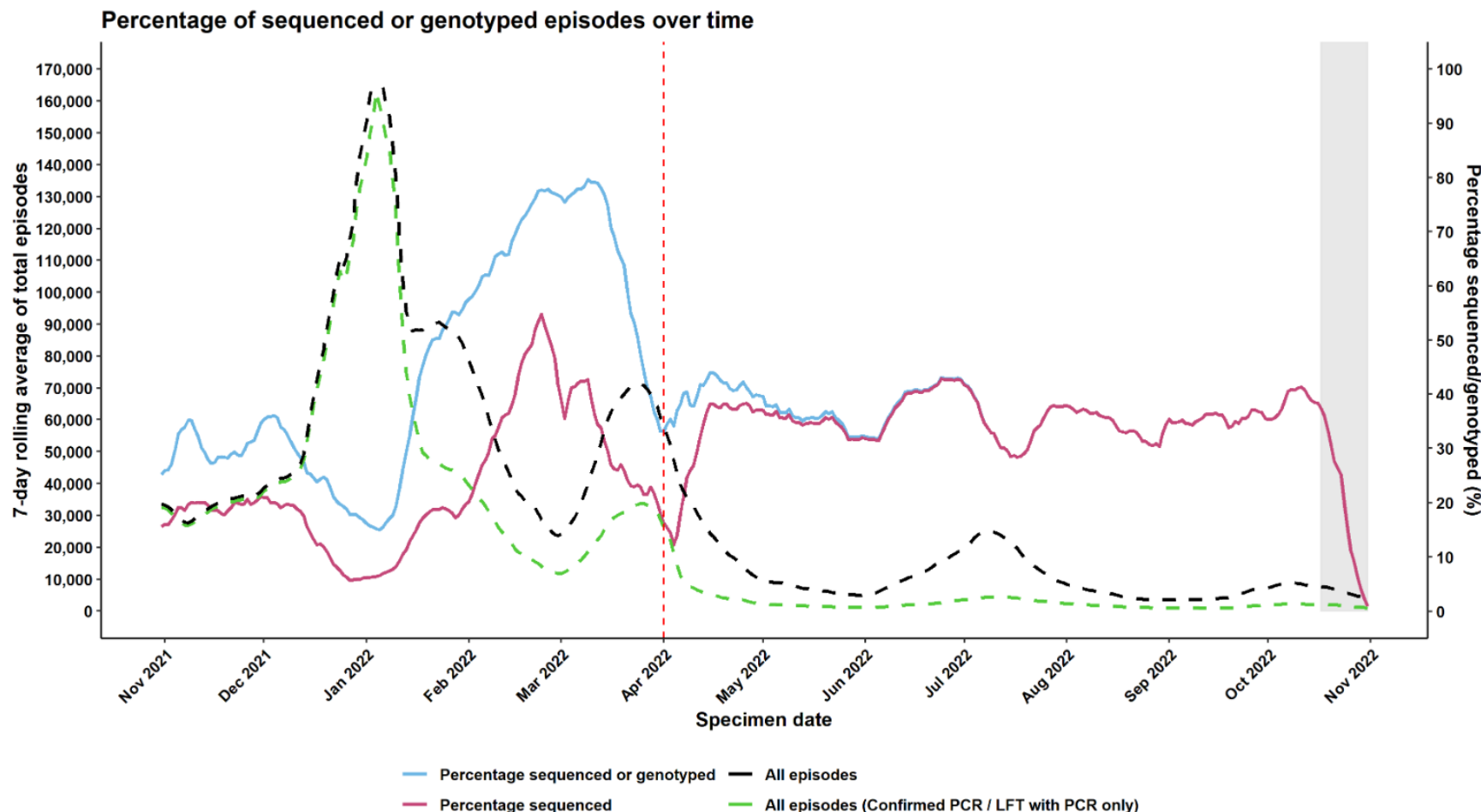
- 1) Case-level sentinel data from SARI-Watch, from week 35 2021 (commencing 30 August 2021) to week 39 2022 (ending 2 October 2022) inclusive
- 2) Total 29,255 records in period of analysis, of which 34% (n=9,868) had COVID-19 as primary reason for admission ('Yes').
- 3) SARS-CoV-2 patients with evidence of COVID-19 treatment but have 'No' or 'Unknown' for COVID-19 as primary reason for admission (n=985) are reassigned to COVID-19 as primary reason of admission ('Yes').
- 4) Reassignment increases COVID-19 as primary reason for admission ('Yes') from 9,868 to 10,853
- 5) 24% (7,116/29,255) of total records in this period have missing data on the 'Admission due to COVID-19' indicator – these are excluded from analysis
- 6) Caveats: London trusts under-represented and most recent weeks are subject to retrospective updates



# SARS-CoV-2 Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) coverage, England



# Coverage of sequencing with a valid result and genotyping over time (3 October 2021 to 3 October 2022)



Data extract from 01 November 2022; data from 31 October 2021 to 31 October 2022.  
Grey shading was applied to the previous 14 days to account for reporting delays in sequencing data.  
Episodes where the individual only tested using a lateral flow device are not included in the percentage denominator.

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# Preceding/co-/secondary infections with COVID-19

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# Preceding/co-/secondary infections with COVID-19

- Caveat - undertesting for other pathogens may result in an underestimate of preceding/co-/secondary infection cases.
- Preceding/co-/secondary infections refers to when a patient has a COVID-19 infection with one or more other pathogen (Please see Appendix 1 – Preceding/co-/secondary infection with COVID-19 definitions.)
  - Preceding infection: SARS-CoV-2 acquired after another pathogen
  - Co-infection: SARS-CoV-2 and other pathogen acquired at the same time
  - Secondary infection: SARS-CoV-2 acquired before another pathogen
- Numbers of preceding/co-/secondary infection remain low across UKHSA surveillance systems.
- For patients with severe respiratory failure requiring Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO), analysis of data from five adult ECMO centres in England indicates that among patients with severe respiratory failure due to COVID-19, almost a third of these have co/secondary infections.
- Published data analysis from pandemic wave 1 (W-1) indicates increased mortality associated with COVID-19 and [influenza](#), [key bacterial and fungal infections](#) and [invasive pneumococcal disease \(IPD\)](#) in comparison to patients without co/secondary infection.
- [Data analysis](#) from W-1 indicates that *Aspergillus* and *candidemia* cases have increased risk of mortality in comparison to patients without co/secondary infection.



## Co/secondary infections among patients with severe respiratory failure requiring Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO)

Analysis is based on cumulative data from five adult ECMO centres in England. Surveillance is all year round. Each season commences around October (ISO week 40) ending in September (ISO week 39) in the following year.

Data for the current season (2021-22) is from 4 October 2021 to 2 October 2022 inclusive (week 40 2021 to week 39 2022). This period includes effects from the Delta and Omicron waves of the pandemic. The 2020-21 season is from 28 September 2020 to 3 October 2021 inclusive and includes effects from the Alpha and Delta waves. The 2019-20 season is from 30 September 2019 to 27 September 2020 inclusive and includes effects from the original Wuhan strain.

- In the 2021-22 season, 40% (31/77) of ECMO patients admitted for severe respiratory failure due to laboratory confirmed COVID-19 had clinically significant co/secondary infections. In the previous season (2020-21) this proportion was 33% (134/402). In the 2019-20 season this proportion was 33% (79/236).
- In all three seasons the majority of clinically significant co/secondary infections among respiratory failure COVID-19 cases comprised Gram-negative bacilli from the order Enterobacterales:
  - 45% (14/31) in the current season 2021-22
  - 32% (43/134) in 2020-21 and 46% (36/79) in 2019-20.
  - The decrease in 2020-21 compared to 2019-20 reached borderline significance ( $p=0.057$ ). No change was detected in other key pathogens between these two time periods.
  - No evidence of change was detected in the proportion of co/secondary infections due to Enterobacterales between 2020-21 and 2021-2022.



# Surveillance of bacterial, fungal and viral infections, in COVID-19 patients in England, Jan 2020 – Oct 2022

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# Updates

- The following outputs included in this section have been produced via the Unified Infection Dataset (UID), combining previously separate data pipelines
  - Key HCAI bacterial and fungal specimens reported to SGSS and HCAI data capture system
  - Respiratory viral specimens reported to SGSS and Respiratory Datamart
  - Fungal specimens reported to mycology reference lab (MRL)
- Data are provisional and subject to change due to possible delayed reporting of microbiological samples
- Free community testing ended 31 March 2022 as part of the government's Living with COVID-19 plan, with asymptomatic testing continuing in some settings. As of 31 August 2022, asymptomatic testing in all settings, including hospitals, has been paused. Please use caution when comparing incidence of bacterial, fungal and viral preceding/co-/secondary infections over time due to these differences in testing strategies.



# Number of COVID-19 patient-episodes with bacterial, fungal or respiratory viral infections in COVID-19 patients diagnosed in England during wave 3\*, by infection type and timing of diagnosis

Bacterial/ fungal/ viral infection by specimen type	COVID-19 patient-episodes with bacterial/ fungal/ viral infection		Timing of bacterial/fungal/viral diagnosis in relation to COVID-19 diagnosis								
			Preceding infection			Coinfection			Secondary infection		
	n	% of COVID cases	n	% infections by site	% of COVID cases	n	% infections by site	% of COVID cases	n	% infections by site	% of COVID cases
<b>Bacterial/fungal bloodstream &amp; lower respiratory infection</b>	294	<0.01	31	10.54	<0.01	17	5.78	<0.01	246	83.67	<0.01
<b>Bacterial/fungal bloodstream infection</b>	11,564	0.07	5,119	44.27	0.03	2,470	21.36	0.02	3,975	34.37	0.02
<b>Bacterial/fungal lower respiratory infection</b>	3,338	0.02	864	25.88	0.01	362	10.84	<0.01	2,112	63.27	0.01
<b><i>Clostridioides difficile</i> infection</b>	1,121	0.01	440	39.25	<0.01	110	9.81	<0.01	571	50.94	<0.01
<b>Fungal respiratory/bloodstream infection (MRL) ‡</b>	198	<0.01	14	7.07	<0.01	3	1.52	<0.01	181	91.41	<0.01
<b>Other respiratory virus infection</b>	3,835	0.02	1,003	26.15	0.01	1,906	49.70	0.01	926	24.15	0.01
<b>Any site†</b>	<b>20,389</b>	<b>0.13</b>	<b>7,484</b>	<b>36.71</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>4,869</b>	<b>23.88</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>8,036</b>	<b>39.41</b>	<b>0.05</b>

## Key findings:

- 0.1% of COVID-19 patient-episodes had a bacterial, fungal or other respiratory viral infection detected in either the 28 days prior or following (60 days following for MRL) their COVID-19 diagnosis.
- Prevalence in W3 lower than W2 and W1; however, patient-episodes of COVID-19 and another key infections are still higher in W3 than W2 and W1 (20,389 vs 11,830 vs 4,636, respectively).
- Most infections with key organisms were categorised as secondary infections (39.4%).

**\*\*Please note we are experiencing delayed reporting of MRL and Respiratory DataMart data, last updated Mar 2022 and Aug 2022, respectively**

Please see appendix 1 for pre-/co-/secondary infection definitions with SARS-CoV-2

Please note patients can have multiple COVID-19 infection-episodes, numbers here do not reflect the number of patients.

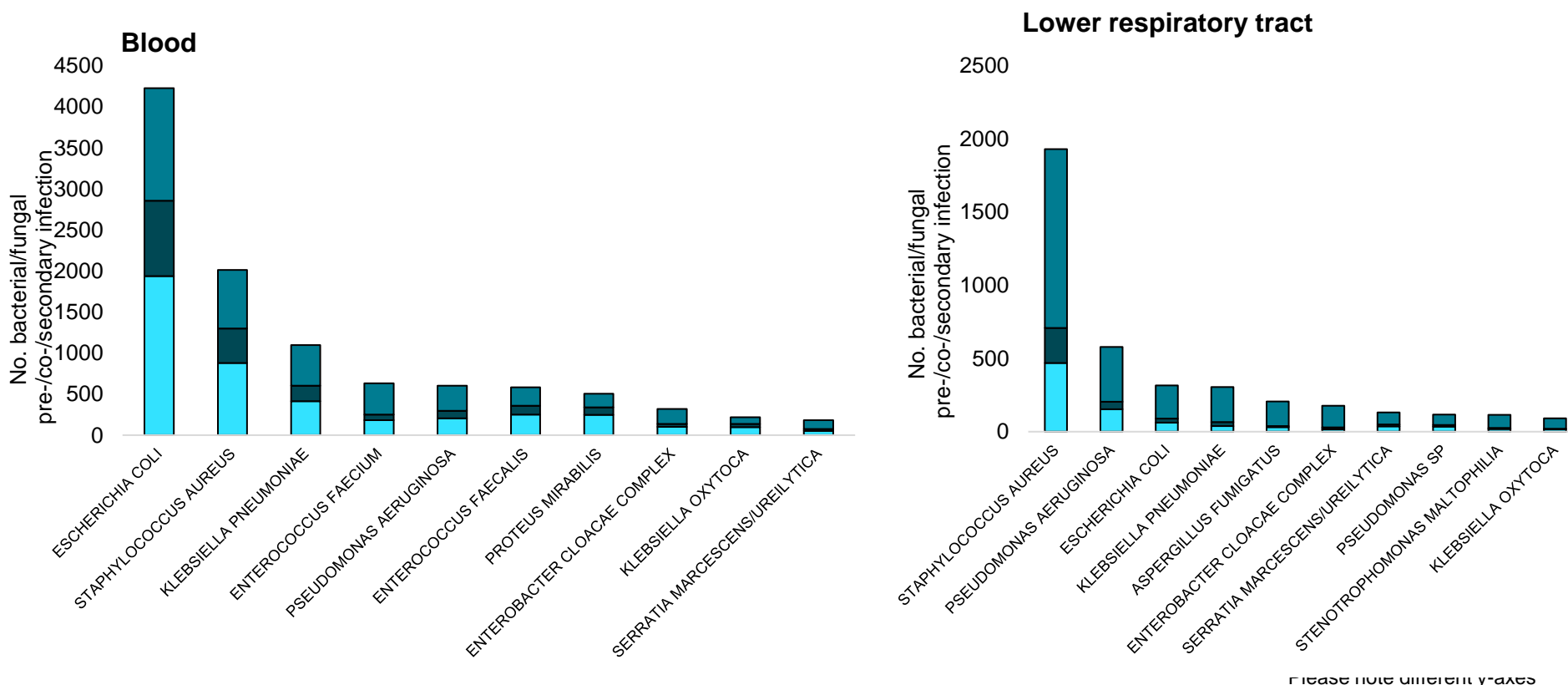
\*SARS-CoV2 specimen dates from 27 Apr 2021 to 25 Sep 2022 (N=16,011,063). Last updated 28 Oct 2022\*\*

‡ Definition for secondary infection differs for MRL specimens - detection within 60 days

† includes the combination Bacterial/fungal bloodstream & *Clostridioides difficile* infection (12 preceding, 1 coinfection & 21 secondary), Bacterial/fungal bloodstream, lower respiratory & *Clostridioides difficile* infection (1 secondary), & Bacterial/fungal lower respiratory & *Clostridioides difficile* infection (1 preceding & 3 secondary)



# Most frequent bacterial/fungal species in blood or lower respiratory tract specimens, by timing of diagnosis, in COVID-19 patients diagnosed in England during wave 3

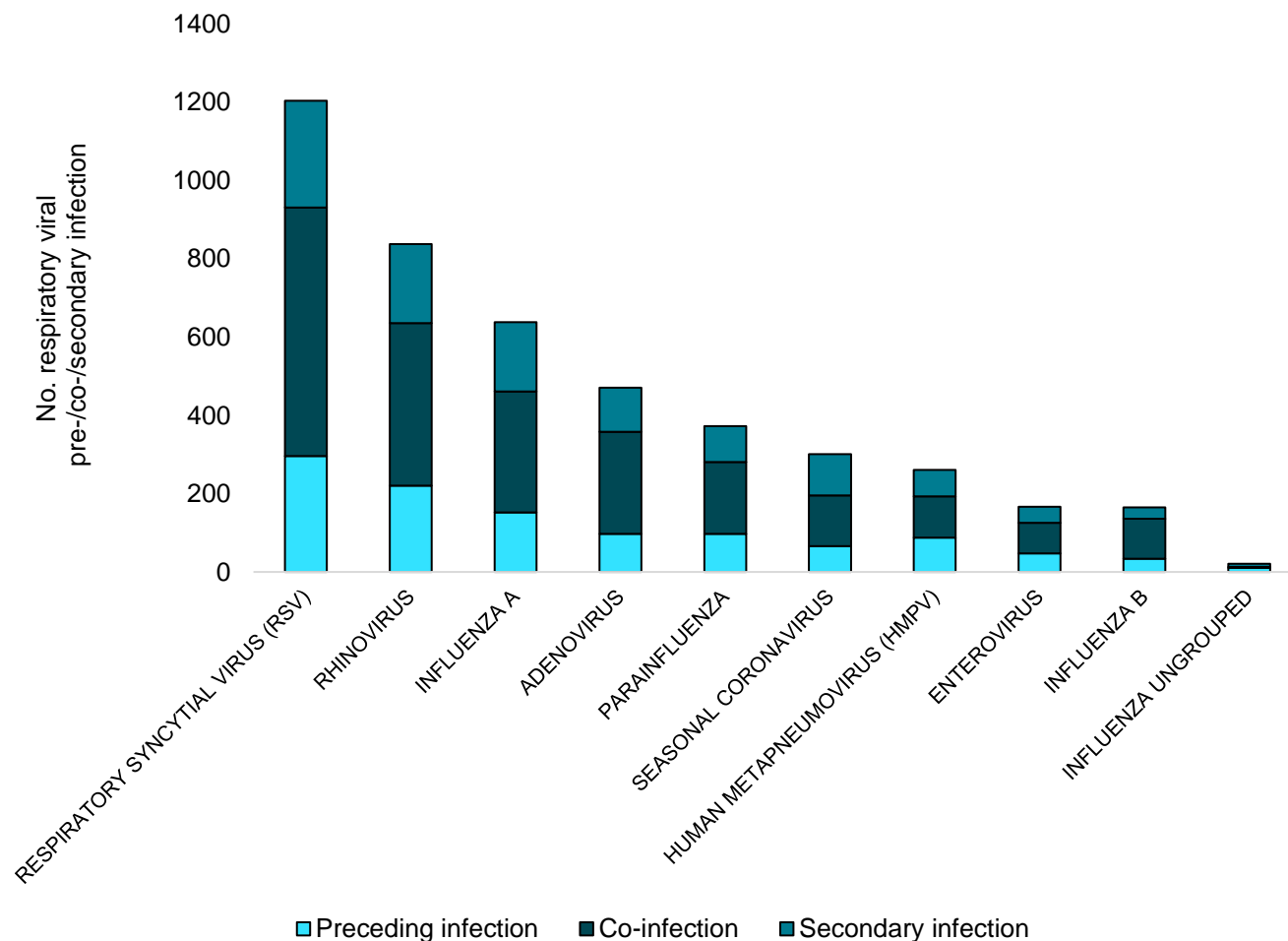


## Key findings:

In wave 3, the most frequent bacterial/fungal organisms identified from blood specimens were *Escherichia coli*, *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Klebsiella pneumoniae* and from respiratory specimens were *S. aureus*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *E. coli*.



## Most frequent viral specimens, by timing of diagnosis, in COVID-19 patients diagnosed in England during wave 3



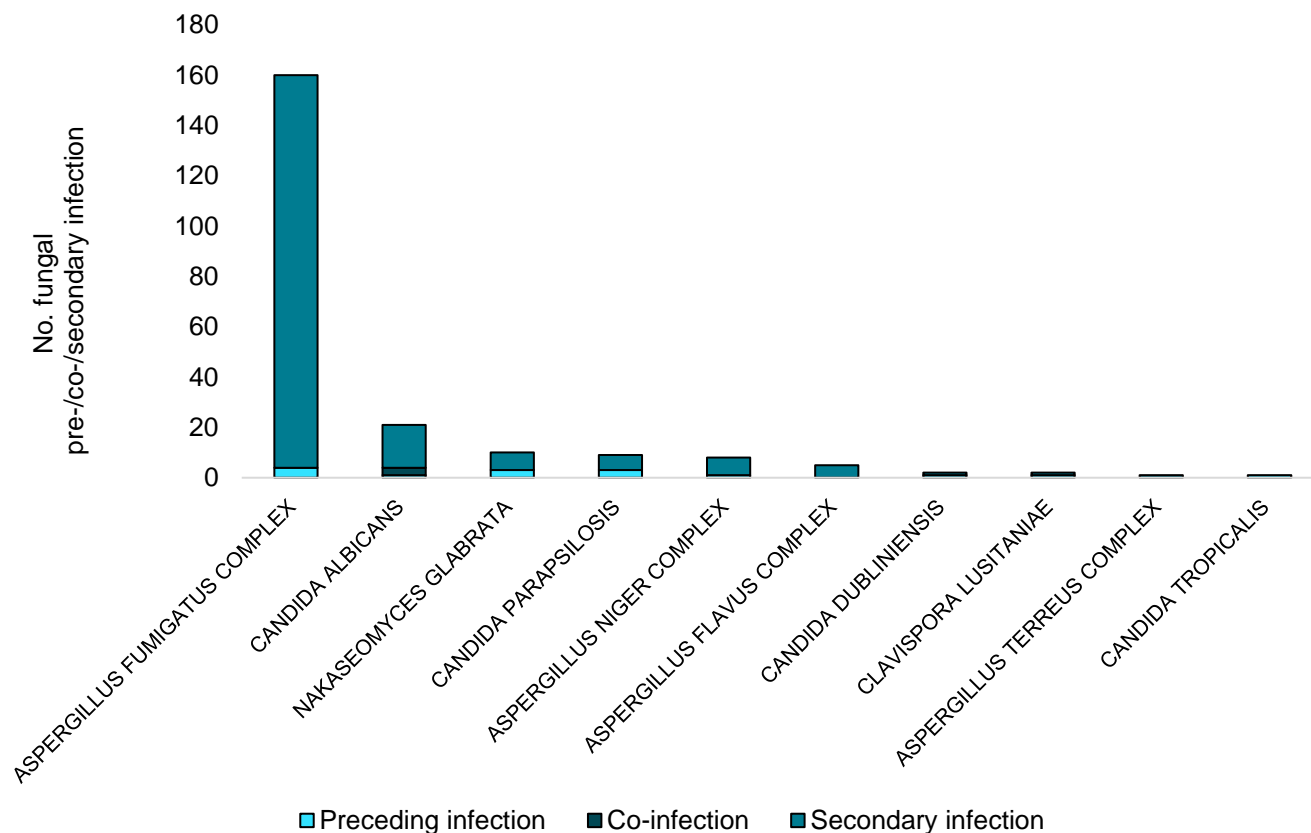
### Key findings:

In wave 3, the most frequent viral organisms identified from respiratory specimens were RSV, rhinovirus and influenza A.

Please note we are experiencing delayed reporting of Respiratory DataMart data, last updated 15 Aug 2022



## Most frequent fungal species (MRL), by timing of diagnosis, in COVID-19 patients diagnosed in England during wave 3



### Key findings:

In wave 3, the most frequent fungal organisms identified were *Aspergillus fumigatus* complex and *Candida albicans*.

Please note we are experiencing delayed reporting of MRL data, last updated 18 Mar 2022





## Appendix 1: Pre-/co-/secondary infection definitions with COVID-19

The day pertains to the date of the sample collection that yielded a positive result. These definitions do not apply to persistent COVID-19 patients. Patients with persistent COVID-19 require independent clinical assessment.

Organism	Definition co-infection with SARS-CoV-2 †	Definition of infection pre-SARS-CoV-2 infection (other pathogen is primary infection) or Definition of post SARS-CoV-2 secondary infection (SARS-CoV-2 is primary infection)
Influenza A	+/- 1d	2-28d^
Influenza B	+/- 1d	2-28d^
RSV	+/- 1d	2-28d
Adenovirus	+/- 1d	2-28d
Enterovirus	+/- 1d	2-28d
Human metapneumovirus	+/- 1d	2-28d
Parainfluenza (any subtype)	+/- 1d	2-28d
Seasonal coronavirus	+/- 1d *	2-28d
Rhinovirus	+/- 1d	2-28d
Co-infections in ECMO patient (patients with most severe clinical respiratory signs)		
ECMO patients	Individual case review	Individual case review
Blood stream and respiratory infections (bacterial and fungal)		
<i>Achromobacter xylosoxidans</i>	+/- 1d	2-28d
<i>Acinetobacter</i> spp.,	+/- 1d	2-28d
<i>Aspergillus</i>	+/- 1d	2-28d (pre) 2-60d (post, continually hospitalised patients only)
<i>Bordetella pertussis</i>	+/- 28 d Culture/PCR (based on pertussis sample date) +/- 28 Serology/Oral fluid (anti-pertussis toxin Ig) (based on pertussis symptom onset date, excluding cases without onset date)	N/A (Pertussis presentation is often delayed)
<i>Burkholderia cepacia</i>	+/- 1d	2-28d
<i>Candida</i> spp	+/- 1d	2-28d (pre) 2-60d (post, continually hospitalised patients only)
<i>Chlamydia pneumoniae</i>	0-7d PCR	PCR within 14-28 d (8-13d PCR*)
<i>Enterobacter</i> spp.,	+/- 1d	2-28d
<i>Enterococcus</i> spp.	+/- 1d	2-28d
<i>E. coli</i>	+/- 1d	2-28d
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	+/- 2d	3-28d

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## Appendix 1 continued: Pre-/co-/secondary infection definitions with COVID-19

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Organism	Definition co-infection with SARS-CoV-2 †	Definition of infection pre-SARS-CoV-2 infection (other pathogen is primary infection) or Definition of post SARS-CoV-2 secondary infection (SARS-CoV-2 is primary infection)
Blood stream and respiratory infections (bacterial and fungal)		
<i>Klebsiella</i> spp.	+/- 1d	2-28d
<i>Legionella pneumophila</i> /species	Individual case review	Individual case review
<i>Mycoplasma pneumoniae</i>	0-7d PCR, IgM serology 0-21d <16y	PCR within 14-28 d (8-13d PCR*)
<i>Neisseria meningitidis</i>	+/- 2d	3-28d
<i>Pseudomonas</i> spp.,	+/- 1d	2-28d
<i>Serratia</i> spp.,	+/- 1d	2-28d
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	+/- 1d	2-28d
Coag-neg <i>Staphylococcus</i> ( <i>S. haemolyticus</i> )	+/- 1d	2-28d
<i>Stenotrophomonas</i> spp., ( <i>S. maltophilia</i> )	+/- 1d	2-28d
<i>Streptococcus</i> spp. ‡	+/- 1d	2-28d
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	+/- 2d	3-28d
Tuberculosis		
<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i>	Individual case review	Individual case review
Pathogens of the immunocompromised (eg HIV)		
HIV	Individual case review	Individual case review
Gastrointestinal infections		
Listeria	0-5d *	Individual case review
Campylobacter	0-5d *	Individual case review
Shiga toxin-producing <i>E. coli</i> (STEC)	0-5d *	Individual case review
Norovirus	0-5d *	Individual case review
Salmonella	0-5d *	Individual case review
Shigella	0-5d *	Individual case review
Anaerobes		
<i>C. difficile</i>	+/- 1d	2-28d
<i>Bacteroides</i> sp. ( <i>B. fragilis</i> and non-fragilis <i>Bacteroides</i> )	+/- 1d	2-28d

See next slides for notes



## Appendix 1 continued: Pre-/co-/secondary infection definitions with COVID-19

### Notes

† From the first specimen date of a SARS-CoV-2 patient episode.

\* Additional data check required. (Resistance is not detailed, data for MERS is not currently available).

^ Definition post- SARS-CoV-2 secondary infection (SARS-CoV-2 is primary infection). This has been extended from prior 14d secondary infection definition for influenza used by UKHSA to account for disparities in testing throughout the 28d period after SARS-CoV-2 detection.

‡ Streptococcus species includes the following groups and species:

Group	Species/other names
Anginosus Group	<i>Streptococcus anginosus</i> ; <i>Streptococcus constellatus</i> ( <i>Streptococcus constellatus</i> subspecies <i>constellatus</i> <i>Streptococcus constellatus</i> subspecies <i>pharynges</i> ); <i>Streptococcus</i> Group F; <i>Streptococcus intermedius</i> ; <i>Streptococcus milleri</i> group; <i>Streptococcus sinensis</i>
Bovis Group	<i>Streptococcus alactolyticus</i> ; <i>Streptococcus bovis</i> untyped; <i>Streptococcus equinus</i> ; <i>Streptococcus gallolyticus</i> subspecies <i>gallolyticus</i> ( <i>Streptococcus bovis</i> biotype I); <i>Streptococcus infantarius</i> ( <i>Streptococcus infantarius</i> sp <i>infantarius</i> ; <i>Streptococcus bovis</i> biotype II); <i>Streptococcus lutetiensis</i> ; <i>Streptococcus infantarius</i> subspecies <i>coli</i> ( <i>Streptococcus bovis</i> biotype II); <i>Streptococcus pasteurianus</i> ( <i>Streptococcus bovis</i> biotype II)
Closely Related Genera	<i>Abiotrophia</i> spp.; <i>Aerococcus</i> spp.; <i>Faklamia</i> spp.; <i>Gemella</i> spp.; <i>Globicatella sanguinis</i> ; <i>Granulicatella</i> spp.; <i>Leuconostoc</i> spp.; <i>Pedicoccus</i> spp.; <i>Peptostreptococcus</i> spp.
Mitis Group	<i>Streptococcus cristatus</i> ; <i>Streptococcus mitior</i> ; <i>Streptococcus mitis</i> ; <i>Streptococcus oralis</i> ; <i>Streptococcus pseudopneumoniae</i> ; <i>Streptococcus infantis</i> ; <i>Streptococcus peroris</i>
Mutans Group	<i>Streptococcus mutans</i> ; <i>Streptococcus sobrinus</i>
Other streptococci (including but not limited to)	Anaerobic streptococcus; <i>Streptococcus acidominimus</i> ; <i>Streptococcus</i> spp., other named/not fully identified; <i>Streptococcus suis</i> ; <i>Streptococcus uberis</i>
Salivarius Group	<i>Streptococcus vestibularis</i> ; <i>Streptococcus thermophilus</i>
Sanguinis Group	<i>Streptococcus gordonii</i> ; <i>Streptococcus massiliensis</i> ; <i>Streptococcus parasanguinis</i> ; <i>Streptococcus sanguinis</i>
<i>Streptococcus</i> Group A	Group A; <i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i> ; <i>Streptococcus dysgalactiae</i> subspecies <i>equisimilis</i>
<i>Streptococcus</i> Group B	Group B; <i>Streptococcus agalactiae</i>
<i>Streptococcus</i> Group C	Group C; <i>Streptococcus dysgalactiae</i> subspecies <i>equisimilis</i> ; <i>Streptococcus equi</i> subspecies <i>zooepidemicus</i>
<i>Streptococcus</i> Group G	Group G; <i>Streptococcus canis</i> ; <i>Streptococcus dysgalactiae</i> subspecies <i>equisimilis</i>