

# **GP** in-hours syndromic surveillance system bulletin (England)

2025 week 26

## Key messages

Data reported to: 27 June 2025

During week 26, GP consultation rates for allergic rhinitis decreased in line with seasonally expected levels. The consultation rates for 'heat or sunstroke' remained elevated, but decreased during the week to Friday 27 June. Consultation rates for insect bites continued to increase and were slightly above expected levels.

## Syndromic indicators at a glance

Table 1: The current trend (based on previous weeks, not only the current week) and the level (compared to the expected baseline), of each indicator included in this bulletin.

Indicator	Trend <sup>1</sup>	Level
COVID-19-like (Figure 1)	No trend	No baseline
Upper respiratory tract infections (Figure 2)	No trend	Similar to baseline
Influenza-like illness (Figure 3)	No trend	Similar to baseline
Pharyngitis (Figure 4)	No trend	Below baseline
Scarlet fever (Figure 5)	No trend	Below baseline
Lower respiratory tract infections (Figure 6)	No trend	Similar to baseline
Pneumonia (Figure 7)	Decreasing	Below baseline
Bronchiolitis (Figure 8)	No trend	Similar to baseline
Acute bronchitis (Figure 9)	No trend	Above baseline
Acute presenting asthma (Figure 10)	No trend	Below baseline
Gastroenteritis (Figure 11)	Decreasing	Above baseline
Diarrhoea (Figure 12)	No trend	Similar to baseline
Vomiting (Figure 13)	No trend	Similar to baseline
Measles (Figure 14)	No trend	Similar to baseline
Mumps (Figure 15)	No trend	Below baseline
Whooping cough (Figure 16)	No trend	Below baseline
Cellulitis (Figure 17)	Increasing	Similar to baseline
Chickenpox (Figure 18)	No trend	Above baseline
Herpes zoster (Figure 19)	No trend	Above baseline
Impetigo (Figure 20)	No trend	Similar to baseline
Conjunctivitis (Figure 21)	Decreasing	Below baseline
Allergic rhinitis (Figure 22)	Decreasing	Similar to baseline
Heat or sunstroke (Figure 23)	Decreasing	Above baseline
Insect bites (Figure 24)	Increasing	Above baseline

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> trend reports on the trend seen over most recent and earlier weeks

## System coverage

Table 2: The number of GP practices, and number of registered patients included in surveillance during the most recent week.

Year	Week	GP practices reporting <sup>1</sup>	GP practice type	Registered patients <sup>1</sup>
2025	26	1828	Combined	19 million
2025	26	639	TPP	7 million
2025	26	1189	Orchid	12 million

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> based on the average number of practices and registered patient population in the reporting week (Monday-Friday).

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## About this syndromic surveillance system

This bulletin presents data from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) GP in hours Syndromic Surveillance System.

Syndromic surveillance can be used to:

- assess current trends
- assess current trends and levels compared to historical baselines
- compare trends between age groups/areas

Syndromic surveillance should not be used to:

- estimate total burden or number of 'cases' of a condition (see Notes and caveats)
- compare levels between age groups/areas

Fully anonymised, daily GP in hours data from two sources, TPP and ORCHID (Oxford and Royal College of General Practitioners Clinical Informatics Digital Hub), are analysed and reported here, to identify and describe trends for a variety of syndromic indicators:

- syndromic indicators include groupings such as upper respiratory tract infections, acute presenting asthma and gastroenteritis
- syndromic indicators are based on:
  - o diagnoses recorded during GP in hours patient consultations
  - diagnoses are based on signs/symptoms and may not be laboratory confirmed
- **Key messages** describes any notable trends nationally (England), by age group and/or by geographical area (based on UKHSA Regions)
- the full list of syndromic indicators reported here, along with their current level and trend, are summarised in Table 1
- charts are provided for each syndromic indicator, on a national basis, by age group and by geographical area (UKHSA Region). Each chart includes a year of data with:
  - 7-day moving averages (adjusted for weekends and bank holidays) to aid in the identification of trend
  - statistical baselines (where available) to aid in the assessment of level compared to historical expectations
  - denominators vary for individual indicators, and are provided in Table 2

For further information please see the **Notes and caveats** section.

Previous weekly bulletins from this system are available here.

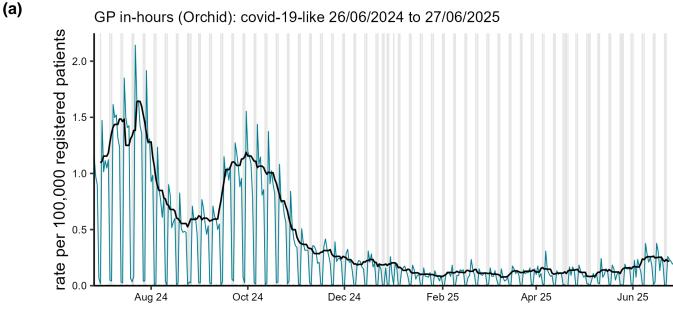
#### Data quality issues of note this week

The indicators 'acute presenting asthma', 'gastroenteritis', 'diarrhoea' and 'vomiting' now include both TPP and ORCHID data to provide better national coverage. Baselines have been remodelled to take these changes into account.

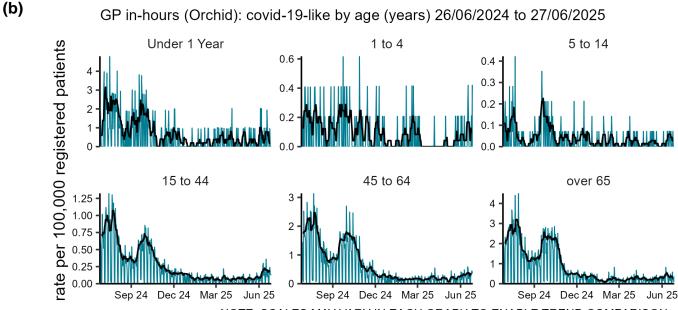
## **Respiratory conditions**

#### COVID-19-like

Figure 1: Daily incidence rate per 100,000 population (and 7-day moving average adjusted for bank holidays) for COVID-19-like GP in hours consultations, England (a) nationally, (b) by age and (c) by UKHSA Region.

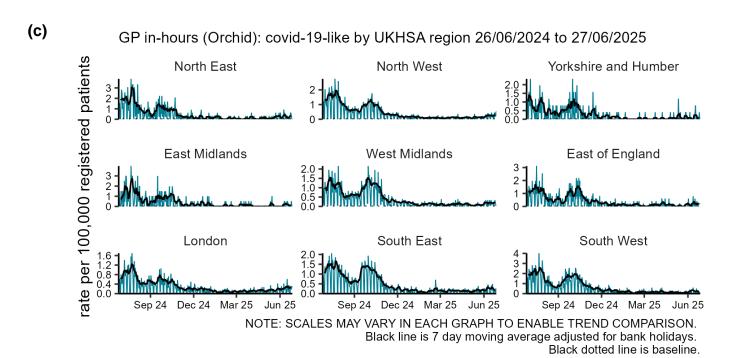


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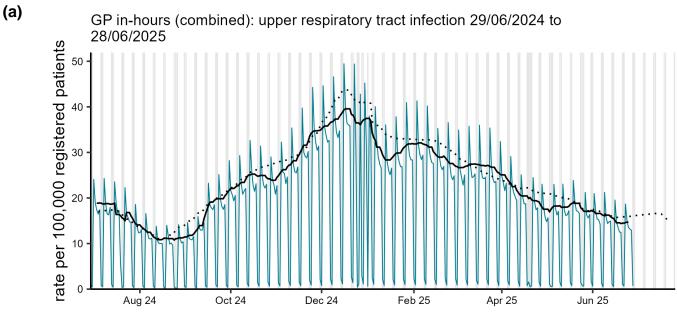
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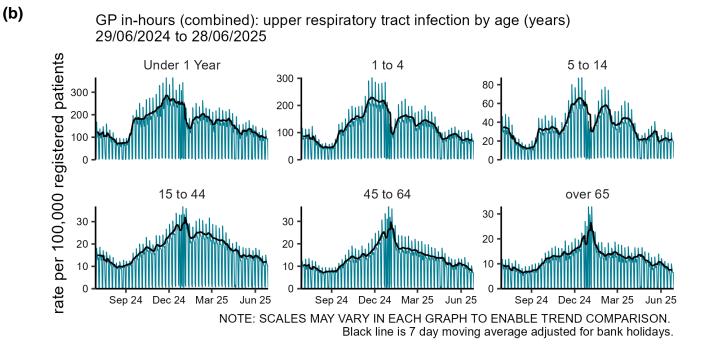
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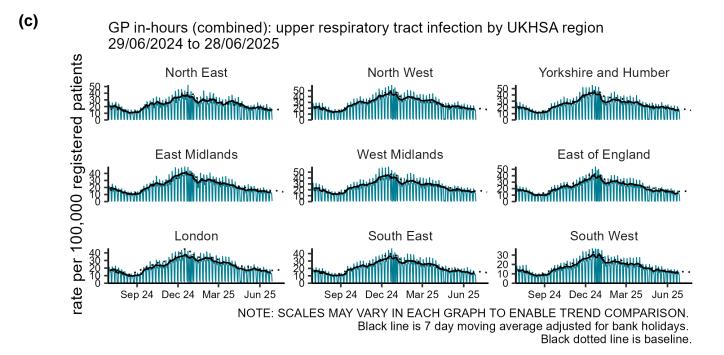


## Upper respiratory tract infections

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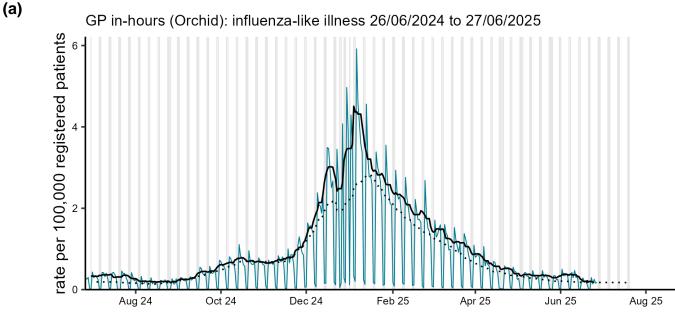


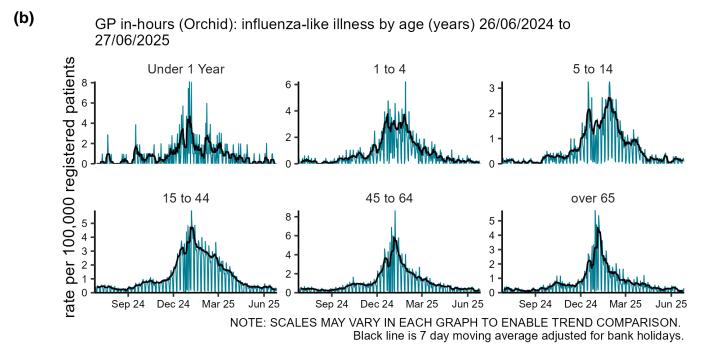


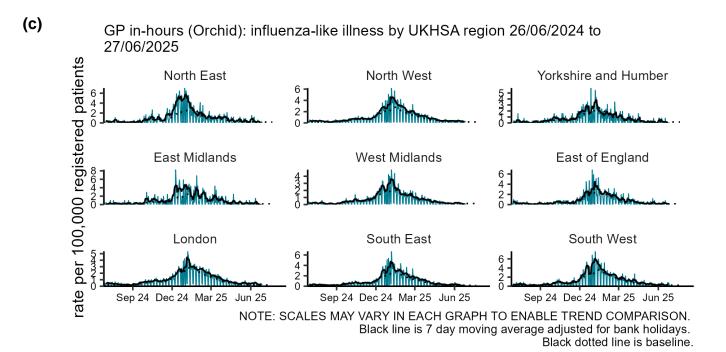


#### Influenza-like illness

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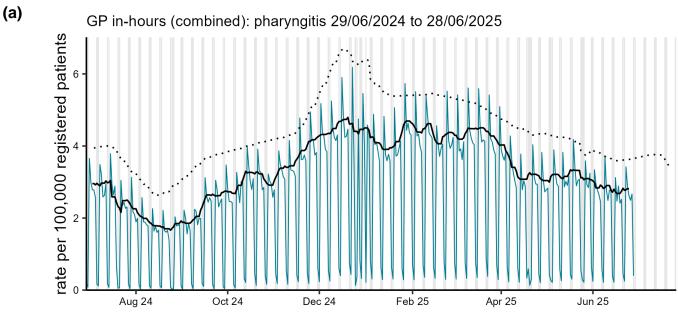


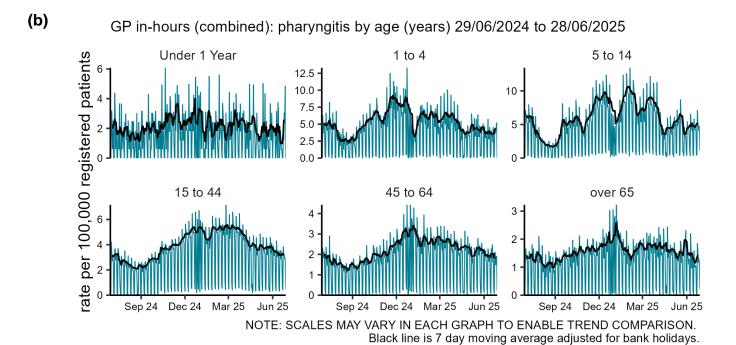


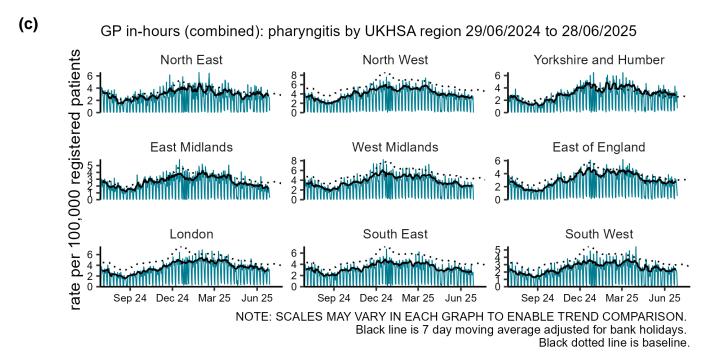


## Pharyngitis

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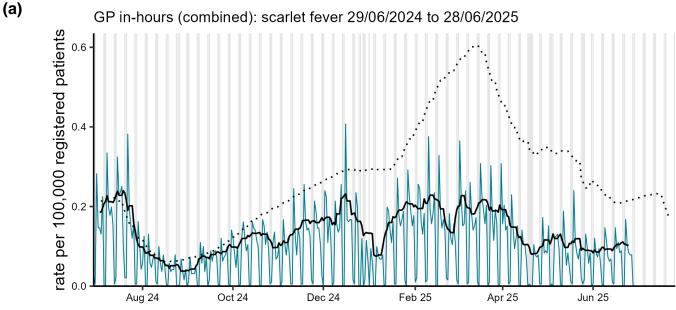


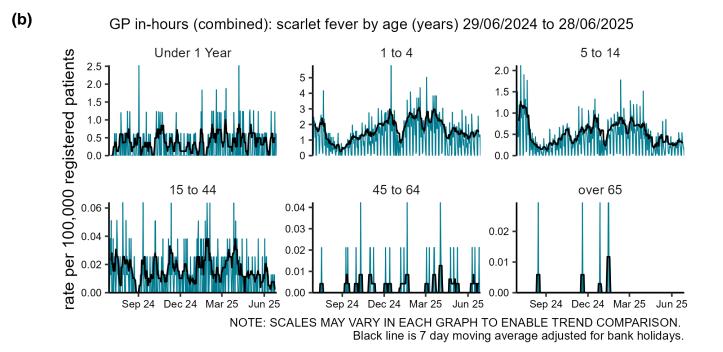


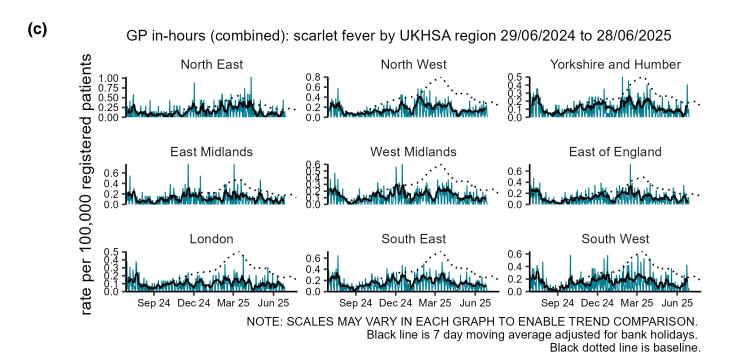


#### Scarlet fever

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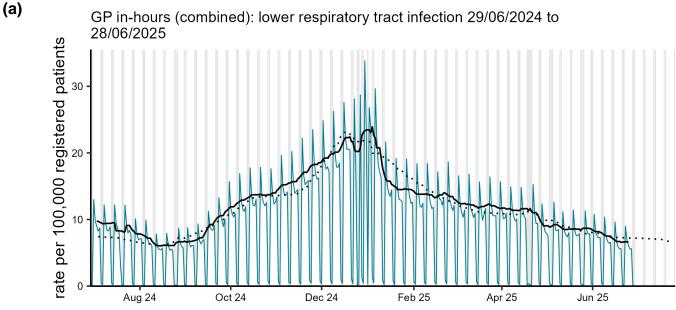


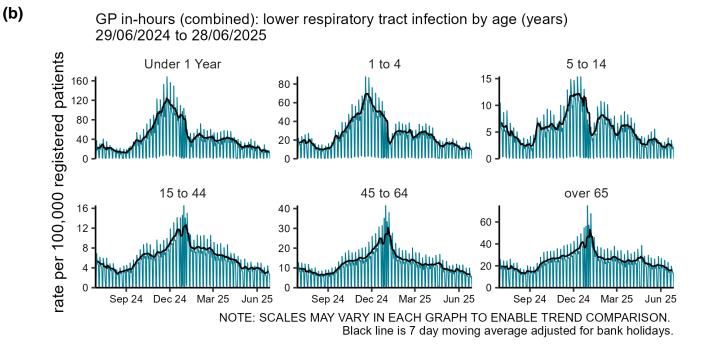


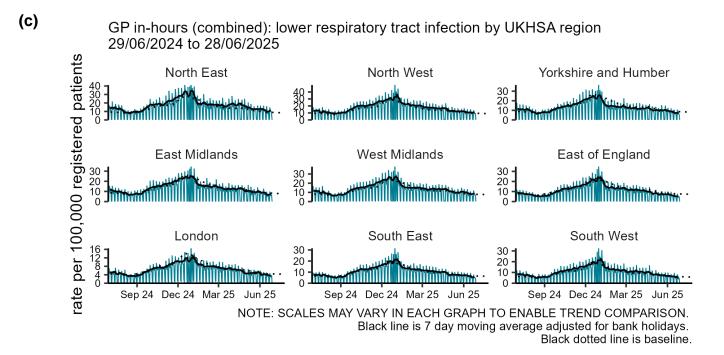


## Lower respiratory tract infections

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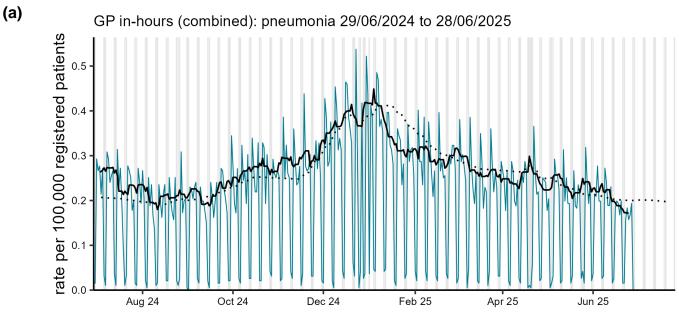




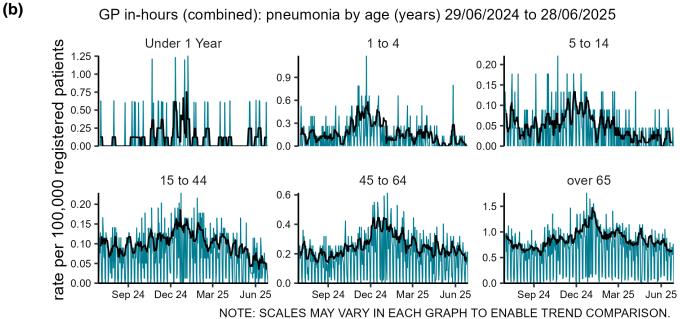


#### Pneumonia

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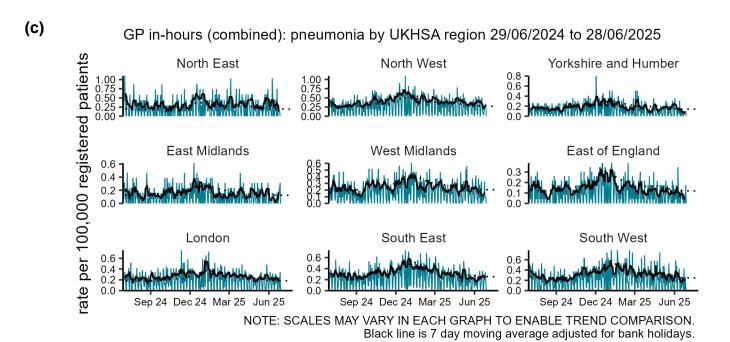


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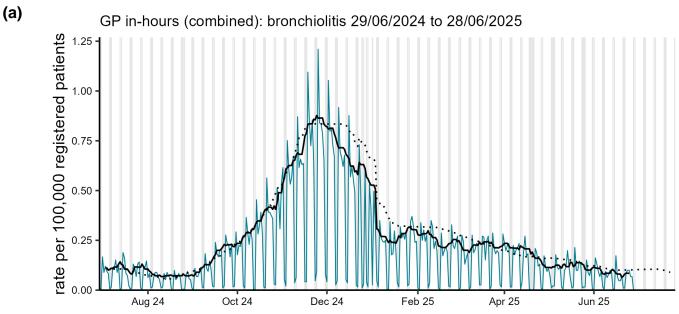
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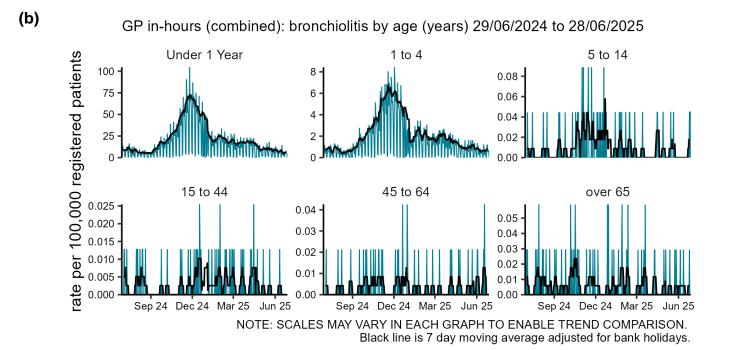


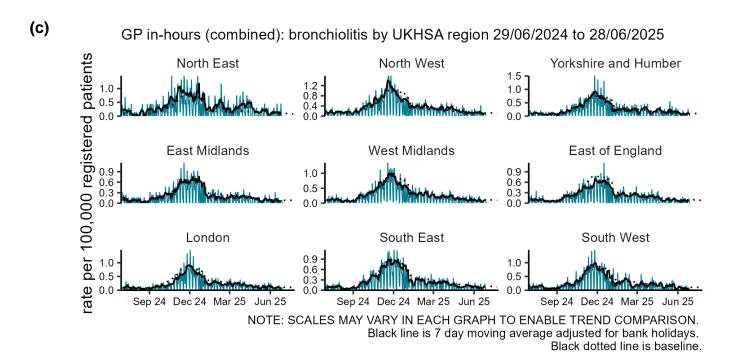
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#### **Bronchiolitis**

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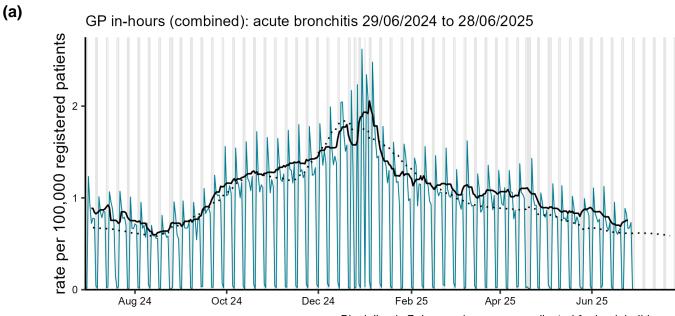


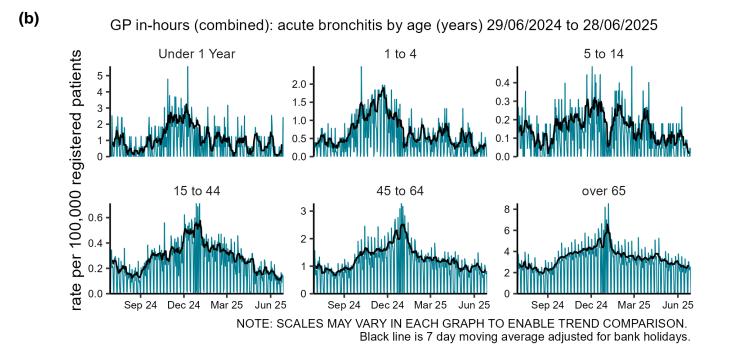


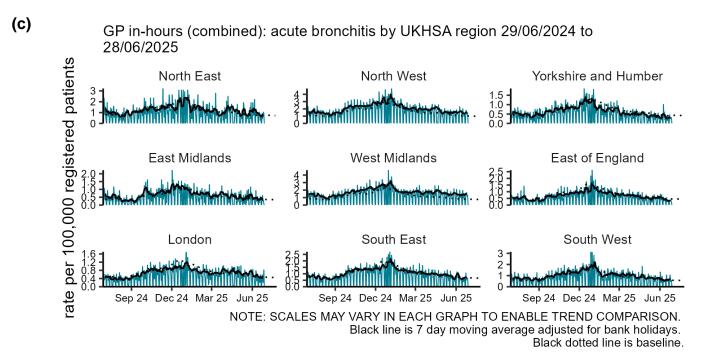


#### Acute bronchitis

Figure 9: Daily incidence rate per 100,000 population (and 7-day moving average adjusted for bank holidays) for acute bronchitis GP in hours consultations, England (a) nationally, (b) by age and (c) by UKHSA Region.

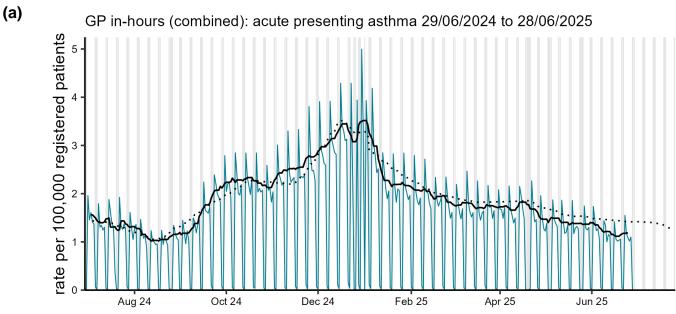


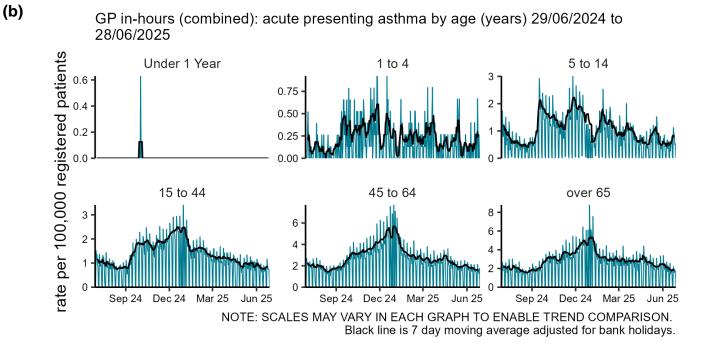


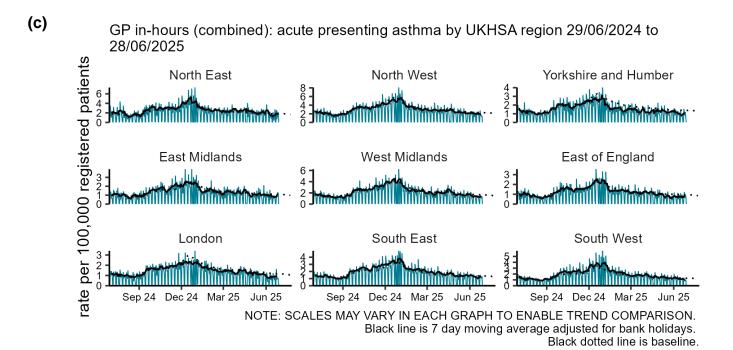


## Acute presenting asthma

Figure 10: Daily incidence rate per 100,000 population (and 7-day moving average adjusted for bank holidays) for acute presenting asthma GP in hours consultations, England (a) nationally, (b) by age and (c) by UKHSA Region.



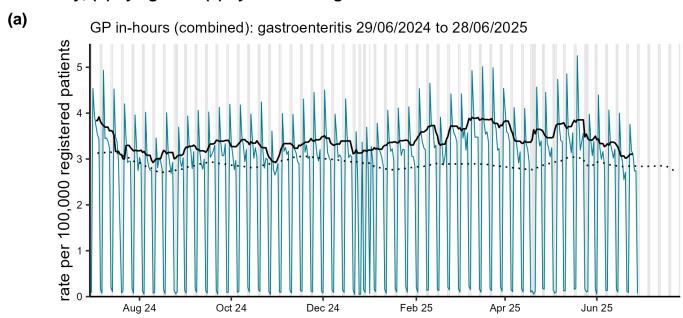


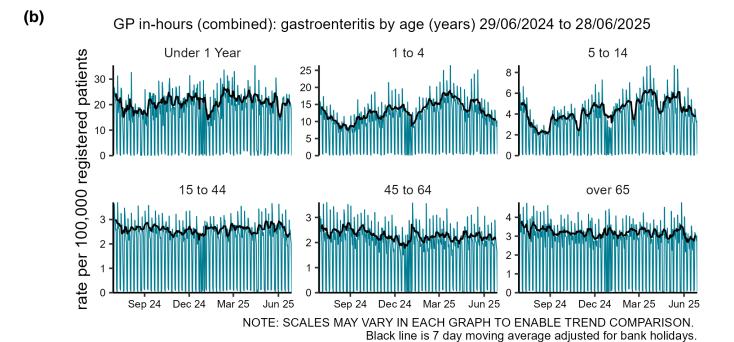


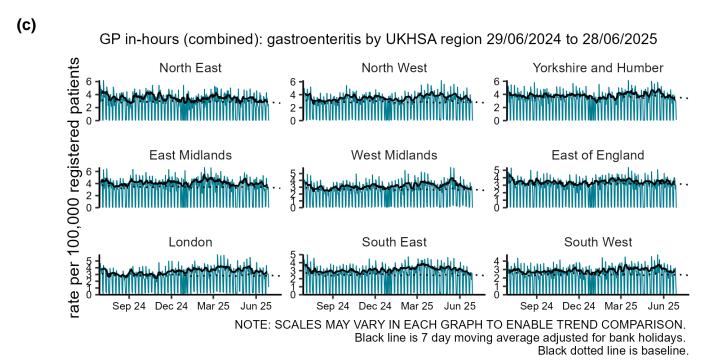
#### **Gastrointestinal conditions**

#### Gastroenteritis

Figure 11: Daily incidence rate per 100,000 population (and 7-day moving average adjusted for bank holidays) for gastroenteritis GP in hours consultations, England (a) nationally, (b) by age and (c) by UKHSA Region.

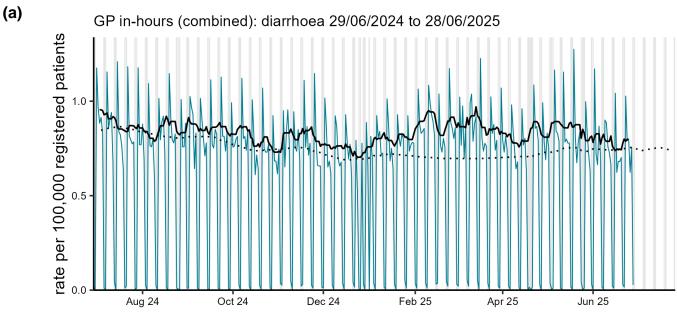


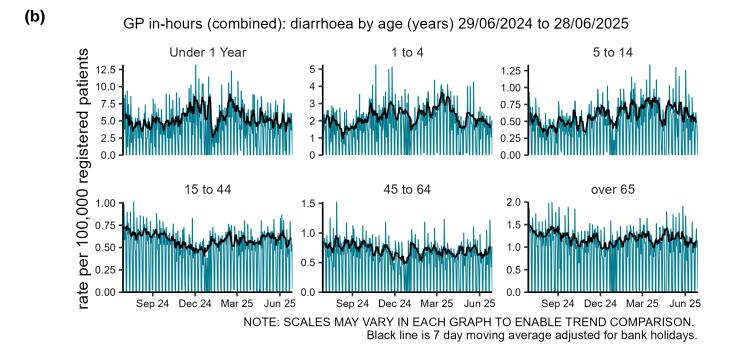


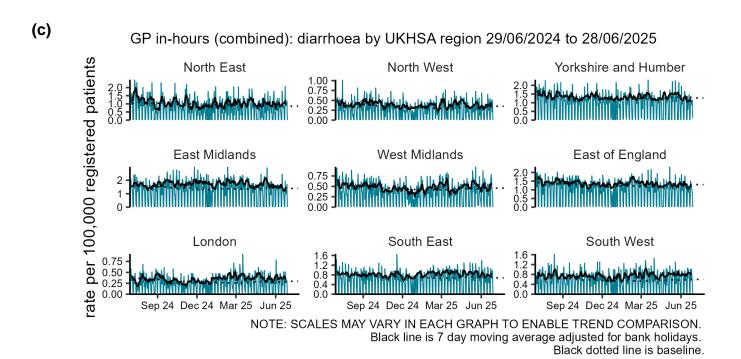


#### Diarrhoea

Figure 12: Daily incidence rate per 100,000 population (and 7-day moving average adjusted for bank holidays) for diarrhoea GP in hours consultations, England (a) nationally, (b) by age and (c) by UKHSA Region.

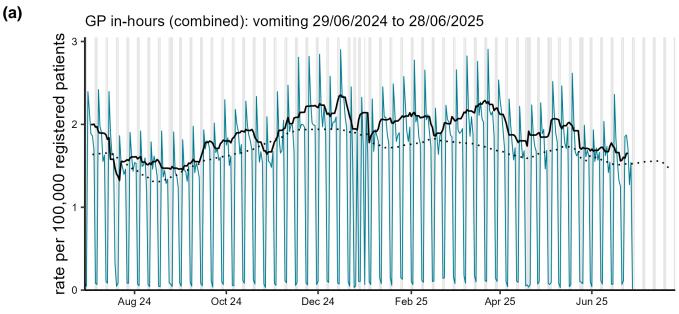


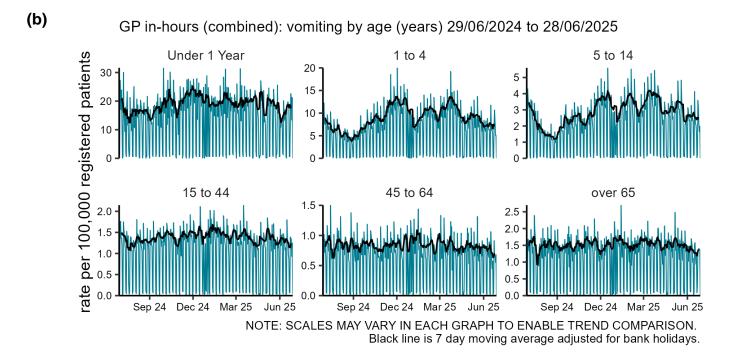


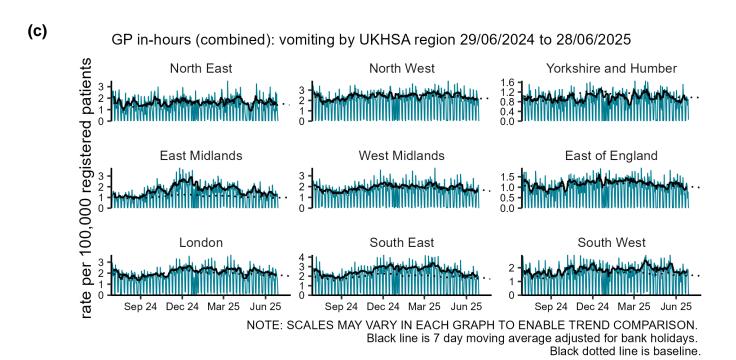


## Vomiting

Figure 13: Daily incidence rate per 100,000 population (and 7-day moving average adjusted for bank holidays) for vomiting GP in hours consultations, England (a) nationally, (b) by age and (c) by UKHSA Region.



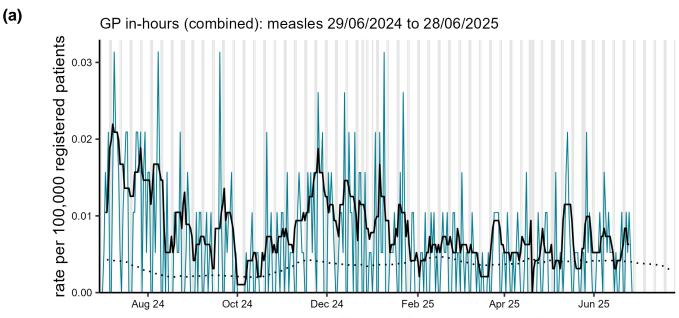




# Vaccine preventable conditions

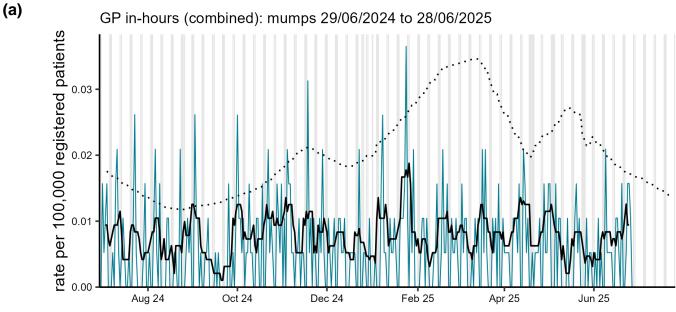
#### Measles

Figure 14: Daily incidence rate per 100,000 population (and 7-day moving average adjusted for bank holidays) for measles GP in hours consultations, England (a) nationally.

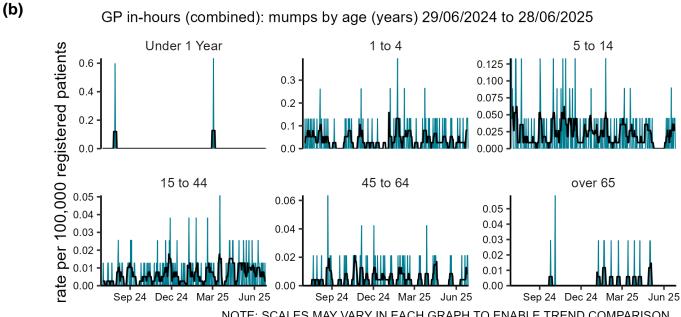


#### Mumps

Figure 15: Daily incidence rate per 100,000 population (and 7-day moving average adjusted for bank holidays) for mumps GP in hours consultations, England (a) nationally, (b) by age and (c) by UKHSA Region.

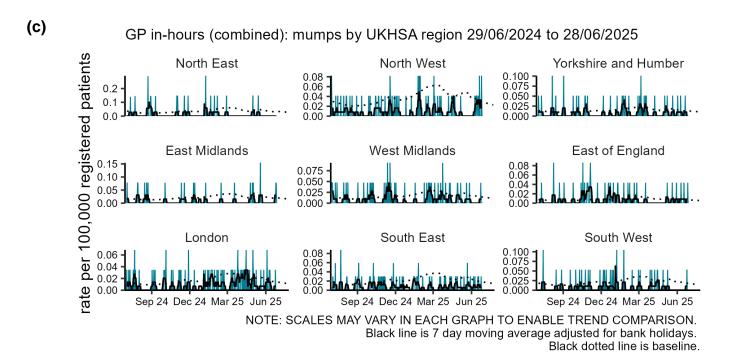


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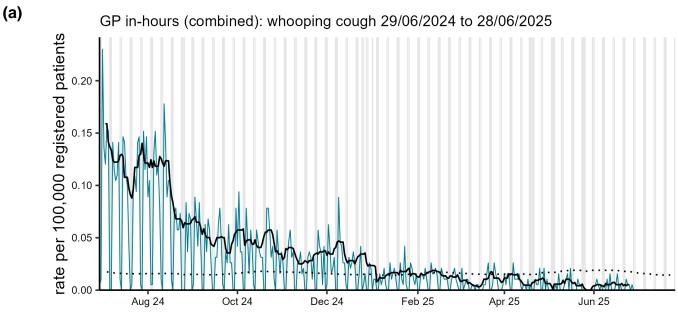
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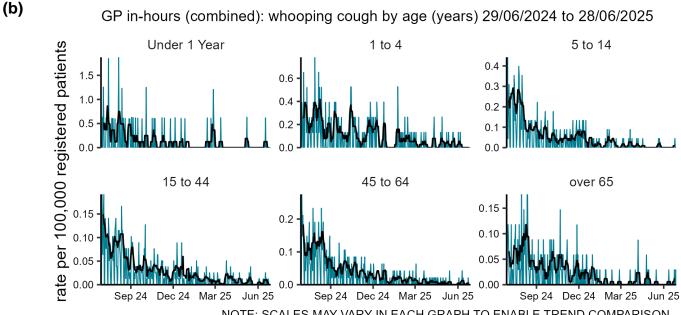


## Whooping cough

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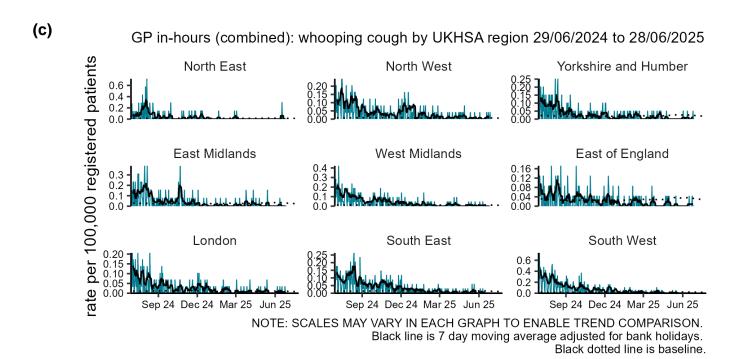


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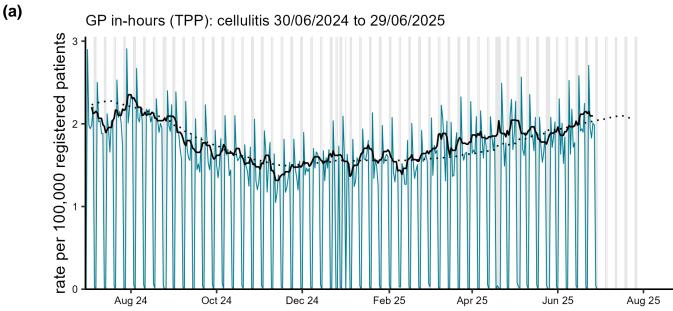
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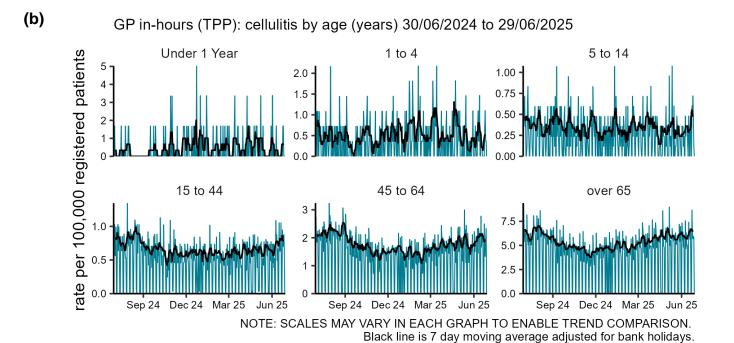


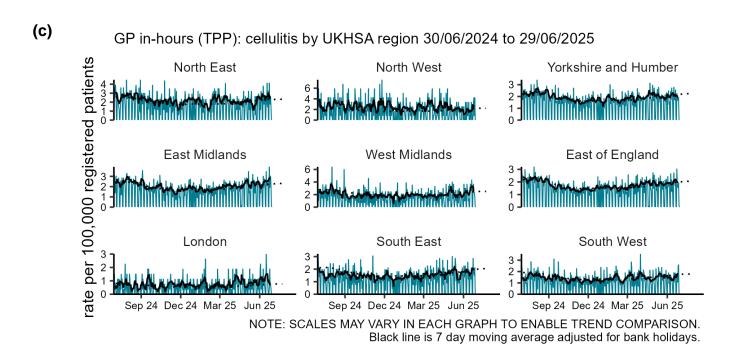
#### **Skin conditions**

#### **Cellulitis**

Figure 17: Daily incidence rate per 100,000 population (and 7-day moving average adjusted for bank holidays) for cellulitis GP in hours consultations, England (a) nationally, (b) by age and (c) by UKHSA Region.



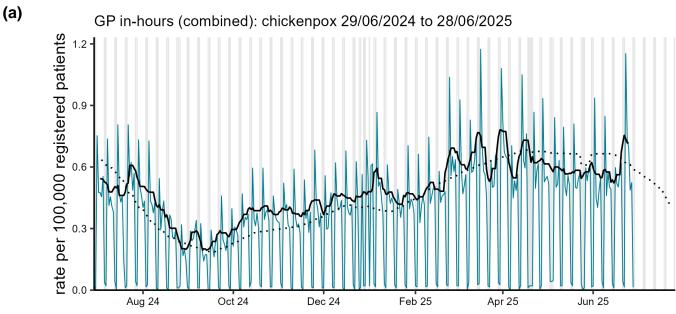




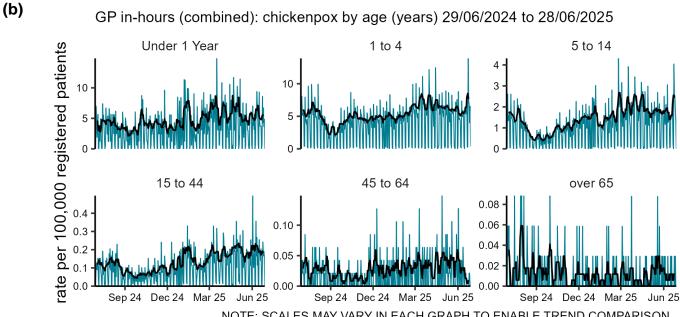
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#### Chickenpox

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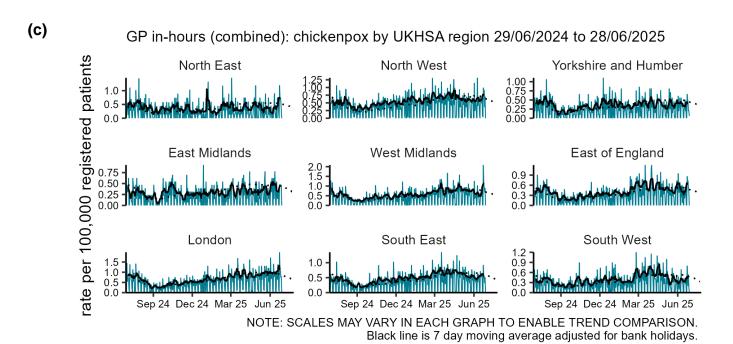


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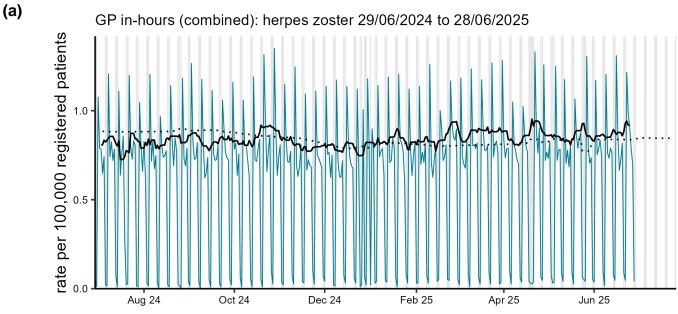
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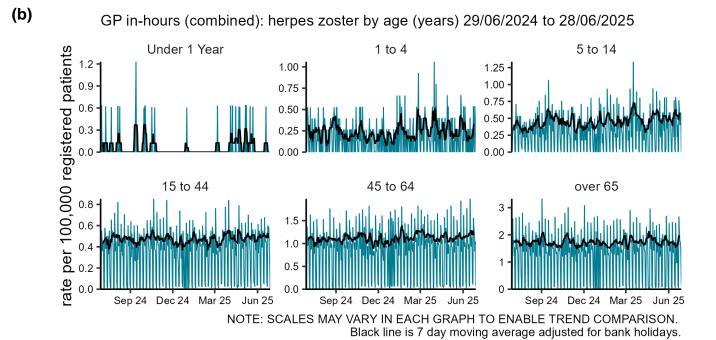


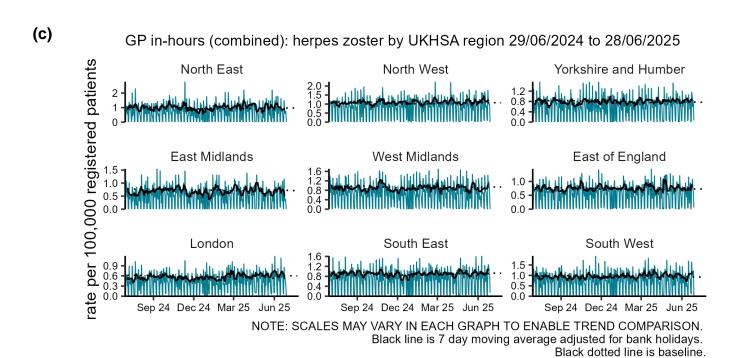
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## Herpes zoster

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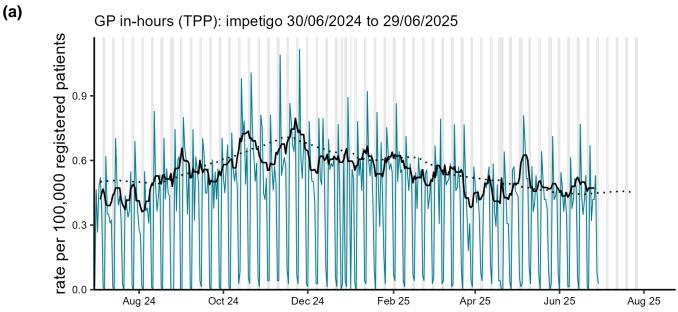


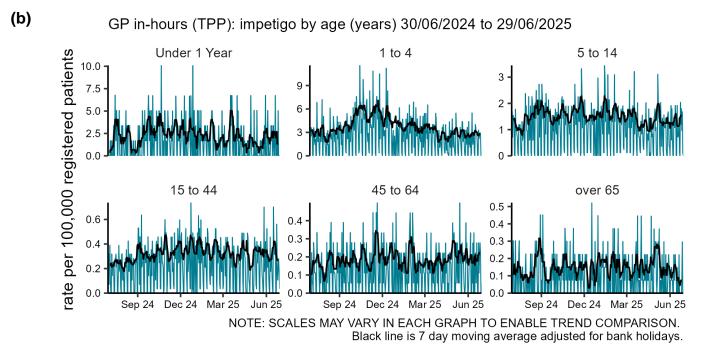


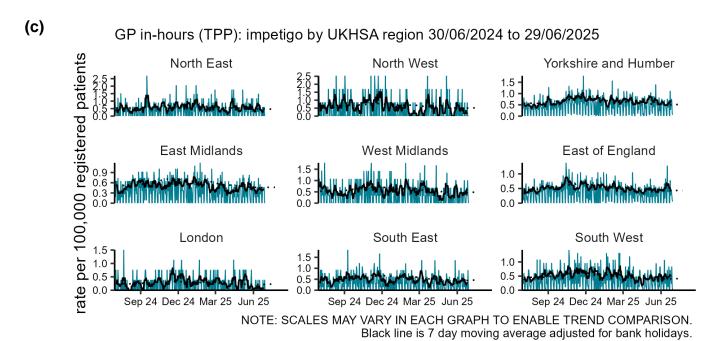


## **Impetigo**

Figure 20: Daily incidence rate per 100,000 population (and 7-day moving average adjusted for bank holidays) for impetigo GP in hours consultations, England (a) nationally, (b) by age and (c) by UKHSA Region.







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#### Seasonal environmental conditions

UKHSA and the Met Office operate a weather-health alert system that includes both heat and cold weather alert periods. Syndromic indicators are used to monitor the impact of both extreme hot and cold weather in England during these periods and will be included below (where an appropriate syndromic indicator is available).

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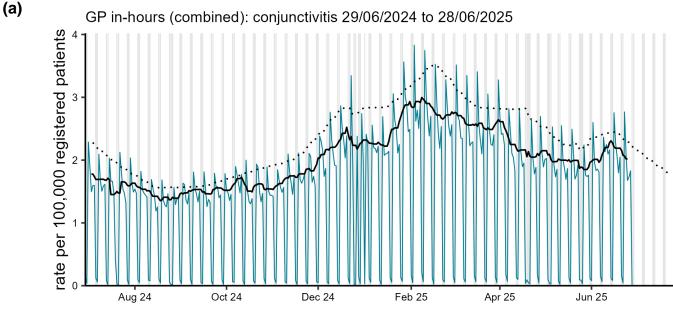
Heat-Health Alert period: 1 June to 30 September

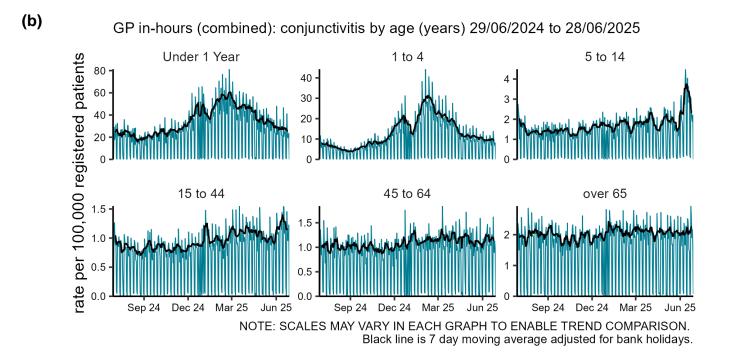
Highest weather alert level during the current reporting week:

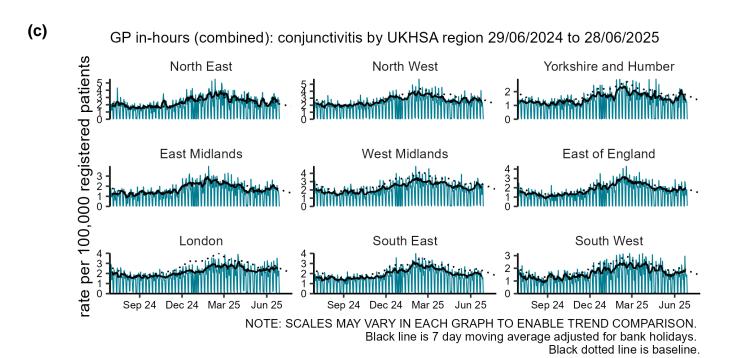
Amber alert (enhanced hot weather response)

## Conjunctivitis

Figure 21: Daily incidence rate per 100,000 population (and 7-day moving average adjusted for bank holidays) for conjunctivitis GP in hours consultations, England (a) nationally, (b) by age and (c) by UKHSA Region.

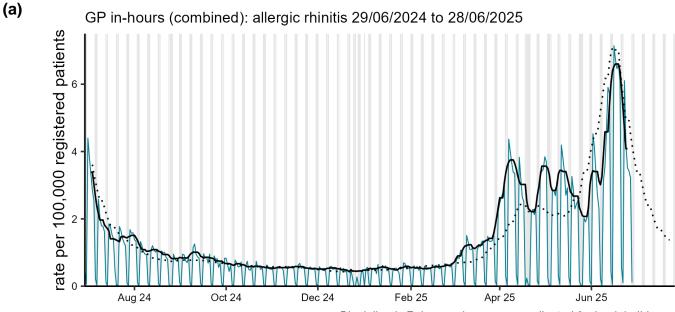


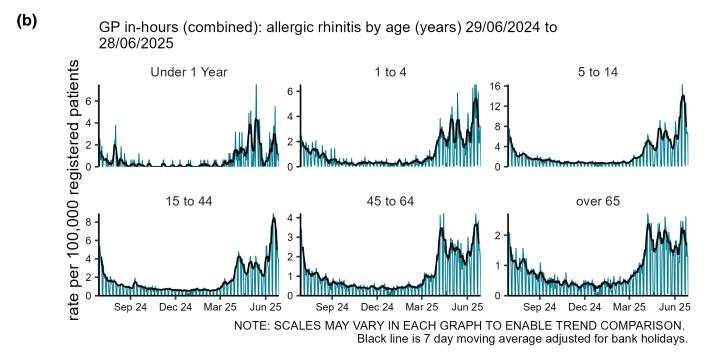


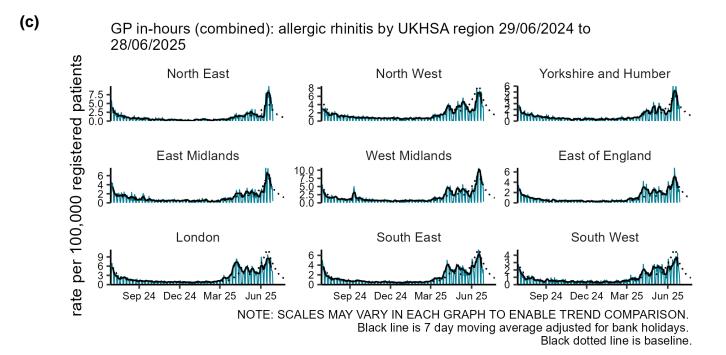


## Allergic rhinitis

Figure 22: Daily incidence rate per 100,000 population (and 7-day moving average adjusted for bank holidays) for allergic rhinitis GP in hours consultations, England (a) nationally, (b) by age and (c) by UKHSA Region.

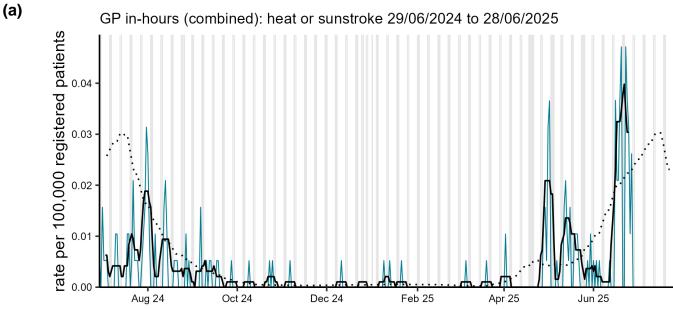


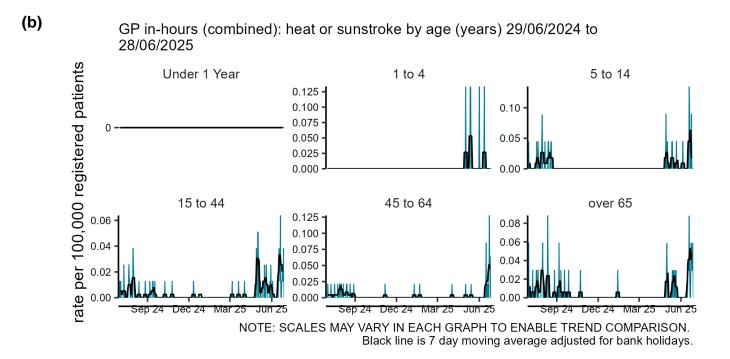


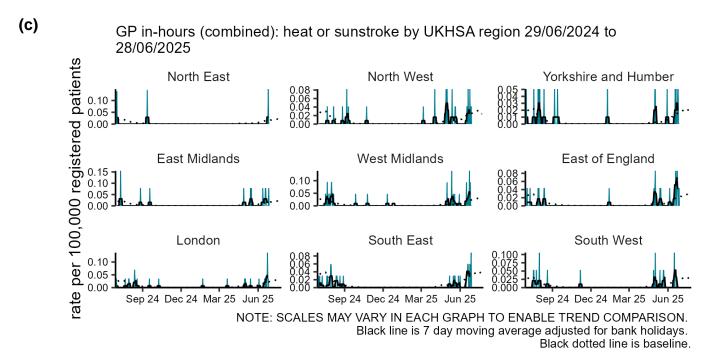


#### Heat or sunstroke

Figure 23: Daily incidence rate per 100,000 population (and 7-day moving average adjusted for bank holidays) for heat or sunstroke GP in hours consultations, England (a) nationally, (b) by age and (c) by UKHSA Region.

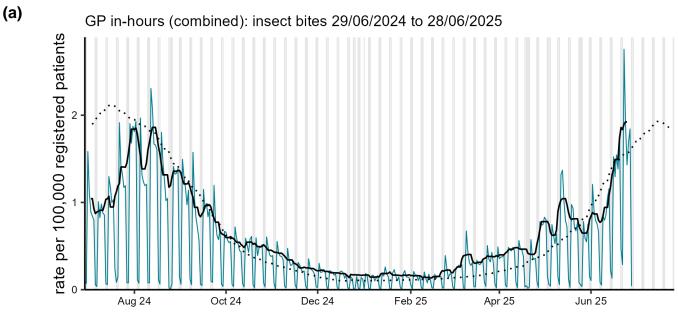




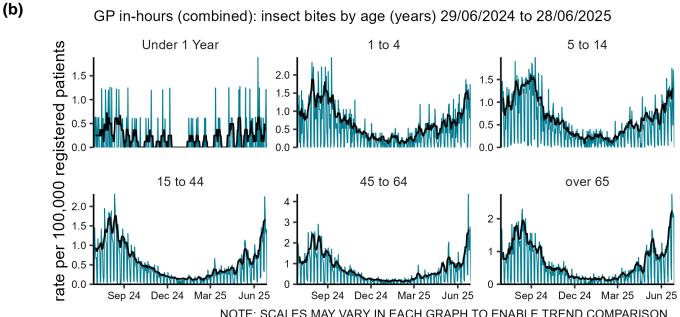


#### Insect bites

Figure 24: Daily incidence rate per 100,000 population (and 7-day moving average adjusted for bank holidays) for insect bites GP in hours consultations, England (a) nationally, (b) by age and (c) by UKHSA Region.

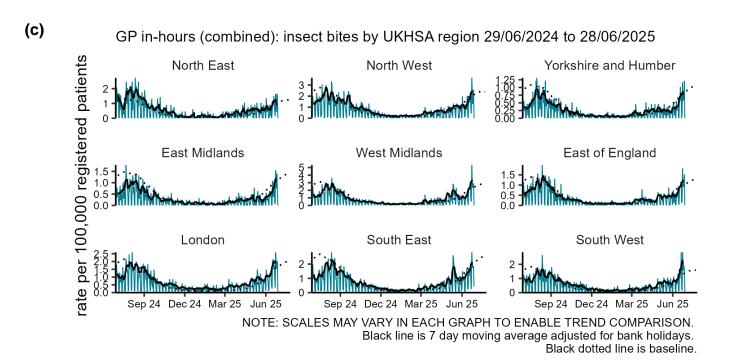


Black line is 7 day moving average adjusted for bank holidays. Black dotted line is baseline. Grey columns show weekends and bank holidays.



NOTE: SCALES MAY VARY IN EACH GRAPH TO ENABLE TREND COMPARISON.

Black line is 7 day moving average adjusted for bank holidays.



#### **Notes and caveats**

The following additional caveats apply to the UKHSA GP in hours syndromic surveillance system:

- all syndromic trends should be interpreted with caution due to changes in national advice and guidance regarding access to health care services as well as updates and changes to service provision during the COVID-19 pandemic
- the data presented are based on a sentinel syndromic surveillance system:
  - o not all GP practices in England are included
  - data is included from two sources, TPP and ORCHID (Oxford and Royal College of General Practitioners Clinical Informatics Digital Hub)
  - o national coverage each week is included in Table 2
  - coverage varies by location
  - Data from ORCHID is currently only available for inclusion in this bulletin up to Friday each week, so all charts that contain ORCHID data do not include the most recent weekend
- some syndromic indicators are hierarchical:
  - upper respiratory tract infections includes:
    - influenza-like illness
    - pharyngitis
    - other and non-specific upper respiratory tract infections
  - lower respiratory tract infections includes:
    - pneumonia
    - bronchiolitis
    - acute bronchitis
    - other and non-specific lower respiratory tract infections
  - o gastroenteritis includes:
    - diarrhoea
    - vomiting
    - other and non-specific gastroenteritis
- baselines:
  - were last remodelled June 2025 for TPP and June 2025 for ORCHID
  - are constructed from historical data since August 2016
  - represent seasonally expected levels of activity
  - take account of any known substantial changes in data collection, population coverage or reporting practices:
    - the COVID-19 pandemic period is excluded
  - the scarlet fever baselines were re-modelled prior to week 23 2024. The period of exceptional activity between 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2023 was excluded from the training data.

## COVID-19 syndromic surveillance

- the COVID-19-like syndromic indicator is based on diagnoses recorded using the COVID-19 Snomed codes released in March 2020:
  - these data are based on COVID-19-like symptoms reported and are not based on outcomes of tests for coronavirus
  - patients presenting with COVID-19 symptoms may be diagnosed using other clinical codes used by the GP, so the COVID-19-like syndromic indicator should be interpreted in context with the other respiratory syndromic indicators presented in this report
  - the rate of COVID-19-like consultations should not be used to estimate an absolute count of patients with COVID-19

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