

Usually this bulletin will be released on a bi-weekly basis. However once flu activity begins to increase it will be produced on a weekly basis.

As the season develops additional charts and tables will be added where necessary.

#### Summary

- GP consultation rates for confirmed influenza (CI) increased from 14.3 in week 44 to 18.9 in week 45 (population in excess of 16 years of age) and 18.6 in week 46 (in excess of 16 years of age) and remain well below the Northern Ireland threshold (20/100,000 population).
- Out of hours influenza (CI) call rates remain stable and low.
- There were two influenza (CI) isolations in weeks 45 and 46.
- There were no RSV isolations in weeks 45 and 46.

#### Introduction

In order to monitor influenza activity in Northern Ireland a number of surveillance systems are in place. A new development for this bulletin will be surveillance of other care settings in hospitals with confirmed influenza.

#### Additional surveillance systems are:

- GP advised surveillance representing 11.7% of Northern Ireland population.
- GP out-of-hours surveillance system.
- Hospital reports from the Regional Virus Laboratory (RVL).
- Mortality data from Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA).



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