

# C. difficile surveillance

## Quarterly report

### January - March 2019

#### Key points

- CDI reports for hospital inpatients aged 65 years and over increased by 45% (from 64 to 93 episodes) during January – March 2019 compared to October – December 2018.
- CDI rate per 1,000 bed days increased by 41% January – March 2019 compared to October – December 2018.
- CDI reports for community patients aged 65 years and over decreased by 5% (from 38 to 36 episodes) during January – March 2019 compared to October – December 2018.
- Total CDI reports, for hospital inpatients and community patients combined, aged two years and over, increased by 33% during January – March 2019 compared to October – December 2018 (from 124 to 172 episodes).
- CDI reports for hospital inpatients aged 65 years and over increased by 12% between the 2017/18 and 2018/19 financial years.
- During January – March 2019 the most prevalent ribotypes for CDI inpatients are 002 (42.6%), 076 (12.3%), 014 and 020 (both 5.7%) (Table 1). The most predominate community ribotypes are 002 (29%), 076 (20%) and 015 (10%) (Table 2).

For further information or clarification on HCAI definitions, please refer to previous reports or contact [hcaai@hscni.net](mailto:hcaai@hscni.net)

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