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Summary

- GP consultation rates for combined flu/ILI in week 11 remained similar to week 8 at 14.4 (2010)
- Flu/ILI rates remain well below the Northern Ireland threshold (20/100,000 population)
- Age-specific flu/ILI rates remain low
- Consultation flu/ILI rates increased slightly from 4.1 per 100,000 population in week 8 to 4.2 per 100,000 in week 11 (27% increase). All age-specific consultation rates remain low
- There were no influenza A(H1N1) 2009 infections reported in weeks 10 and 11
- Number of influenza B infections decreased from 6 in week 8 (prevalence 0.4 in weeks 10 and 11 (20% decrease))
- Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) weekly notifications continue to decrease
- Six deaths flu-related deaths were reported in weeks 10 and 11 (Saturday 5 to Friday 18 March)
- The total number of patients in hospital with respiratory ailments (20 March 2011) compared at 22, 127 cases, 27 patients had an underlying health problem, 2 did not, and 1 is not yet known

Key messages

- All flu-related remain low
- Influenza remains well circulating but at much lower levels
- People with underlying health problems remain at much greater risk of developing serious complications if flu
- People without underlying health problems can also be affected



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