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Initially this bulletin will be released on a bi-weekly basis. However once the 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 14.2 in week 44 to 18.9 (100,000 population in week 46). Rates in weeks 45 and 46 are similar to the same weeks in 2010 and 2011 and below the Northern Ireland Prevalence (2010/2011) prevalence.
- Out of hours influenza (CI) call rates remain stable and low.
- There were two influenza B infections in weeks 45 and 46.
- There were no BIV infections in weeks 45 and 46.

Introduction

In order to monitor influenza activity in Northern Ireland a number of surveillance systems are in place. In this document for this winter we will be surveillance of clinical care patients in hospitals with confirmed influenza.

Additional surveillance systems are:

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



The Influenza Weekly Surveillance Bulletin is produced by the PHA and covers statistics for Northern Ireland. The bulletin is produced during the flu season

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