

# OXFORD-RCGP RSC DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

YOUR WEEKLY UPDATE FROM PROF. SIMON DE LUSIGNAN,  
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## Sampling Prep: Refresh Your Study Materials

As we prepare for the busy winter season, now is a good time to make sure your practice has everything ready for serology and virology sampling.

The **Practice Hub** contains a range of up-to-date, printable resources to support study recruitment and patient engagement, including posters, leaflets and other practice materials. If you haven't visited the Hub recently, we encourage you to download and print the resources you'll need over the coming months, and think about where they'll have the greatest impact - whether that's in waiting areas, consultation rooms, or on your practice website and social media channels.

While you're refreshing your materials, please also take a few minutes to check any existing printed resources around the practice. To ensure patients are receiving the most accurate information, please dispose of any outdated versions and replace them with the latest materials available on the Practice Hub.

A quick seasonal refresh now will help ensure you're ready to support recruitment throughout the winter period.



# The RSC Roadshow Comes to Town.....Again!

On the 21<sup>st</sup> July, we hosted our second Roadshow. This time at the Royal College of General Practitioners, London.

As with the Oxford event, the roadshow gave us the opportunity to bring together representatives from the Oxford-RCGP RSC, UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) to showcase the Respiratory & Infectious Disease Surveillance Programme.

Our audience consisted of current RSC members, prospective members, various practice staff and PPIE representatives. This mix of attendees made for an interesting and engaging focus group throughout the day. We look forward to putting the feedback and suggestions into action.

We have enjoyed hosting these events and are excited to bring you more in the future.



## 25-26 Q4 and 26-27 Q1 payment updates:

We're pleased to share that the majority of Q4 payments have now been processed. There are still a small number of outstanding payments awaiting bank account details. If you have been contacted by us regarding this, please send through your bank account details at your earliest convenience so we can finalise your payment without further delay. Thank you to everyone who has already responded, we appreciate your prompt attention to this final step.

At the same time, we are currently working with UKHSA to confirm the 2026-27 Q1 samples and will begin processing Q1 payments as soon as this has been finalised. Thank you for your continued patience and support. We will share further updates as they become available.

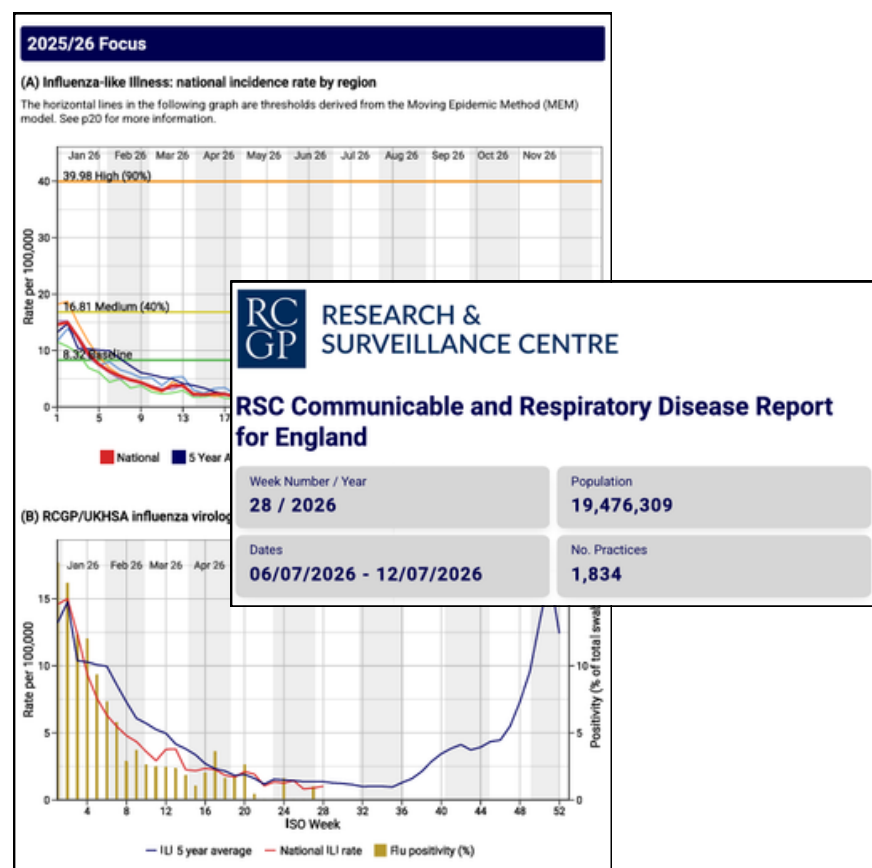
# Sampling Is Informing

Welcome to the newest segment of our weekly newsletter

Each week our GP team provide insights on circulating viruses or incidents of interest, but do you know where this information comes from?

Using the data collected from our network of practices, the RSC publishes a weekly report on communicable and respiratory diseases in England. The report includes data broken down by region and age band for incidences of influenza-like illness (ILI) and other respiratory diseases, as well as information on environmentally sensitive and water and food-borne disorders.

The weekly report can be found here: [Weekly Report](#)



| Disease                                        |
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| Acute Bronchitis                               |
| Acute Respiratory Infections (ARI)             |
| Allergic Rhinitis                              |
| Asthma                                         |
| Bronchiolitis                                  |
| Bullous Dermatoses                             |
| COVID-19                                       |
| Chickenpox                                     |
| Conjunctival Disorders                         |
| Croup                                          |
| ECLD - COPD exacerbations                      |
| ECLD - asthma exacerbations                    |
| Exacerbations of chronic lung disease (ECLD)   |
| Herpes Simplex                                 |
| Herpes Zoster                                  |
| Impetigo                                       |
| Infected Insect Bites                          |
| Infectious Intestinal Diseases                 |
| Infectious Mononucleosis                       |
| Influenza-like Illness (ILI)                   |
| Laryngitis                                     |
| Lower respiratory tract infections (LRTI)      |
| Measles                                        |
| Meningitis and Encephalitis                    |
| Mumps                                          |
| Non-infective Enteritis and Colitis            |
| Otitis Media                                   |
| Peripheral Nervous Disease                     |
| Pneumonia                                      |
| Rubella                                        |
| Scabies                                        |
| Sinusitis                                      |
| Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Infections        |
| Strep Throat and Peritonsillar Abscess         |
| Symptoms involving Skin and Integument Tissues |
| Symptoms involving musculoskeletal             |
| Tonsillitis and Pharyngitis                    |
| Upper respiratory tract infections (URTI)      |
| Urinary Tract Infections                       |
| Viral Hepatitis                                |
| Whooping Cough                                 |