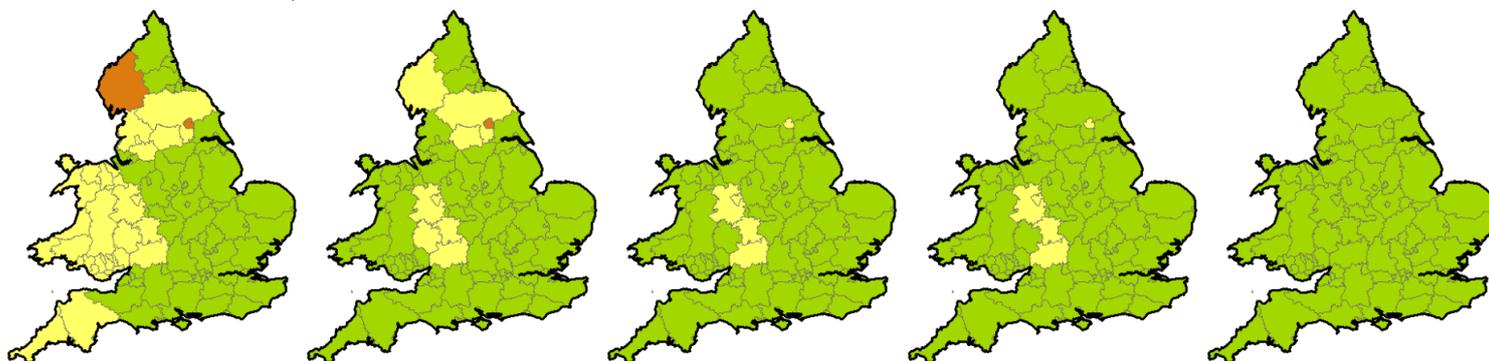


## Flood Guidance Statement 10:00hrs Wednesday 30 December 2015

Our assessment of daily flood risk for England and Wales, working with flood forecasting teams in the Environment Agency and Natural Resources Wales, is below.



10:00 - 23:59hrs  
**Wednesday**  
30 December 2015

**Thursday**  
31 December 2015

**Friday**  
01 January 2016

**Saturday**  
02 January 2016

**Sunday**  
03 January 2016

**The highest overall flood risk for England and Wales is MEDIUM.**

### General overview of flood risk

Rain will continue to fall particularly over western parts of England and Wales on Wednesday bringing the potential for further significant flooding impacts across parts of the north of England and Wales.

- There is a medium likelihood of significant river and surface water impacts (MEDIUM flood risk) in Cumbria today.
- There is a low likelihood of significant impacts (LOW flood risk) across a broad area of Wales and parts of the north of England today.
- There is a low likelihood of significant impacts (LOW flood risk) along the River Wye in Herefordshire on Wednesday and Thursday.
- There is a medium likelihood of minor impacts (LOW flood risk) in parts of Devon and Cornwall on Wednesday.

### Ongoing flood impacts

- There is a medium likelihood of significant flood impacts (MEDIUM flood risk) along the River Ouse in parts of York today and Thursday.
- Minor river flooding impacts are expected to continue in parts of the north of England on Thursday and also into Friday and Saturday for the River Ouse in York.
- There is a medium likelihood of minor impacts (LOW flood risk) along the River Severn in Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire over the next four days.

### Assessment of flood risk

## Rivers

Rain will continue to fall over western parts of England and Wales on Wednesday bringing the potential for further significant river flooding impacts. Typical significant impacts could include flooding of properties, critical infrastructure and roads leading to travel disruption.

- There is a medium likelihood of significant river flooding impacts (MEDIUM flood risk) in Cumbria on Wednesday, as shown by area "A" on Specific Areas of Concern map.
- Across much of Wales and other parts of the north of England there is a low likelihood of significant river flooding impacts (LOW flood risk) on Wednesday, as shown by area "B" on Specific Areas of Concern map.
- On Wednesday and Thursday, there is a low likelihood of significant river flooding impacts (LOW flood risk) in Herefordshire along the River Wye. This is shown as area "C" on the Specific Areas of Concern map.

There is a medium likelihood of minor river flooding impacts on along parts of the River Severn over the next four days. This is shown as area "D" on the Specific Areas of Concern map. Typical impacts include localised flooding of land and roads, flooding of individual properties and local disruption caused by the deployment of temporary defences.

There is also a medium likelihood of minor impacts (LOW flood risk) in parts of Devon and Cornwall on Wednesday, shown as area "E" on the Specific Areas of Concern map.

Ongoing flooding impacts:

- The flood risk in York remains MEDIUM (medium likelihood of significant impacts) around York on Wednesday and Thursday due to ongoing sensitivities here. Significant impacts include the flooding of parts of communities, possible danger to life from deep and fast flowing water, and the flooding of roads leading to significant disruption to travel.
- Minor river flooding impacts are expected to continue in North Yorkshire, West Yorkshire and Cumbria on Thursday, with minor flooding impacts continuing into Friday and Saturday for the river Ouse in York.

Further rainfall is expected through the weekend, particularly across the south and west. There is the potential for minor river flooding impacts from this rainfall however the likelihood is currently low. The overall flood risk therefore remains VERY LOW at this stage.

## Surface water

Rain will continue to fall over western parts of England and Wales on Wednesday bringing the potential for further significant surface water flooding.

Across parts of Cumbria today (Wednesday) there is a medium likelihood of significant surface water flooding impacts (MEDIUM flood risk), as shown by area "A" on Specific Areas of Concern map.

Across other parts of the north of England and parts of Wales on Wednesday there is a low likelihood of significant surface water flooding impacts (LOW flood risk). This is shown by area "B" on the Specific Areas of Concern map. If realised, typical significant impacts could include flooding of parts of communities, and flooding of roads leading to significant disruption to travel.

There is also a medium likelihood of minor impacts (LOW flood risk) in parts of Devon and Cornwall on Wednesday.

Further rainfall is expected through the weekend, particularly across the south and west. There is the potential for minor surface water flooding impacts from this rainfall however the likelihood is currently low. The overall flood risk therefore remains VERY LOW at this stage.

## Coastal / tidal

Large waves and gales will affect exposed sections of coastline in England and Wales at times during this period with a low likelihood of minor impacts occurring locally along parts of the south and west coasts of England and Wales.

## Groundwater

The groundwater flood risk is VERY LOW for the next five days.

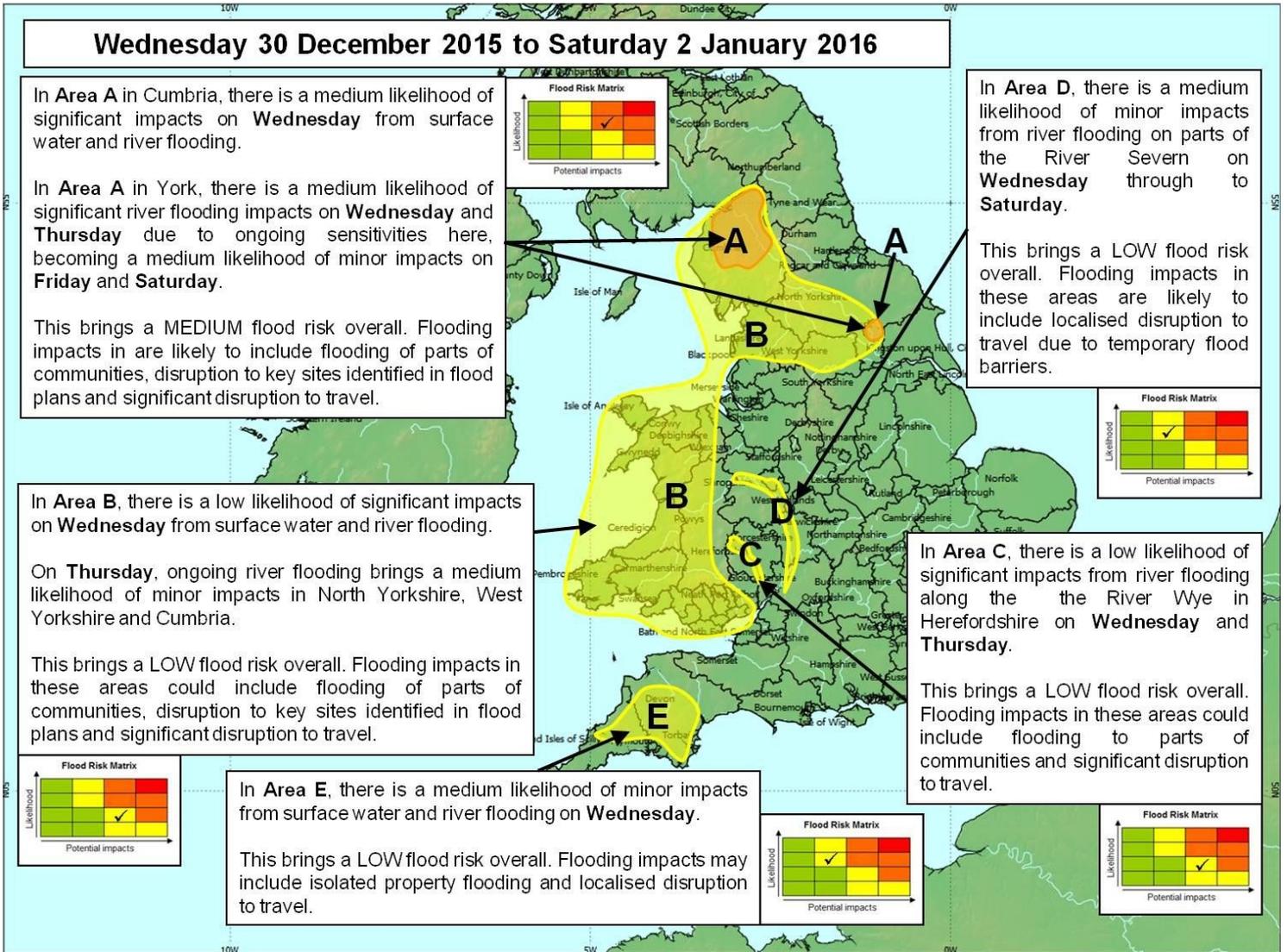
## Warnings and Alerts in force in England and Wales at 10:00hrs

Flood ( <a href="#">click here</a> )	
Severe Flood Warnings	4
Flood Warnings	46
Flood Alerts	85

Severe Weather ( <a href="#">click here</a> )	
Warnings	Yes
Alerts	Yes

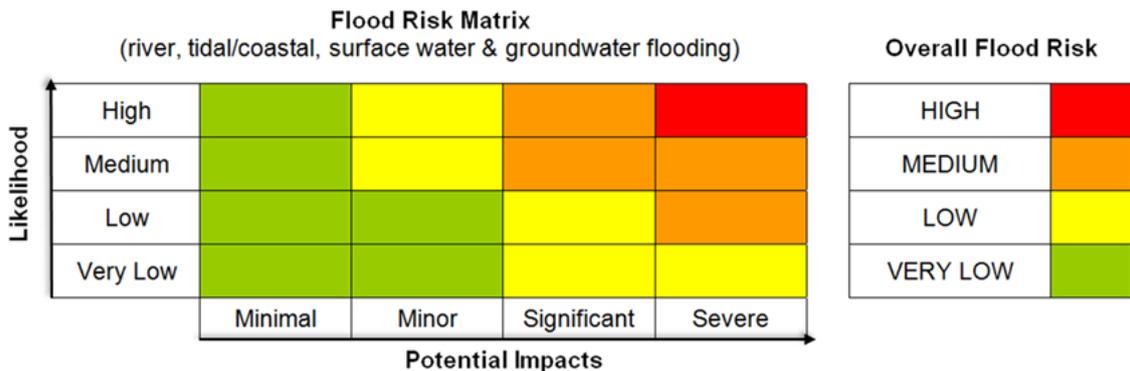
**Specific areas of concern are on the following page**

# Specific areas of concern



**Next statement due:** 15:30hrs Wednesday 30 December 2015 (all times are local)

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