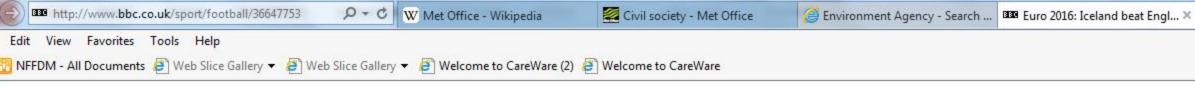
Flood Risk Mapping and Forecasting in England

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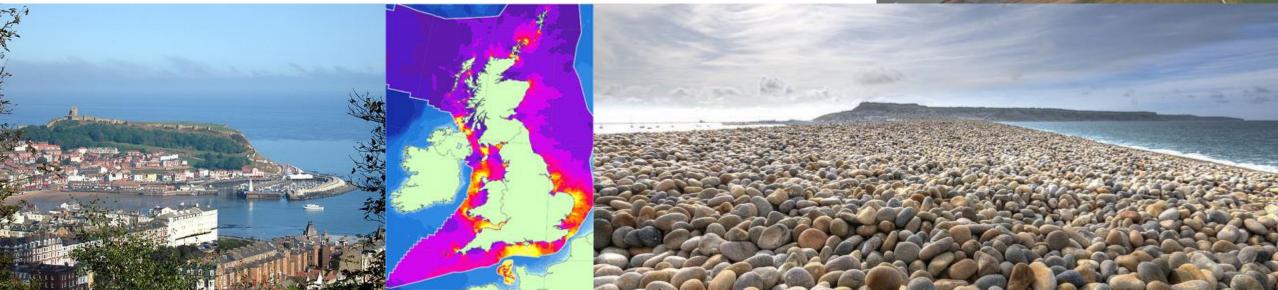
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Outline

- Flood risk in England
- Who we are and how we work
- Understanding risk
- Managing risk
- Responding to incidents







Flooding in England

~2.5M properties at risk of flooding from rivers and the sea

~1m of these are in Coastal Areas

 $\sim 3m$ at risk of flooding from surface water

Who we are and how we work: governance



Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs







Flood & coastal erosion risk management (FCRM) policy & research

Local councils (coastal erosion management), spatial planning

Regulator: water, waste, carbon, biodiversity

Operator: FCRM strategy, mapping & modelling, warning & informing, incident management, partnership working, direct investment (river & sea flooding) & budget management

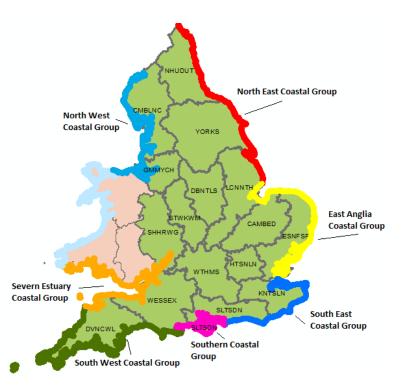
Adviser: policy development and delivery

Marine spatial planning, marine licensing & management

Biodiversity adviser and regulator, including designated sites

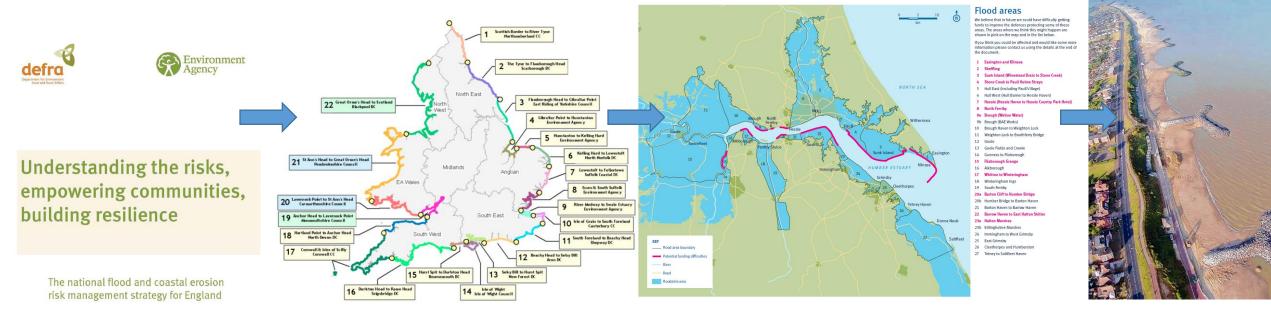


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Who we are and how we work: strategic FCRM planning at the coast



National FCRM Strategy

Shoreline Management Plans

Update scheduled

Mid-term reviews, risk analysis

Coastal / Estuary Strategies

Projects

Thames Estuary, Humber, Exe, Cumbria

Clacton, Dawlish



Understanding risk: mapping, modelling & data

- ⇒ Updating our National Flood Risk Assessment
- Coastal Flood Boundary data set improvements
- ⊕ Updates to National Coastal Erosion Maps
- Coastal Hazard Mapping
- Modelling standards in large estuaries and open coasts
- → iCoasst





Understanding risk: key initiatives (1)

National Flood Risk Assessment

Data improvements from Met Office Wave Watch III 34 year hindcast, sea defence asset data from Asset Information Management System and new Surf Zone Digital Terrain Model

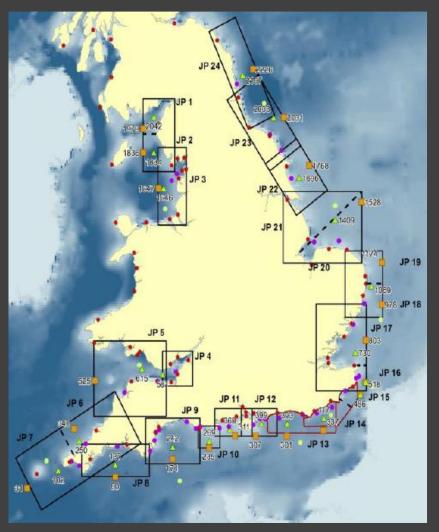
Modelling improvements to joint probability, wave transformation and overtopping models

Coastal Flood Boundary data

Updates to spatially consistent set of sea levels, uncertainty data and design surge profiles using new data from coastal monitoring.

Coastal Erosion data

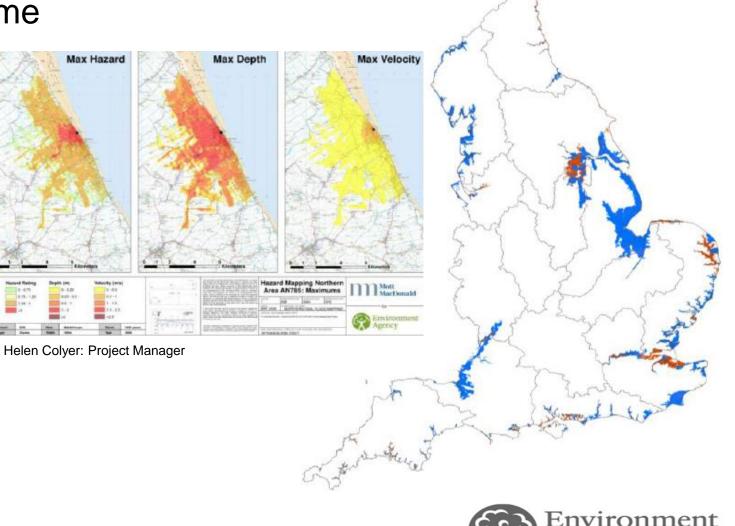
Updates to nationally consistent coastal erosion projections using local authority information and tested methodology, with public facing maps.



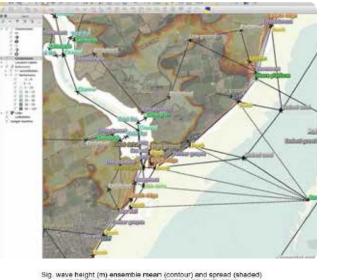


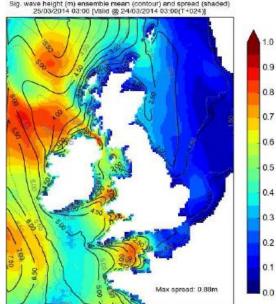
Understanding risk: key initiatives (2)

- Major Incident Ready Programme
- H19 East Coast review
- Coastal modelling standards
- Coastal Hazard Maps
 - Inter-operability: guidelines and training
 - Gap analysis
 - Consistency in modelling and visualisation



Understanding risk: key initiatives (3)





Integrated Coastal Sediment Systems (iCoasst)

Coastal & Estuarine Systems Maps

- Coastal State Indicators evaluation
- Model improvements: ASMITA, UnaLinea and SCAPE+
- New models: ESTEEM and Meso-I
- Model linkage demonstrations
- Wave ensemble modelling improvements
 - probabilistic tide/surge water level plus sea state
 - operational Ensemble Prediction System (EU FP7 'Mywave')
 - future combination with real time in situ observation data



Understanding risk: other research activities

Better understanding and management of mixed beaches
 Improvements to the 'Eurotop' manual
 Innovation in beach recharge techniques
 Synthesising analytical approaches to sediment budgets
 Effective management of defence toe structures



Managing risk: planning (1)

Humber strategy update

- \$400,000 people below the 5m contour, £billions at risk
- 2007 approved strategy including £323million 25 year expenditure and strategic approach to habitat creation
- New legislation (2010), 'Partnership Funding' (2012) and tidal surge (2013: 40km defences overtopped, 7,000ha flooded)
- Revised strategy incorporates mathematical modelling for decision support, new site investigation techniques and green infrastructure

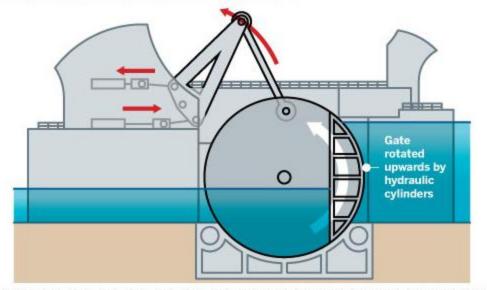


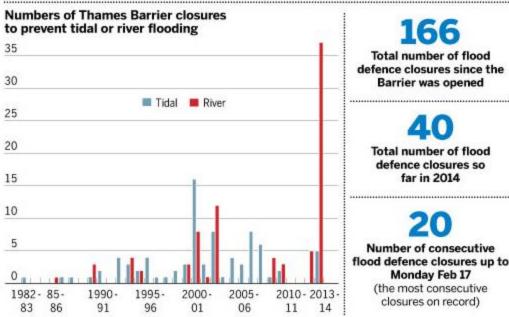




Managing risk: planning (2)

- Thames Estuary Asset Management 2100
 - 2012 'TE2100' plan involves £3.2billion investment in first forty years 2010-2050
 - First 10 years of delivery being taken forward by integrated specialist team
 - Thames Barrier: APF 0.7% assuming 5 times annual closure. By 2070, 70 times annual closure
 - Downstream exposure of asset system, upstream complex composite structures
 - Towards an ISO55000 accredited optimised replacement and adaptation regime







Managing risk: practising (1)

Dawlish

- Scenario planning for 25km stretch of strategic south west rail network (built 1840)
- Sand spit recharge using dredge from local ebb delta
- Re-activation of dune processes and removal of damaging assets
- Improved storm sheltering for Exe estuary communities (2900 properties), infrastructure and SPA bird communities (numbering 93,000)



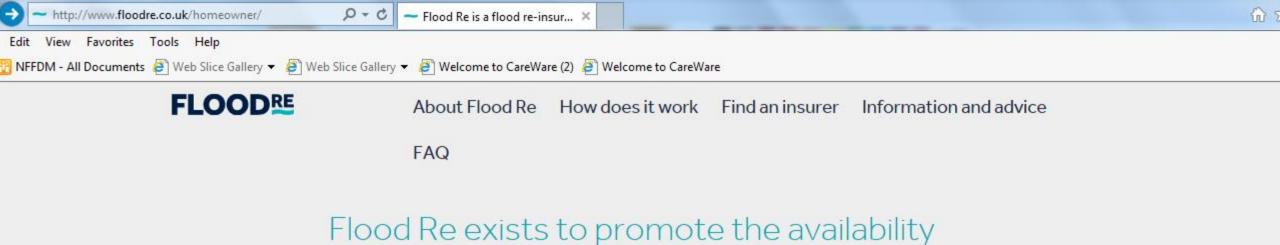


Managing risk: practising (2)

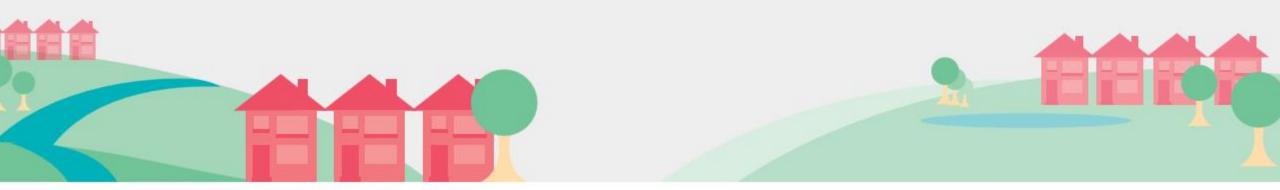
- Clacton on Sea, Essex
 - £36 million to protect over 3,000 homes over 100 years
 - Partnership funding: £4 million combined local authority funding, £0.5million Growth Fund
 - 23 fish tail rock groynes, 950,000m³ beach recharge
 - Towards regeneration...







and affordability of flood insurance



Flood Re is a flood re-insurance scheme

Flood Re has been set up to help those households who live in a flood risk area find affordable home insurance.

Sue's Story – a Flood Re Case Study

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Forecasting in England



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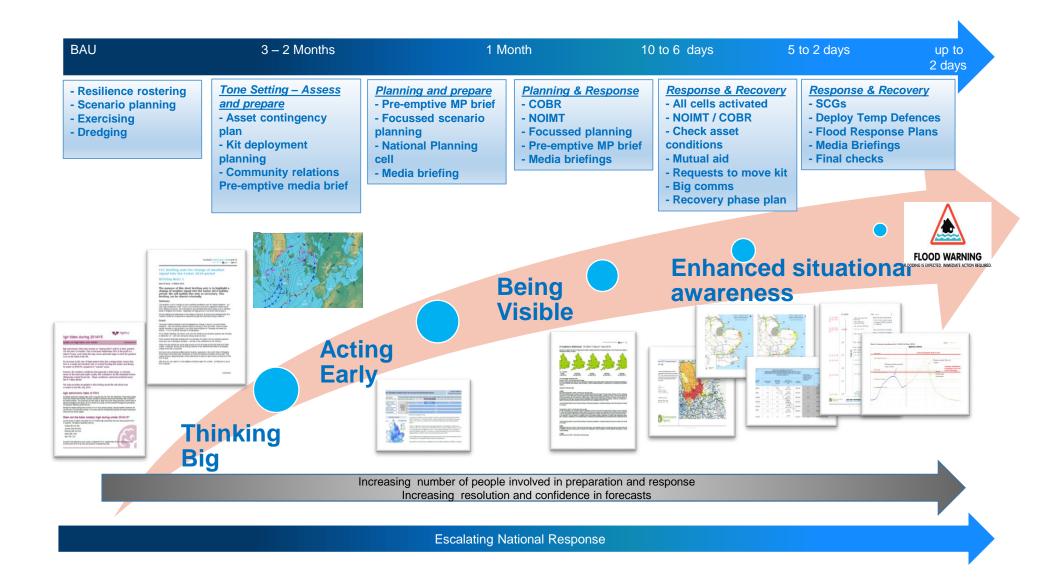
- National Forecasting service
- 7 Centres provide services to Areas
- Thames Barrier





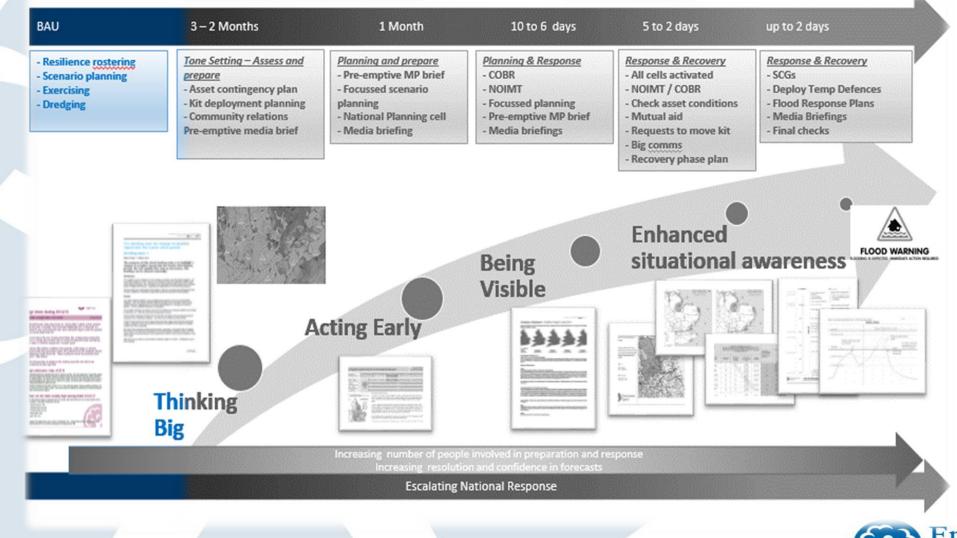
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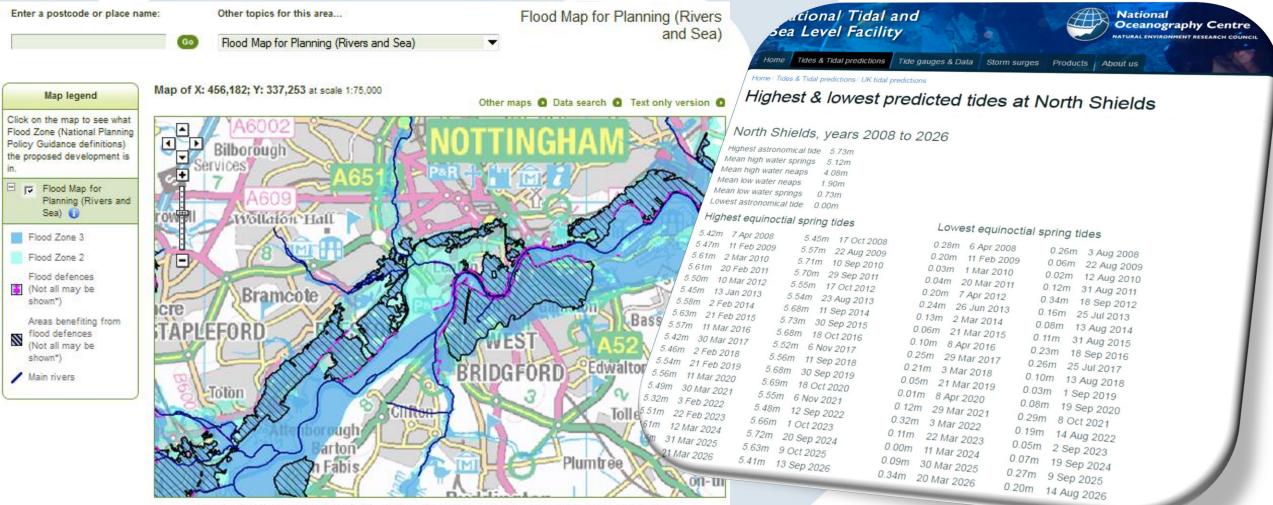
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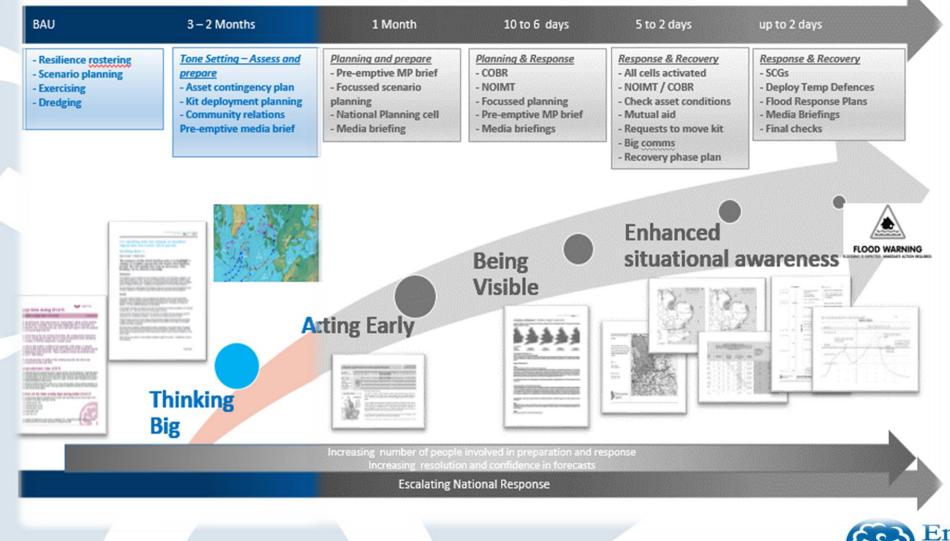
Understanding risk



Customers in Wales - From 1 April 2013 Natural Resources Wales (NRW) has taken over the responsibilities of the Environment Agency in Wales.

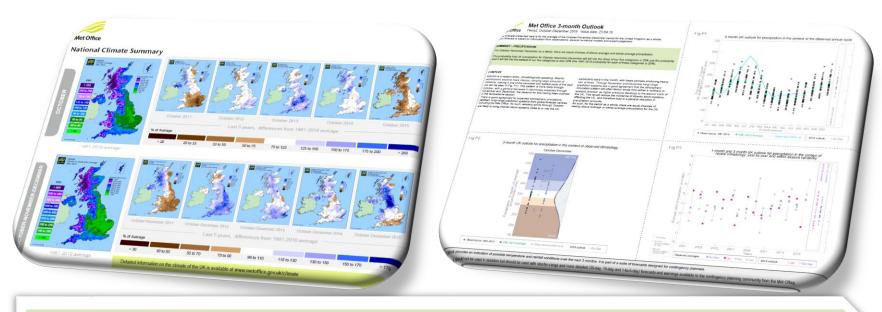


2 - 3 months ahead



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Met Office 3 month outlook



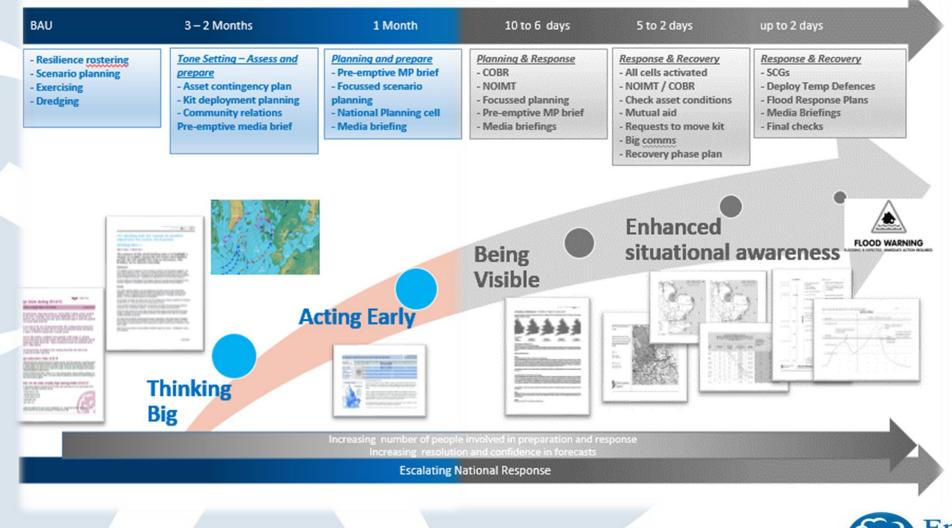
SUMMARY - PRECIPITATION:

For October-November-December as a whole, there are equal chances of above-average and-below-average precipitation.

The probability that UK precipitation for October-November-December will fall into the driest of our five categories is 20% and the probability that it will fall into the wettest of our five categories is also 20% (the 1981-2010 probability for each of these categories is 20%).



1 month ahead



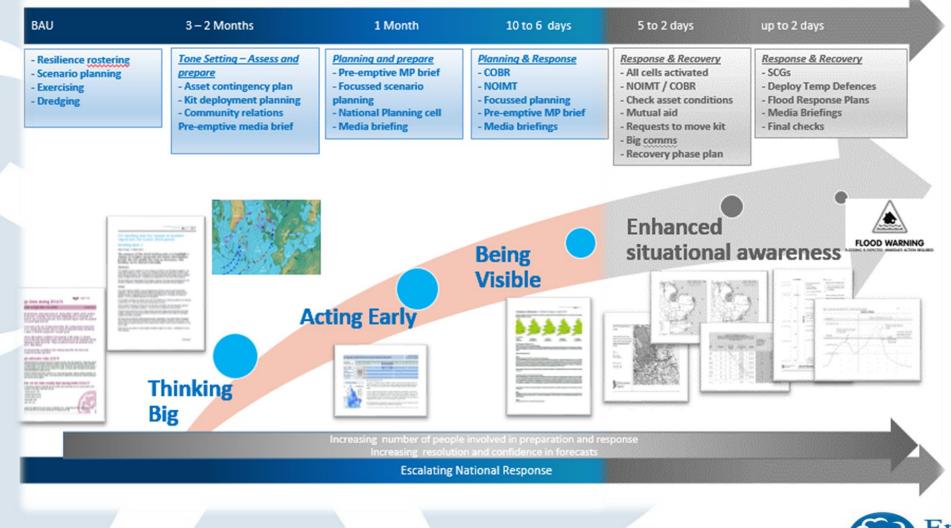


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6 – 10 days ahead





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There has been no change to the industrial action that was already planned and reported on last week and on Monday (14 days of Southern Rail strikes, October to December)

Weather Outlook





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FFC briefing note for the period 8 – 13 February 2016

Briefing Note 1

Date of issue: 03 February 2016

The purpose of this short briefing note is to highlight potential flood risk over the period which includes the next set of spring tides (08-13 February). We will update this note as necessary. This briefing can be shared externally.

Headlines:

The weather is forecast to be unsettled with the jetstream further south than the last couple of weeks – meaning that the chance of unsettled weather and winds driving coastal flood risk across England and Wales has increased.

Due to the height of the tides there are likely to be operational flood/tidal gate closures. The timing and depth of the low pressure systems will be critical in determining how the coastal flood risk evolves.

This also brings signals for potentially elevated flood risk for rivers and surface water across the north and west of England and Wales over this period, although nothing extreme is currently signalled.

The period 08 - 13 February 2016 sees the next set of spring tides which occur on a 4 weekly basis. Because the weather is forecast to be unsettled over this period the coastal flood risk is assessed as above normal. There is currently no signal for extreme coastal flooding – but we will keep a close watching brief on the situation. The key will be the interaction of the weather systems over the times of high tide in this period.

The unsettled weather will also bring an increased risk of river and surface water flood risk – but again nothing extreme is signalled at this stage.

The Flood Guidance Statement is currently Green for the five days from today (03 - 07 February 2016). Next week this could change as the flood risk is assessed.

In summary there is no signal for major flooding at this stage over the spring tide period. However, the weather is likely to be unsettled which does lead to an above normal assessment of flood risk.

If over the next few days the FFC is concerned about more elevated flood risk more information will be shared through the usual channels.

We will update this briefing note if required – the Flood Guidance Statement and Environment Agency / Natural Resources Wales Flood Warnings should be used for the latest assessment.

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our 5 day of the section 1: England and Wales Overview

Headline

Showers or longer periods of rain will feed in from east though this week. More unsettled from later Friday onwards.

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General Overview Days 1 to 5

Frequent showers will spread in from the east during today, Wednesday and Thursday - these becoming more organised to form longer periods of rain at times. Most will be light to moderate and will not reach HRA thresholds. From Friday onwards, it is likely to turn more unsettled for much of England and Wales with bands of rain and showers circulating around a slow moving area of low pressure.

General Overview Days 6 to 10

Astronomical heights will be increasing during this period, with the potential for Tidal Alerts from Saturday onwards.

The most likely scenario is for a generally unsettled period with a slow-moving area of low pressure likely to dominate the weather at first. This will bring periods of rain across England and Wales, these perhaps heavy. It is most likely to remain unsettled with further periods of rain and perhaps strong winds – though details at this stage are uncertain. The highest astronomical tides of this year are on Tuesday 18 October. Given the expected weather conditions and the

uncertainties outlined above, there is no significant coastal flood risk forecast at this stage but some large waves and surge are possible depending on the depth and movement of any low pressure systems. Known technical issues High Moorsley and Dublin radars are currently out of the operational composite.

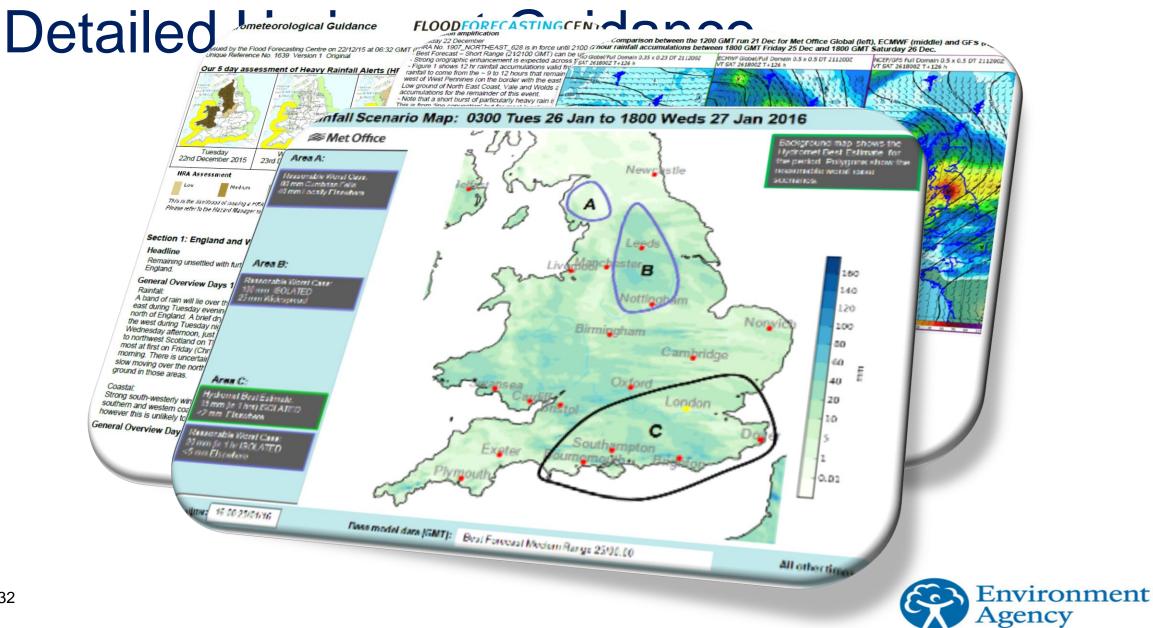
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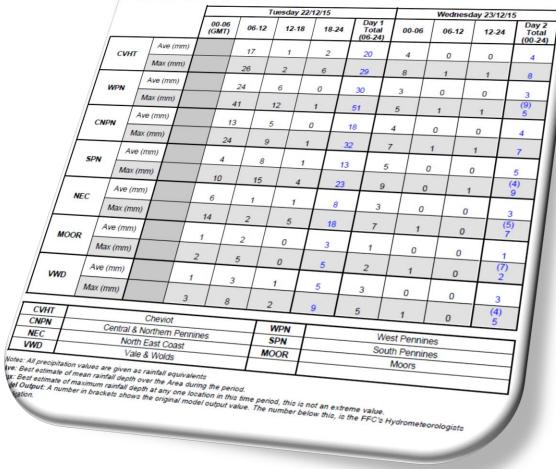
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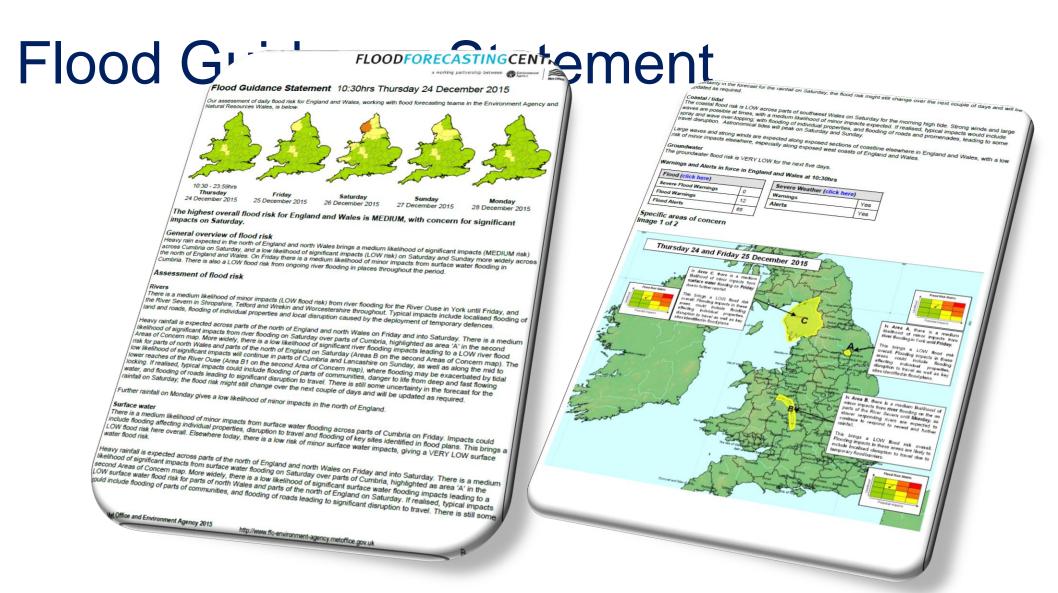
Precipitation Forecast Days 1 and 2



	/	Tuesda 22/12/1	Wednesday 23/12/15	Y Thursday 24/12/15	Friday 25/12/15	Saturda 26/12/15	
Precipitation	Ave(mm)	- 5	See table	5	16		
	Max(mm)	/	above	12	34	6 19 Saturday	
	/	Tuesday 22/12/15	Wednesday 23/12/15	Thursday 24/12/15	Friday 25/12/15		
	Min(degC)	1	-1		23/12/15	26/12/15	
1	Max(degC)	15		-2	-1	2	

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23 December 2015

Local Flood Outlook

National Modelling and Forecasting Service delivered to local communities

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Forecast start date: Wednesday 23 December 2015

Environment

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Scenarios Included: Coastal, Tidal and River

Headline

Yorkshire

High river levels will start to fall later Wednesday and through Thursday. Late Christmas day and through Boxing day could see conditions that would result in a return to widespread alerts and warnings being in place. Confidence in the rainfall forecast and therefore details of river response is low at present. It is likely that boxing day will be disrupted by incident response.

Outlook for Days 1 - 2

Weather

No further significant rainfall is forecast for the Area until later on Friday.

There will be some showers passing over Area this morning and then Wednesday is mostly dry
 A weather front will through the Area West to East on Thursday morning but will not result in any rainfall totals of concern. There is the potential for line convection to occur on the front. This may have the effect of short duration heavier rainfall occuring in the frontal rain as it passes over the Area which could result in a rapid rise in some smaller catchments. If this line convection does occur however it will not result in significant accumulations of rainfall in any one location and is still not expected to cause any flood thresholds to be crossed.

• Rivers

 Upper catchments in YNE have peaked and are now falling. Lower parts catchments feeding the Ouse system are due to peak today and then fall.

There is no concerns in YS&W for the next 2 days

There will be a limited response in river levels to the frontal rainfall on Thursday. Rivers are not expected to rise
above alarm thresholds as a result of the front on Thursday. The effect will be to keep catchments wet.

 The main effect of the rainfall on Thursday will be that the Upper Ouse may not get much below alarm level before further rainfall through Christmas day and Boxing day results in a further and potentially significant rise in river levels throughout the lower Ure, Swale, Nidd and Upper Ouse.

Coastal/Tidal

 A persistent positive surge is expected to remain present on the east coast. This is not forecast to cause any significant coastal issues.

However the presance of a reaonably large positive surge between astronomic high tides will slow the evacuation
of water from the tidal parts of catchments and could complicate the flood risk in the next few days in tidal
locations.

 Winds will be strong but from a southerly and offshore direction and so are favourable for reducing flood risk along the coast.

Despite this a few flood alerts are likely to be triggered at the frequently issued locations.

Other

No other systems issues.

23 December 2015

Local Flood Outlook



Local Forecasting Scenario summary for Yorkshire

Part1: MFDO's Best Estimate

River So	enario Basis As	per FFC BE guidance		
Summary Rivers		Number of alerts/ Flood Alerts	warnings expected Flood Warnings	Forecasting Operational Thresholds
Day 1	Wed 23 Dec 15	16-20	21-25	0
Day 2	Thu 24 Dec 15	3-5	3-5	0
Day 3	Fri 25 Dec 15	3-5	3-5	0
Day 4	Sat 26 Dec 15	16-20	16-20	0
Day 5	Sun 27 Dec 15	6-10	11-15	0

Comments

Day 1&2 - number of warnings expected to reduce from day 1 today from mid Wed onwards The high number reflects what is out at the timing of writting. Northing new expected on day 1&2 from that already out.

Days 3-5

Widespread alerts likely. Depending on the timing of issue the numbers on day 3&4 could be the same for flood alerts.

Ops Thresholds ommitted as MFDO does not recieve alarms for these for the most part. Locations

All Pennine draining rivers in North Yorkshire would be affected.

Less likely that the Aire and Calder will be impacted but as rainfall is highly uncertain then this cannot be ruled out. If the Calder is impacted then the number of Warnings will be much higher than suggested here.

Coastal/Tidal Scenario Basis	Standard forecast data used as best estimate
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Summary Coast		Number of alerts Flood Alerts	Forecasting Operational Thresholds		
Day 1	Wed 23 Dec 15	1-2	0	1-2	
Day 2	Thu 24 Dec 15	1-2	0	1-2	
Day 3	Fri 25 Dec 15	1-2	0	1-2	
Day 4	Sat 26 Dec 15	1-2	0	1-2	
Day 5	Sun 27 Dec 15	1-2	0	1-2	

Comments

Bridlington as usual will be highlighted for the next 5 days

Locations

Not a concern but the a locations would be the Bridlington Alert and Selby Lock Gates Ops.



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Tidal / Heavy Rainfa

Javy Rainfall Alert A North East Region

		10mm in 1 hour		1 1	15mm in 6 hours		4	40mm in 12 hours			Event Rainfall	
	HRA Areas	Raint	all (mm)	Time	Rain	fall (mm) Time	Rain	nfall (mm)	Time	1 1	(mm)
		Ave	Max	(GMT)	Ave	Max	(GMT)	Ave	Max	(GMT)	Ave	Max
	Cheviot				10	25	18:00	15	50	01:00	30	60
nfa	North East Coast				8	20	17:00	19		-	20	40
	West Pennines		1		15	40	16:00	20	60	23:00	40	120
	Central & Northern Pennines				15	30	16:00	15	50	23:00	40	120
FLOODFOR	South Pennines				10	25	16:00	15	50 2	23:00	30	80
	Moors			8	3 .	20 1	7:00	1			20	40
				8	1 2	0 1	7:00				10	30
a working parts	Timing Uncertainty (+/-hours)			/			3			3		

Rainfall Ave: Best estimate of mean rainfall depth over the specified HRA Area during the period of the given Alert criterion according to

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ORIGINAL

Start of meteorological event: 1200 GMT on 25/12/15

Summary of Alert Criteria Met

be conneeds rever mouses. Rainfall Max: Best estimate of maximum rainfall depth over the specified HRA Area during the period of the given Alert criterion according Time: Estimate of the time by which the given Alert criterion will be met in the specified HRA Area Event Rainfall Ave: Best estimate of mean rainfall depth over the specified HRA Area during the period of the meteorological event. Event Rainfail Max: Best estimate of maximum rainfail depth at any one location in the time period of the meteorological event. End of meteorological event: 0200 GMT on 27/12/15 The Alert criteria that have been defined in the first table are the only ones to be detailed in the second table The boxes for HRA Areas with no Alert criteria breaches should be greyed out. Ine water of the ateas with the next streng breaches another be greyed out. Uncertainty - refers to the confidence in the timing of the Alert criteria being met. It is presented in +/- hours Amplification: Alert Criteria Rain will arrive from the southwest around lunch time, spreading north-eastwards. HRA Areas covered - This will be accompanied by strong southwesterly winds. This will act to enhance rainfall amounts along south-west facing The rain will form into a band which will become fairly slow moving at times. 10 mm (or more) in 1 hours (or less) - Best Forecast - Short Range (240900) and Best Forecast - Medium Range (241200GMT) are providing reasonable guidance, and can be used with medium confidence overall. and can be used with meaning connuence over all. - Note that the greatest uncertainty is surrounding position of the highest rainfall amounts. The spot totals as forecast with the Cheviot, North East Coast, West models has fairly high confidence, but it is the position of these highest totals which has been changing slightly from run-to-run. 15 mm (or more) in 6 hours (or less) Pennines, Central & Northern Pennines There is also large uncertainty regarding the threshold breach time. There is a signal for the threshold breaches in the evening South Pennines, Moors, Vale & Wolds on Christmas Day, and/or perhaps again in the early hours of Saturday moming. - As such, this HRA may be updated, where appropriate. Cheviot, West Pennines, Central & 40 mm (or more) in 12 hours (or less) Northern Pennines, South Pennines

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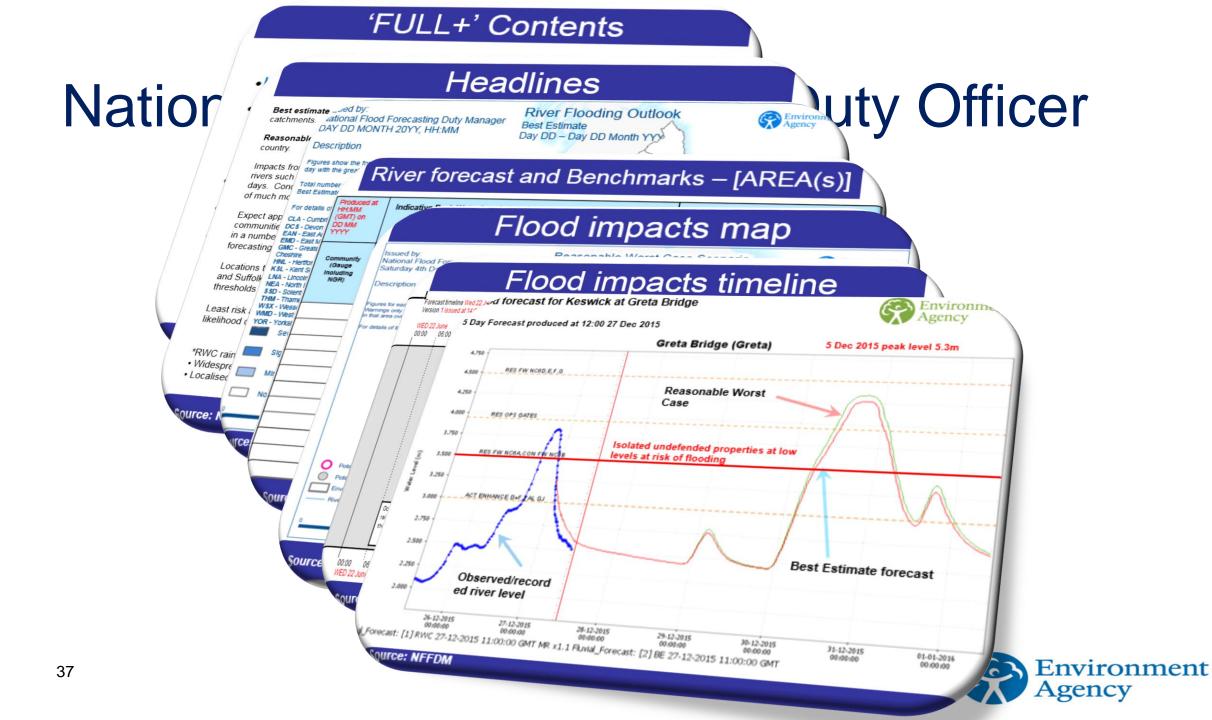
to the confidence level indicated.

Notes:

Confidence: The probability of this threshold being achieved anywhere in the specifi Heavy Rainfall Alert. H = more than 60%; M = 40 - 60%; and L = 20 - 40%Issue of a Heavy Rainfall Alert means the probability of rainfall thresholds being met the bands indicated by the confidence levels above. All Alert criteria should be defined in this table. If it is predicted that some criteria with

Each HRA Area is coloured according to the probability of its threshold being breached: LOW (20 - 39%) Medium (40-59%) ligh (>= 60%)





Incident management

This diagram shows the steps we go through as an organisation to manage any incident – including flooding, pollution or drought. any step below to find out more



Thank you