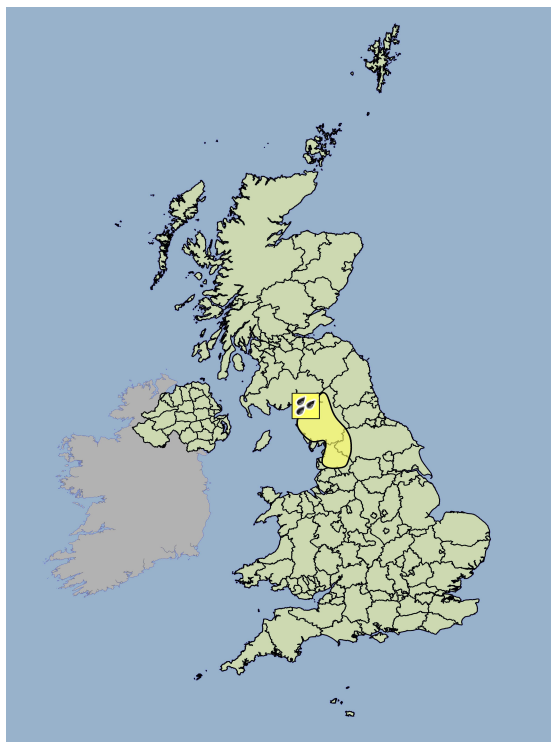




National Severe Weather Warning Service



Chief Forecasters Assessment

Exceptionally mild and moist air will arrive across the UK through Friday from the southwest. This will remain over the country for much of Saturday before erratically clearing east. The combination of the mild, moist air and some strong winds will lead to some heavy rain at times which could be particularly persistent over areas of high ground.

Rainfall totals of 20 mm are likely quite widely, with a chance of 60-80 mm over the most exposed sites. There is currently a lot of uncertainty over how quickly this air mass will clear to fresher conditions from the west, leading to large uncertainties over these totals. Similarly to earlier in the week these rainfall amounts would not usually be of concern but following recent severe flooding, these areas are more responsive to relatively small amounts of rain.

This alert is likely to be updated in the coming days as recovery work proceeds and the impact assessment is revisited in the light of new information.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Alert of Rain**

Valid from **12:00 on Fri, 18th Dec 2015** until **23:45 on Sat, 19th Dec 2015**

A further period of persistent, and at times heavy, rainfall is expected to affect parts of northwest England from Friday afternoon and through Saturday, with the largest totals accumulating on areas of high ground.

There is a very low likelihood that this may lead to renewed disruption from flooding in some recently affected areas.

Please be aware of the potential for further localised disruption.

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